

20 January 2017

By email: abidentonema@gmail.com

Mohammad Abid Hussain

2/A, Ghandi Sarah, Risha Post HOOGHLY 712248 WEST BENGAL INDIA

Dear Dr Abid,

Visit to the National Centre for Farmer Health – Invitation

It is with great pleasure that the National Centre for Farmer Health, a partnership between Western District Health Service and Deakin University, invites you to visit the Centre based in Hamilton, Victoria, Australia in February 2017 for the purpose of undertaking the HMF701 Agricultural Health and Medicine unit.

We look forward to welcoming you for the onsite sessions commencing at 8:30am on Monday 27 February and ending Friday 3 March 2017. The rest of the course needs to be completed online. We would also like to congratulate you on the scholarship you attained worth AUD\$8,380, which includes course fees of AUD\$3380 plus travel and accommodation (a value of over AUD\$5000). Please see attached another letter outlining the arrangements to be made for your visit.

We would also like to inform you that you may be contacted by our media representative, during the course of your visit. They will likely be interested in where you are from, why you are participating in the course, and how you will use your new knowledge to collaborate with the National Centre for Farmer Health to make a difference in India.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to your participation in and contribution to the Agricultural Health and Medicine unit. Details of the unit can be found here: http://www.farmerhealth.org.au/page/education/what-is-hmf701

Dr Jacquie Cotton, Unit Coordinator, jacquie.cotton@deakin.edu.au and Dr Aziz Rahman aziz.rahman@deakin.edu.au) and will be liaising with you on the detailed contents and enrolment for your visit to the National Centre for Farmer Health.

Kindest regards,

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A/Prof Susan Brumby Director

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Dear Dr Abid

Visit to the National Centre for Farmer Health

Congratulations on your scholarship to attend the 2017 Agricultural Health and Medicine course, with the onsite component between Monday 27 February and Friday 3 March 2017.

This letter confirms the arrangements to be made to facilitate your visit.

Scholarship

The value of your scholarship includes course fees of AUD\$3380 plus reasonable costs of travel and accommodation (a total value of over AUD\$5000).

Visa

You should make your own enquiries regarding visa requirements to come to Australia. Please let us know if you need additional correspondence from us to support your application.

Air Fares

We have found that it is often best for delegates to make their own travel arrangements through their own travel agents and send the invoice to us to finalise payment of travel. Please note that we must agree to the cost of the airfares and will only cover economy class tickets.

We suggest you arrive in Australia on Saturday 25 February and depart late on Saturday 4 March 2017 to allow travel time between Hamilton to Melbourne. Hamilton is 300kms west of Melbourne with limited public transport. Professor Mukti was here.

You should send a copy of your itinerary and invoice to us by email to <u>cecilia.fitzgerald@wdhs.net</u> as soon as possible to arrange payment.

Domestic Travel

The National Centre for Farmer Health is situated in Hamilton, Western Victoria. This is approximately 300km (or 3.5 hours) west from the city of Melbourne. We recommend that you take the Airport Shuttle Bus from Melbourne Airport to Ballarat and thereafter take the V/Line Coach Service from Ballarat to Hamilton.





The V/Line Coach Service only has two services to Hamilton each day, departing Ballarat at either 10:55am or 19:50pm on Saturdays or 11:15am or 19:50pm on Sundays.

Please visit <u>http://airportshuttlebus.com.au/</u> and <u>https://www.vline.com.au/Timetables/Train-coach-timetables?loc=Ballarat%20Station&route=201B&date=25%2F02%2F2017</u> for information regarding the shuttlebus and V/Line coach bus times.

Once your arrival and departure dates and times are confirmed, we are happy to assist with booking this domestic travel.

Accommodation

We will arrange suitable accommodation for you from Saturday 25 February through to Saturday 4 March 2017 in Ballarat and Hamilton.

In Hamilton you will be housed in a share accommodation (along with two other international doctors from Indonesia). The house has one shared lounge room and one shared kitchen, 2 bathrooms and a private bedrooms.

We will organise accommodation for you in Ballarat (if needed) as you travel through to Hamilton once your flight details are known.

Meals

Lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be provided from Monday to Friday.

On Monday 27 February 2017 we are hosting a Welcome Reception with food and drinks and on Thursday 2 March, an optional student dinner.

You will be required to make your own arrangements for breakfast and dinner all other days but we are happy to assist with showing you to the supermarket if required.

Insurance

You <u>mus</u>t arrange your own comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the entire length of your stay and send us a copy of this along with your flight itinerary.

If you have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Jacquie Cotton (+61 3 5551 8585 or Jacquie.cotton@deakin.edu.au)

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Yours sincerely,

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A/Prof Susan Brumby Director

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13 November 2017

BY EMAIL: <u>abidhussain@cutm.ac.in</u>

Mohammad Abid Hussain 2/A, Ghandi Sarah, Risha Post HOOGHLY 712248 WEST BENGAL INDIA

Dear Dr Abid

Visit to the National Centre for Farmer Health Agricultural Health and Medicine

We refer to previous correspondence regarding the scholarship you were awarded in 2017 to attend Agricultural Health and Medicine training and confirm that the offer remains open to you.

In 2018, the course will commence at 8:30am on Monday 26 February through to Friday 2 March. We once again extend the invitation for you to visit the Centre based in Hamilton, Victoria, Australia for the purpose of exploring possible research and academic collaboration and undertaking the HMF701 Agricultural Health and Medicine course.

This letter confirms the arrangements to be made to facilitate your visit.

S<mark>cholarship</mark>

The value of your scholarship is AUD\$3380 plus reasonable costs of travel and accommodation (to a value of AUD\$5000).

Visa

You should make appropriate enquiries regarding Visa requirements to come to Australia. We note that you have previously provided us with a copy of the Visa you obtained on 6 March 2017. You should ensure that this Visa will be current and appropriate for your travel in February 2018.

Air Fares

We have found that it is often best for delegates to make their own travel arrangements through their own travel agents and send the invoice to us to finalise payment of travel. Please note that we <u>must agree to the cost of the airfares</u> and will only cover economy class tickets.





The tax invoice for reimbursement of the flight costs needs to be made out to:

National Centre for Farmer Health Western District Health Service 20 Foster Street, HAMILTON VIC 3300

We suggest you arrive in Australia by no later than Saturday 24 February and depart late on Saturday 3 March 2018 to allow travel time between Hamilton to Melbourne. Hamilton is 300kms west of Melbourne with limited public transport.

Once we have agreed on the flight costs, you should send a copy of your travel itinerary, invoice and travel insurance to us by email to <u>cecilia.fitzgerald@wdhs.net</u> as soon as possible.

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You will be required to make your own arrangements for breakfast and dinner all other days but we are happy to assist with showing you to the supermarket if required.





Insurance

You **mus**t arrange your own comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the entire length of your stay and send us a copy of this along with your flight itinerary.

Deakin Enrolment

We confirm that you are already enrolled at Deakin University to undertake HM701 in Term 1 2018 and that you will have access to Deakin Cloud Online access approximately one week prior to the course commencing. You would have been provided with your Student Connect Log on details by Deakin earlier this year and these are the details needed access Deakin Online.

If you have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Jacquie Cotton (+61 3 5551 8585 or <u>Jacquie.cotton@deakin.edu.au</u>).

Yours sincerely,

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Prof Susan Brumby Director

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ABID HUSSAIN <abidentonema@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 10:37 PM

Fwd: FW: Visa Grant Notice: K1110819 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Nagen Kumar Bisoi <nagen@cutm.ac.in> To: manager admn <Manager.CUTM@gmail.com> Cc: ABID HUSSAIN <abidentonema@gmail.com> ----- Forwarded message ------

From: "Bijay Boity" <bijay@tripshoppers.com> Date: 6 Mar 2017 18:08 Subject: FW: Visa Grant Notice: K1110819 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED] To: "Nagen Kumar Bisoi" <nagen@cutm.ac.in> Cc:

Notification of the grant of a VISITOR visa



Australian Government **Department of Immigration** and Border Protection

06 March 2017

Mr Mohammad Abid HUSSAIN

Urvi Tours 139 Room No.111 1st Floor

Mohammadpur Near Bhikaji Cama Place

New Delhi

Delhi

110066

INDIA

In reply please quote:

Client Name	Mohammad Abid HUSSAIN
Date of Birth	09 August 1972
Application ID	IRIS 20352284301
Grant ID	1060112647747A
File Number	B17/01229036
Payment Receipt Number	170000038015
Place of Lodgement	New Delhi

Dear Mr Mohammad Abid HUSSAIN

Notification of the grant of a VISITOR (Class FA) VISITOR (Subclass 600) visa.

I wish to advise that a decision has been made on this application and a visa has been granted on 06 March 2017 to the applicant(s) listed in the Visa Grant Notice, which contains important information about your visa. Please keep a copy of this letter and the Visa Grant Notice in a safe place for your reference.

Questions about this decision

If you have questions about this decision, or the process or information that was taken into account, you may contact us by any of the means listed below.

Changes to your Circumstances

It is important that you tell us about any changes to your circumstances including your name, passport, contact details, address or family members as soon as possible. You are required to do this in writing. There are a number of forms available at www.border.gov.au or at any of our offices.

Client service information

Our Client Service Charter and information on how to make a compliment, complaint or suggestion is available at www.border.gov.au.

Contacting this processing office

We prefer contact with this office concerning your application to be by email. We try to respond to all email enquiries within seven (7) working days. If you do not have access to email or need to contact us urgently, please visit our website available at www.border.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Visa Officer

Position Number: 60029055

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

VISA GRANT NOTICE

The following is important information, including your visa grant number or transaction reference number. This is the unique number assigned to your visa. Please keep this visa number with you for the life of your visa, as you may be asked for it.

Details of Application

Application ID IRIS 20352284301

VISITOR (Class FA) VISITOR (Subclass 600) Visa Class

Application Lodgement Date 13 February 2017

File Number	B17/01229036
Grant ID	1060112647747A
Payment Receipt Number	170000038015
Decision Date	06 March 2017

Primary Applicant

Name	Mohammad Abid HUSSAIN
Date of Birth	09 August 1972
Application ID 203	52284301
Citizenship	India
Passport Number	K1110819
Visa Grant Number	1060112647747A
Visa Stream	Business Visitor
Visa Grant Date	06 March 2017
Stay For/Until 3 M	onth(s)
Entries M	Iultiple
Last Date to Arrive	06 March 2018

Conditions:

8115 - LIMITED ACTIVITIES

8201 - MAX 3 MONTHS STUDY

Other Applicants

No Other Applicants Recorded

Visa conditions and entitlements

If your visa has been granted subject to certain conditions and you do not comply with these conditions, there may be serious consequences including: visa cancellation, detention and removal from Australia. More information on visa conditions and entitlements is available at

www.border.gov.au.

Checking your visa details

You can check and email your visa details and conditions at any time using the Visa Entitlement Verifications Online (VEVO) system. To access VEVO visit www.border.gov.au/vevo

You will need to enter the following information:

- · Your Visa Grant Number or Transaction Reference Number, and
- · Your passport or ImmiCard information.

You can also check and email your visa details through the myVEVO mobile app.

Travelling to and from Australia

You can provide evidence that you have the authority to travel and enter Australia, and/or remain Australia by showing your passport or ImmiCard linked to your electronic visa record.

More information is available at www.border.gov.au/aboutyourvisa

Most countries have specific entry, exit and visa requirements. If you are transiting or exiting through another country, it is your responsibility to check with the relevant government authorities. The Australian Government cannot advise on other countries' requirements.

Polio vaccinations

On 5 May 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared the recent international spread of wild type polio virus to be a public health emergency of international concern' under the International Health Regulations (IHR). Nine countries, listed below, have been identified as having suffered recent outbreaks of Polio. If you are from one of the countries listed below, or have spent 28 days or longer in these countries on or after 5 May 2014, we encourage you to have a polio vaccination prior to departing for Australia. Having the vaccination will also assist in eradicating the spread of polio. To obtain maximum benefit in assisting with the eradication of the spread of polio, it is advisable to have the vaccination at least 4 weeks prior to your travel. Countries: Afghanistan, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Irag, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria

Further information is available from www.border.gov.au.

Gagan

Visa Officer

Position Number: 60029055

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Regards,

Bijay Boity

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Total Fare	INR	69075.00					



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24 February 2018 to 4 March 2018

24 February 2018	
10:55pm	Depart India
	SQ5451 Vishakhapatnam Airport
6:10pm	Arrive Australia
	SQ207
	Tullamarine Airport Terminal 2
Accommodation	Holiday Inn Melbourne Airport
	10-14 Centre Road, Melbourne Airport
	Check In: Saturday 24 February 2018 Check Out: Sunday 25 February 2018
	Phone: (03) 9933 5111
	Booking No. 64627854 (Attachment 1)
	Note: Please call hotel on (03) 9933 5111 on arrival to be collected from Airport
	and taken to Hotel.
	Hotel bus will be able to take you on Sunday morning back to the Airport to catch the Shuttle Bus.
	Please collect V/Line ticket from Hotel reception
25 February 2018	
8:45am	Depart Melbourne Airport
	Ballarat Airport Shuttle Bus Terminal 4, Multi Storey car park
	Ground floor Bus Bay 14
	Ticket No. 254380 (Attachment 2)
10:15am	Arrive Ballarat Railway Station
10:55am	Depart Ballarat Railway Station
	V/Line Coach service to Hamilton
	Reference No. 12491400 (Attachment 3)
	Please ensure you collect original ticket from Holiday Inn Reception

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1:15pm	Arriva Hamilton Dailway Station
	Arrive Hamilton Railway Station
	Please refer Hamilton Map - <u>(Attachment 4)</u>
Accommodation	47 Tyers Street, Hamilton
	Bedroom 3
	Please collect the keys from the Hamilton Base Hospital Reception, 20 Foster
	Street, Hamilton.
	You will be sharing this property with other health professional students
	undertaking the Agricultural Health & Medicine Course. The property has
	a shared living area, kitchen and bathroom.
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	Check Out: Sunday 4 March 2018 Phone +61 3 9600 2900 Booking No. 2099.628.284 (Attachment 5)
3 March 2018	
	Sightseeing, Ballarat or Melbourne City (at own expense)
4 March 2018	
8am	Depart on SkyBus Airport Express Departing Southern Cross Station Reference No. W142420592E7F7A87F24621 (Attachment 6) Note: This service departs Southern Cross Station every 10 minutes and the bus ride takes approx 45-50 mins to the Airport.
9am	Arrive Melbourne Airport
11:25am	Depart Melbourne Airport SQ238

Useful Contact Information:

National Centre for Farmer Health:	03 5551 8533 (Monday to Friday)
Dr Susan Brumby:	0417 338 316
Mohammad Abid Hussain:	+91-7608879665



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PASSENGER NAME: MOHAMMAD ABIDHUSSAIN/. 1 x ADULT ONEWAY FOR · TICKET NUMBER: 254380 **BOOKING NUMBER: 419861** DATE OF ISSUE: 11/01/2018

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+50, generation X 28-40 years old, and generation Y 6-28 years old) and their interest in agriculture. He also raised concern about the bigger farm size but lesser margins as well as sustainability of farming as a career choice. During the activity period, he discussed on issues facing agriculture in the next decade.

• Public perceptions and farming populations

Prof Susan Brumby (Director, NCFH, Hamilton) talked about history of Australian farming, perceptions and stereotypes affecting the work – described farming and some of the challenges globally and predicted workforce crises. She categorised high risk population groups such as men, children, women, elderly, seasonal/migrant workers, etc. She introduced and outlined Sustainable Farm Families (SFF) program. The SFF vision is to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of farm families as farmers are (i) getting older, (ii) working harder and longer, (iii) relying more on family members for extra labour, and (iv) experience high injury rates, illness and premature death. The SFF program encourages farmers to view farm family health as part of the 'triple bottom line' of farm reporting. She simply referred to as 'people, planet and profit' – all three are dependent on each other for success and sustainability.

• Farm dangers

Prof Susan Brumby (Director, NCFH, Hamilton) moved the discussion to agricultural machinery, agricultural environments, animal handling, implements and their dangers, epidemiology of farming fatalities and serious injury, and risks & occupational hazards in agricultural setting. She detailed the components of a safe agricultural workplace, such as 1. Eliminate the hazard through engineering, administration, and substitution; 2. Minimize and control the safety and health risk by (i) engineering through safe guards, (ii) administrative means, (iii) substitution of risky substances or processes for safer ones; 3. Regulation and enforcement; 4. Education and training for safe and healthful behaviour; and (5). Application of personal protection equipment (PPE).



The effect of poor health on farmers, families, farms and communities (Brumby Susan, Policy launch presentation: Rural directions for a better state of health; November 2005; Echua, VIC.)

• Agricultural respiratory health

Dr Andrew Bradbeer, Principal Physician at Manse Medical in Hamilton presented a detailed account of agricultural respiratory hazards such as organic dusts, infectious agents, non-organic inhalants, pesticides, asphyxiants (CO₂ & methane), and toxic gases (fumigants, H2S, ammonia, CO and welding) and their effect on health. He also talked about types of respiratory conditions common to the agricultural workforce such as zoonotic, chemical and environmental, etc. He mentioned 5 respiratory diseases (viz., chronic obstructive, congestive cardiac failure, diabetes complications, angina, and asthma) which could be prevented hospitalisations if managed at early stage. Finally, he briefly described about testing and diagnosis of respiratory illness. In most simple terms, he clarified that *protection* and *better practice* is equivalent to *prevention* of respiratory diseases.

Day 2: Tuesday 27 February

• Health assessment

In the morning hours from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. all the participants had to undergo the health checkup. For this test, we were informed to fast from 10 p.m. till in the next day morning. After the completion of test, breakfast was provided.

Three clinicians undertook the assessments including Tam Phillips, RN AgriSafe[™] Clinician who explained the results of our health assessment which included various measurements such as weight, height, % visceral fat, BP, blood glucose and lipid studies, vision and PiKo 6 respiratory testing. The test results were explained and interpreted along with suggested tips forworking with farmer groups to ensure successful assessments.



AgriSafe[™] Clinician Tam Phillips conducting physical health assessment

• Health assessment and occupational history

AgriSafe clinician Tam Phillips delivered her talk after the completion of physical health assessment. She explained what are the steps involved in taking the occupational history of the farmer while conducting health assessment. She cautioned what to do when any sign of concern is noticed and whom to approach for further follow up.

• Veterinary chemicals

Dr Kathryn Robertson, veterinarian at Livestock Logic talked about common veterinary chemicals (e.g., biological products, antibiotics, hormones, vaccines and adjuvants) and its impact on human health when exposed via inhalation, skin contact, eyes or mucous membranes, and needle stick, etc. She detailed about health hazards, potential dangers of accidental adjuvants and needle stick injuries, and what are the most appropriate injection techniques to safeguard the workforce. She provided material safety data sheets (MSDS) on needle stick injuries – risk and recommended treatments.

• Australian zoonoses

Dr Kathryn Robertson continued her talk on common Australian zoonoses such as anthrax, brucellosis, leptospirosis, Q-fever, hydatid disease, scabby mouth, tetanus, ringworm, listeriosis, rabies, etc. She talked in details about mode of transmission, symptoms, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of zoonotic diseases.



Safe vaccination: needle stick injury could be avoided by proper animal handling

• General practice in farming communities

Dr Sue Robertson, a General Practitioner in rural and remote Australia, gave a lecture on common conditions encountered in rural general practice. Conditions more common in small rural communities compared with city are (i) more skin diseases and cancers, (ii) more depression, anxiety, (iii) more pregnancy related cases, (iv) more circulatory diseases, and (v) less URTI, less cough cases. Rural patients were found with overweight, older, alcohol issues, smoking.

She detailed about five domains of general practice, which represents the critical areas of knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for competent unsupervised general practice. She discussed about the challenges of living and working as a health professional in a rural community, and difficulties faced in evidence based screening and health care.

• Study Time!

One hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. was spared for the preparation for Assessment 1 (to be held on Day 4).

Day 3: Wednesday 28 February

• Agricultural tour (Hamilton livestock exchange and Mepungah Pastoral)

A tour to local saleyards (livestock exchange) and a local mixed-enterprise farm was arranged in the morning hours. Bus started around 8:15 a.m. and returned back to National Centre for Farmer Health, Hamilton around 12:45 p.m.

Mr Chris Dahlenburg – the Manager gave outline of saleyards and took us for a short tour where a sheep auction was underway. He informed us that Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange is one of Australia's busiest with approximately one million sheep and 50,000 cattle sold annually. Sales are held weekly every Wednesday, while in peak season (end of November and March) lambs are sold on a Wednesday and sheep on a Thursday. The Hamilton livestock exchange is also leading with the latest technology for livestock identification so animals can be traced over their lifetime.

Then, we travelled to Mepungah Pastoral where Nick and Yvonne explained about safe working of silos, sheep shearing, sheep yards, tractors, and chemical shed and safe pesticide disposal system.



On-going auction of livestock at Hamilton livestock exchange where buyers and sellers are trading



Tracey Hatherell NCFH explaining about working safely with silo and field bins



Health hazards ranging from strains and sprains through to degenerative joint and muscle damage, and broken bonesare common in sheep shearers. A safe working environment can minimise chances of injury and illness



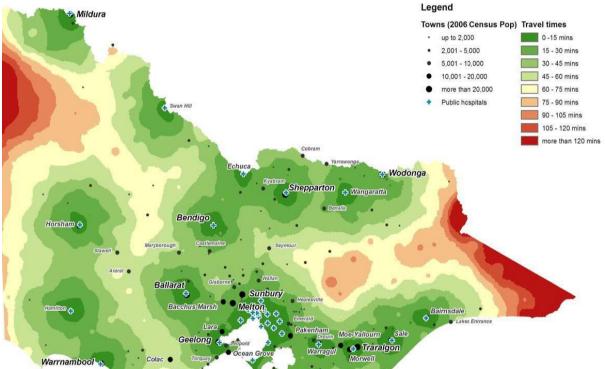
Safe storage of pesticides in a secured location and their disposal should be managed properly to reduce hazards

• Agricultural surgery, skin cancer and farm trauma

Mr Stephen Clifforth – general surgeon, shared more than 27 years of practical experience on treating agricultural injuries through a pictorial lecture. He discussed different types of traumatic agriculture injuries encountered in rural and remote settings and methods of preventing farm injury and recovery of trauma. He also highlighted several notable cases of skin cancers (which are common in farming populations) and their surgical treatment.

• Rural emergency medicine

Associate Professor Tim Baker– an Emergency Physician and Director of Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, talked about (i) importance of emergency responses in rural and remote settings, (ii) importance of education of health emergencies, remote trauma responses and first aid training, (iii) response times and extrication difficulties encountered by emergency rescue services such as ambulance/emergency services/air ambulance/patient transfer in rural Australia.



Travel times to nearest public hospital with emergency department in Victoria



• Agricultural cancers

Conjoint Clinical Associate Professor Ian Collins, Medical Oncologist delivered his presentation on common types of cancers encountered in agricultural populations, their epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment. He talked about the social and financial impact of cancer-treatment challenges in remote and farming locations. He also discussed how cancer detection and treatment could be improved for rural/remote and farming populations.

• Agricultural chemicals

Dr Jacqueline Cotton, Researcher and Lecturer in Rural Health, presented her talk on types of agricultural chemicals such as organochlorines, organophosphates and carbamates, their mode of action and exposure risk associated with them, e.g. reproduction, cancer, neurological development, etc. She discussed about risk management during storage and safe use of pesticides. During the activity period, we learnt how to follow Label interpretation.

Day 4: Thursday 1 March

• Mental health

Tristan Brumby-Rendell, Senior Psychologist, presented the very complex topic in a simplified manner. He discussed the epidemiology, biology and causes of anxiety, stress, psychosis and depression. Then, he described the biological factors and environmental determinants that increase the risk and impact of mental illness in rural farming environments compared with urban counterparts. In the end, he outlined link between mental and physical health, and basics of mental health services and interventions in rural/remote communities.

In the activity period, we carried out DASS-21 (Depression, Anxiety, Stress Scale) questionnaire highlighting the quantitative measures of distress or depression and anxiety.



Tristan Brumby-Rendell, the Senior Psychologist during the DASS-21 activity

• Suicide and mental illness management

Tristan Brumby-Rendell continued his talk on another very important issue, i.e. suicide. He enlisted factors which compel someone to take extreme steps and danger signs to look for. Such as a sense of hopelessness/indecisiveness, loss of interest or purpose, statements and threats and avoidance of social or public events (social withdrawal), physical disability, sleep problems, financial loss, extreme events and animal diseases, etc. The protective factors that reduce the risk are family, religion, bonds, pets, etc. He detailed about the prevention strategies (health promoting behaviours) for the above condition as (i) guide of problem solving, (ii) address main symptoms: sleep, appetite, energy, worry, thoughts, (iii) exercise and goal directed activity, (iv) stress reduction and relaxation, (v) professional intervention: medication, risk, therapy, and (vi) support with optimism and understanding.

• Addiction in agricultural and rural settings

Prof Rodger Brough, consultant with Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre's Drugand Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS), gave a lecture on substance abuse in rural and farming communities and diseases associated with it. He highlighted the link between substance abuse and mental health, physical complications and co-morbidities. Finally, he presented prescriptions and drug abuse, treatments and interventions.



One of participantspresentinga gift as a token of appreciation to Prof Rodger Brough for the nice talk

• Assessment 1: at 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Multiple Choice Quiz based on Day 1 and Day 2 lecture materials; allotted time 45 min. Content: 25 multiple choice questions; Grading and weighting (20% total mark for unit)

• Personal protection

Tam Phillips, Caroline Sheridan and David Sullivan

All of three introduced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in a fascinating way for the prevention strategies for agricultural injury/illness particularly respiratory. Respiratory hazards include dust, bacteria, moulds, fungi, viruses, pollens, welding fumes, solvents,

animals dander and agrichemicals, etc. They presented various examples of the protection required for various situations and showed that PPE should be practical, comfortable, convenient in use and affordable. Tests done to determine if a respirator can achieve an adequate face seal as every face is different and no one mask can fit every face. Generally, we hear in the 20 - 20,000 Hz range (cycles per second). Noise levels greater than 85dB averaged over an 8 hours period, places persons at risk of hearing loss. During the activity period, they demonstrated how to manage noise and prevent noise induced hearing loss.



One of participants undergoing demonstration of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Fit Test

• Dinner at local restaurant, Blue Malt, Hamilton at 8:00 p.m.



Day 5: Friday 2 March

• Musculoskeletal injuries and ageing

Ms Tania Aitken, the Chief Physiotherapist, presented on common agricultural practices and their impact on musculoskeletal health. She explained the musculoskeletal structures that can be injured and cause pain and dysfunction due to causative actions like sustained postures, bending/twisting under overload, repetitive use, direct trauma, prolonged poor joint posture, sudden unguarded movement, pars defect or fracture, and disc inflammation or prolapsed, etc.Generally, musculoskeletal injuries have a past; to manage them effectively one need to understand the whole picture: past, present and future in context. She suggested some common agricultural ailments of the upper and lower body including the big 3 no-no's for the back: bending, twisting and holding breath.

• Agricultural ergonomics and manual handling

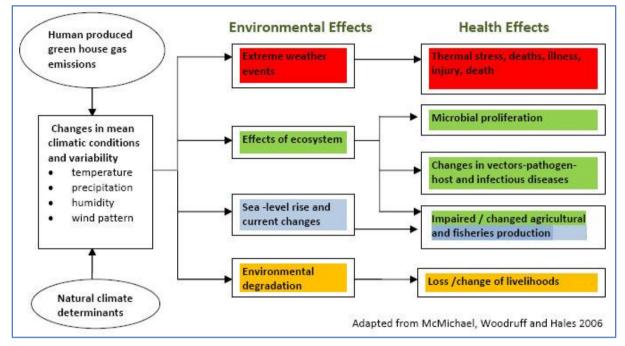
Sarah Baker, Chief Occupational Therapist, detailed the principles of ergonomics and manual handling in agricultural settings. She explained that manual handling covers a wide range of activities including lifting, pushing, pulling, holding, throwing and carrying. It also includes repetitive tasks such as packing, typing, assembling, cleaning and sorting, using hand-tools, and operating machinery and equipment. She talked about the risk factors related to manual handling injuries and guided on how these could be minimized using the hierarchy of risk control and the resources available to assist in minimizing and manage farm and manual handling injuries.



Tania Aitken demonstrating the use of cupping therapy to one of the participants

• Agricultural health co-morbidities

Prof Susan Brumby, Director of National Centre for Farmer Health, presented her talk on most important health issues faced by agricultural communities such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, neurological diseases, alcohol misuse, uCKD and their risk factors associated with them. She also discussed social, physical and behavioural health effects of co-morbidities, climate, health and wellbeing and psychosocial aspects of farming. In the end, Professor Brumby recognized the interventions that individuals, health services, communities and organizations could make to reduce these risk factors and asked us to consider these as leaders in agricultural health and medicine. We were then given a task to solve the issues related with ailing farming community and deteriorating environmental conditions. Our group discussed and outlined strategic goals to achieve and bring back a healthy farming community and green environment.



Overall effects of climate change

• AgriSafeTM

Tam Phillips, RN AgriSafeTM Clinician, presented a detailed talk on the role of AgriSafeTM in improving the health, safety and wellbeing of the agricultural workforce. She also mentioned its history in Australia, eligibility criteria/requirement to become an AgriSafeTM provider and steps of an AgriSafeTM assessment.

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AgriSafe[™] program screening and assessments

• Summary and farewell

Dr Jacquie Cotton talked about the DeakinSync/CloudDeakin website from where students can access all information related with the current enrollment details such as courses, assessments and results, inbox, library access, communities, help, etc. She demonstrated how to access CloudDeakin over the net and communicate among assigned groups and submit the assignment at Group Locker or give online examination, etc. She also introduced the on-going Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine, which bears 4 credit points (2 core units: HMF701 and HMF702 + 2 electives). Finally, Prof Susan Brumby gave farewell, thanked us for attending, wished us good luck and safe travels.

Assessing the achievement of the unit learning outcomes

- Assessment task 1: Multiple-choice test 20% One multi-choice test (25 questions) to be completed during the 5 day intensive. Test 1 will be based on lecture material covered during days 1-2.
- Assessment task 2: Group development of materials and online participation 25% Students work in groups to create a fact-sheet or video on a given Agricultural Health and Medicine related topic or community issue. Fact-sheets or videos are to be developed and useful for agricultural workers and their families, health professionals and researchers. Further information to be provided on CloudDeakin following the 5-day intensive. Students are required to communicate as a group via CloudDeakin and provide peer feedback at the conclusion of the task. One assignment per group to be submitted via CloudDeakin: Due Sunday 15 April 2018
- Assessment task 3: Cloud (online) multiple-choice test 20% Multi-choice test (25 questions each) completed through CloudDeakin. Test will be available online for 7 days for completion. Test 2 will be based on lecture material covered during days 3-5 of the 5-day intensive. Test completed online. Opens Monday 23 April 2017 12.01am closes Sunday: 29 April 2018 11.59pm
- Assessment task 4: Written review exercise 35%
 Students are required to choose and critique one of a selection of journal articles provided by the unit chair via CloudDeakin.
 Students to complete a 1200 -1500 word structured review. Online submission: Due: Sunday 20 May 2018



Group photograph: Prof Susan Brumby (Director of National Centre for Farmer Health, Hamilton), Dr Jacqueline Cotton (Researcher & Lecturer in Rural Health) and Tam Phillips (RN AgriSafe[™] Clinician), and participants of the Unit Course HMF701 at NCFH, Hamilton



The last ppt slide on presentation screen to thank and wish us safe travel to home

Finding common ground at NCFH

TARA FRY

THE National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH) opened its Agriculture Health and Medicine course with a reception at the Hamilton Art Gallery last week, with all students, staff and special guests in attendance.

The postgraduate course is one of the only agriculture and medicine courses in Australia, and is among very few internationally.

Run in partnership with Deakin University, students travelled from all around Australia for the five-day intensive course, which they will continue to study throughout the semester.

NCFH director Susan Brumby said the intensive looked at the context of farmer health such as emergency trauma, farm dangers, zoonotic disease, veterinary and agricultural chemical exposures, mental and emotional wellbeing and much more.

"Professionals recognise that different skills are needed to engage with farming and agricultural communities," Ms Brumby said. "Understanding their context and some of the unique health, wellbeing and safety issues for farming populations is what the course focuses on.

"It also attracts students from across a variety of sectors and disciplines. So students can leave with a great network of contacts."

Indian student Abid Hussain travelled to Hamilton in the hope of taking new ideas back to his hometown to improve the health of farmers and their crops.

"I live in a community, that strive hard to raise a suitable, profitable crop but its failure is one of the most uninvited common events, which leads to distress in their lives," he said.

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Fellow student Gaye Fisher, came from Western Australia to take part in the five-day intensive.

After spending 18 years nursing in small rural areas, she was excited to expand her knowledge of the impact agriculture has on people's health.

"Because I work in a predominantly farming region, I was keen to expand my knowledge and understanding of agriculture's impact on an individual's and the rural community's health," Ms Fisher said.

"This is the only course of its kind to focus solely on farmer health, and rural community wellbeing."

Ms Fisher hoped to take the extra step in her treatment of farmers after completion of the course.

"All I seem to do now is patch the farmer up and send them on their way, and I find that frustrating," she said.

"I want to positively impact on the poor health outcomes for agricultural people, educating and enabling them to make a significant difference to their own lives.

ENJOYING the social aspect of the National Centre for Farmer Health Agriculture and Medicine course opening night are (from left)

students Peter O'Meara, Southern Grampians Shire Mayor, Mary-Ann Brown and NCFH director Susan Brumby. Photo: BILLY EASSON.

"Farmers spend thousands of dollars and countless hours making sure machinery is in top working order, livestock is in prime condition, and the enterprise is running efficiently, but neglect their most vital and important asset, themselves."

Hoping to blend both her passions together, Queensland student Holly Brodie said the course appealed to her as she saw the benefits for her working and home life. "I'm hoping to be able to blend both my passions together and take the knowledge and skills back to my local community, family and workplace," Ms Brodie said.

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"To make individuals and groups more aware of how unhealthy lifestyles, through diet, lack of exercise, alcohol misuse and OH&S risks, can be dangerous and counterproductive to themselves, their businesses and the agricultural industry."

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