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Meeting – 26 February 2014

Guest speaker – Dr Kylie Fardell of the Bombala Street Practice

Kylie was an officer in the army for a number of years and then when she decided to study medicine, the army sponsored her during her studies. After graduation and time spent in civilian hospitals, she served in East Timor, Iraq and Pakistan where she worked in humanitarian aid. She enjoyed her stint in Pakistan the most and was able to show some of her photos from there.

As a result of an earthquake in October 2005 that killed 70,000 people there were major problems not only for the health of the survivors but for the actual medical services that had been in existence. Kylie was then among the health care teams that were deployed for four months in a tent encampment in a village close to the major centre of Muzaffrabad, although it was isolated during winter, the roads being blocked by the bad weather conditions.

Supplies were brought in by helicopter, including water, so resources were limited. Food was mainly ration packs although the local Pakistani people were extremely hospitable, inviting the health workers for meals and cuppas. Bouts of gastro-enteritis were common, both for the workers and the local population.

Medical supplies and equipment were limited also, although a portable ultrasound machine was invaluable in detecting possible multiple births.

Clinics were held each morning with emergencies at any time. Complicated cases were evacuated by helicopter to Muzaffrabad. Access to clean water was almost impossible, this causing hepatitis, particularly in children. From time to time, the health care teams visited other villages higher in the mountains to conduct clinics.

Their once-a-month visit to Islamabad for some hot water, a shower, and a decent bed was always very welcome!

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Thought of the week (Mark John-Natley)

Men are from Mars, women from Venus, and computers are from hell.

Future meetings: 5 March – Sandra Mahlbery & Yvonne Robson – ROMAC

12 March – Club Assembly 19 March – Pride of Workmanship

Birthdays: Margaret E – 13 March; David H – 18 March



The contact for making apologies and for notifications of guests for dinner meetings is Les Sutcliffe on 64527442 (B.H.) or leecooma@bigpond.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire: The film, The Monument Men, a story about the theft of art works during World War II and their subsequent retrieval has been reserved for a gala evening to raise funds on Thursday, 27 March. We need at least 50 people to attend. Claire suggests that everyone dress as an artist. There will be a prize for the best dressed as well as a raffle.

Alyson has kindly agreed to help coordinate the wine auction at the Sir William Hudson Memorial Centre fete, and has requested donations of wine..

As Neil will be absent next week, Alyson has offered to be Sergeant. Her email address for possible fines is alyson_hulley@hotmail.com (There's an underscore between the two names) All information will be welcome.

This week's meeting: Attendance 80%

Visiting Rotarians: Neil Russell (Southport)

Guests: Katherine Russell (Neil R), Rebecca Wuersch (club)

Apologies: Brenda, Ashley

Leave: Peter A, Tom, David, John V

Roster for next week:

Three minuter – John K

Thought of the week - Rob S

Intro – Claire

Thanks - Des

Attendance – Darrell, David H

Property – Kevin, Alyson

Fellowship – Claire and Margaret E

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