

## **DANNY'S SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

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Dear Friends

We thought it was about time to give you an update on how things are progressing with Danny and Sue.

Danny's MND is progressing fairly slowly – his hands are bad and he battles to do any fine movement, carry things and do his everyday tasks. His legs are also deteriorating but not as badly. Notwithstanding this, he remains very independent and his fitness and strength counter the effects of the MND.

The area that is affecting him the most is the Frontal Lobe Dementia, caused by the MND. This is really troubling him – he gets a bit confused, forgets things, but it also affects his character, perception and ability to communicate at an in-depth level. The nerve cell loss, caused by the dementia, is most prominent in areas that control conduct, judgment, empathy and foresight and causes deterioration in behaviour and personality. As most of you will be aware Dan's behaviour has always been pretty poor so any deterioration can only be a major setback!!!!!!!

Dan, Sue and the family continue to remain amazingly strong and are still managing to keep a sense of humour and be as positive as possible, but it is a long, lonely and difficult road that they have to travel. Sebastian and his wife are now back in Perth so all the kids are here and they provide as much help, assistance and support as they can.

Thank you all again for your assistance, thoughts and prayers and we will keep you informed as to how things proceed.

Regards

Brian (Stroppy) and Dave

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