

**Hunter Regional Occupational Health Education Committee  
(HROHEC)**

**Minutes of Dinner Meeting at Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

Meeting held at Paymasters Café

Meeting commenced at 2020

**Present:** Christian Byrnes, Sandra McBurnie, Peter Devey, Maya Guest, Mary McGinty, Maurice Harden

**Apologies:** Mark Burns, Hiroyuki Furuya, Naomi Howard, Richard Addinall, Deon Viljoen, Thomas Mitchell, Chris Kelly, Fiona Lyon, Stephanie Champion, Geoff Booth, Alison Strudwick, Geoff Booth, Nik Bogduk, Peter Berton,

**Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meetings were purportedly taken by an individual skilled in the art of Lap Goch.

**General Business**

Deon Viljoen was thanked for his presentation on hearing impairment and accident risk in underground mines.

Mark Burns was welcomed as regional censor for AFOM NSW.

The committee agreed that the discussion on functional capacity evaluation was lively, informative, relevant and thought provoking. Task based functional evaluations were generally thought to have some merit but no agreement was reached in regard to the use of functional capacity evaluations in other applications.

Nik Bogduk bravely volunteered to adjudicate over a formal debate concerning the worth or otherwise of the functional capacity evaluation at some stage in the future. The committee unanimously agreed that if any topic could motivate attendance at an Occupational Health educational meeting in Newcastle this would be it.

Maya Guest confirmed that she would be talking about her involvement with the F111 study this September.

Jan Hill kindly offered to present a talk on the Hunter Region Pain Management Program in August

Dr Alan White has offered to speak on abnormal illness behaviour this coming November

**Next meeting:**

19th August 2004 at 6pm at the Kitami Japanese Restaurant in Darby Street in Honour of our Colleague Hiroyuki Furuya who has been separated from his family for many months while on sabbatical in the cause of Occupational Health. All those with an Interest in Occupational Health are welcome.

Meeting closed at 2035

Maurice Harden