

AUSTRALASIAN FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

**NOTICE OF HUNTER REGION
OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIAN
TRAINEE MEETING**

DATE: 17th June 2004

**VENUE: Health Services Australia
13 Darby Street
Newcastle**

TIME: 4.30 pm – 5.45 pm

CHAIR: Dr. Maurice Harden

TOPIC: Dr Sandra McBurnie is an occupational physician who has been asked to review an employee at an underground mine after a series of minor mishaps that are unable to be explained. She is a trifle concerned to discover that the employee is one of 4 siblings with a congenital eye disorder who has had a corrected visual acuity of 6/36 in both eyes that was present at the time of an employment medical 18 months ago when the employee was passed fit for unrestricted duties as an underground mine operator. She learns that the RTA took the employee's motor vehicle licence off him 4 years ago but up until last Friday the employee was driving underground mine equipment and operating conveyor belts and other moving machinery including forklifts and overhead cranes etc. Dr McBurnie examines the employee and discovers that he has less than 6/60 uncorrected vision in either eye and is incapable of reading a fire extinguisher sign at 2.5 m or identifying the main switch on a circuit board. Dr McBurnie has been flown into the mine site by her colleagues to deal with the matter and will outline her management plan for this situation indicating the priority of her intervention(s).

To be followed by the Hunter Region Occupational Health Scientific Meeting at Health Services Australia 13 Darby Street - All disciplines welcome

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