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2011

RURAL MEDICAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

RMIP Class of 2011



We have completed another successful year, everyone has enjoyed RMIP, worked too hard and passed the end of year exams. The class had 12 men and 8 women and all went well at their localities.

GPCME Conferences

Once again the GPCME conferences were well attended. The clinical content of the conferences was brilliant and it's as if they were tailor made for the students. Some of those on the left are those from RMIP that attended the event in Rotorua and most of the rest attended the Dunedin event.



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Residentials



The residentials as usual were a challenge but went off smoothly although Christchurch reminded us of its experience with a 5.9 and very soon after a 6.3 earthquake that rocked the room the students were in and shook even the most stable of us up considerably. Really helps the empathy. The old Stamp Collectors rooms were up to the task and we carried on blissfully unaware of the university policy to vacate the building until officially checked after a quake of this size. We were made aware of it the next day when the building actually got checked and declared safe for use.



The Annual Trans-Tasman Challenge from the Wellington residential in August was interrupted when the School's network was unceremoniously closed down for routine maintenance but not before a superb Haka was performed under the tutelage of Lance. The quiz proceeded in each centre and somehow the Australians managed to get more points, so despite the Haka we lost and the trophy will need to be reclaimed next year.

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In the localities

The students were exposed to Industrial Health. Attached are photos of the students visiting the freezing works at Finegand in Balclutha and going down the Spring Creek Coal Mine near Greymouth. Events later in the year were to give some reality to the experiences down a mine.



The Dannevirke crew had some experience of flying with one of their teachers to the envy of all.

During the wilderness week of the Boot Club in Ruapehu the students were joined by some of the staff of RMIP. This was a great weekend of sessions, scenarios and good social time. Two Army Medics proved to be the highlight and passed on valuable experience. Martin London rural GP Guru of South



The Matagouri Club

The Matagouri Club invited an intrepid team of debaters from RMIP to take on an urban team on to argue that Rural was a better place than Urban for the learning of medicine.



The RMIP team was led by Branko and defeated soundly the urban team led by Rob Walker. The uniform we are sure sealed that outcome.

Spotted at the Rural GP Network Conference evening out.



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RMIP 2010 Students Graduate



The year ended with the graduation of the 2010 Class.
Thanks for everyone's hard work and enthusiasm.

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