NURPARA
A Journey from small-town chaos to interdisciplinary conquest

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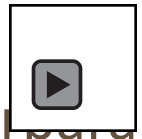
Once upon a time

In a small wheat farming township in Victoria called Nurpara, life was quiet and simple

until…

A ravaging fire swept through the nearby metropolis of Fawketup



The whole township of Nurpara

including a small group of nursing staff

8 alpacas

and a milk van…

were cut off from the city and all its benefits,
including the major hospital

These Nurparanites were an odd lot, and tended to get injured or unwell in clusters…

By an unexpected stroke of fortune, six Advanced Life Support Student Paramedic crews were at a rural seminar in the Nurpara Town Hall

They were miraculously surrounded by emergency

equipment

stretchers and

two-way radios

Summary

No way to get to a major hospital (air transport also unavailable)

Need to use 10 bed Nurpara hospital for all cases (LRHS nursing labs)

No doctor in town: Dr Furdemere on standby for phone consults

Ambulance Operations Centre: Officer Kenyon on standby for cases

Nurses on standby for patients

Paramedics on standby for call-outs

Patients on lay-by

Get it?...

The Heroes

Nursing students

Paramedic students

Simulation patients; hybrid

Support staff; qualified paramedics and emergency nurses, equipment technicians, academic staff

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The Villains

Every good tale has at least one

Objectives

Communication and identification of patients physical and psychological needs during an emergency situation with limited resources

Identification, prioritisation, planning and implementation of care in an emergency situation with limited resources

Interdisciplinary collaboration between disciplines and respective qualified health professions whilst maintaining comparative scopes of practice

The Adventure

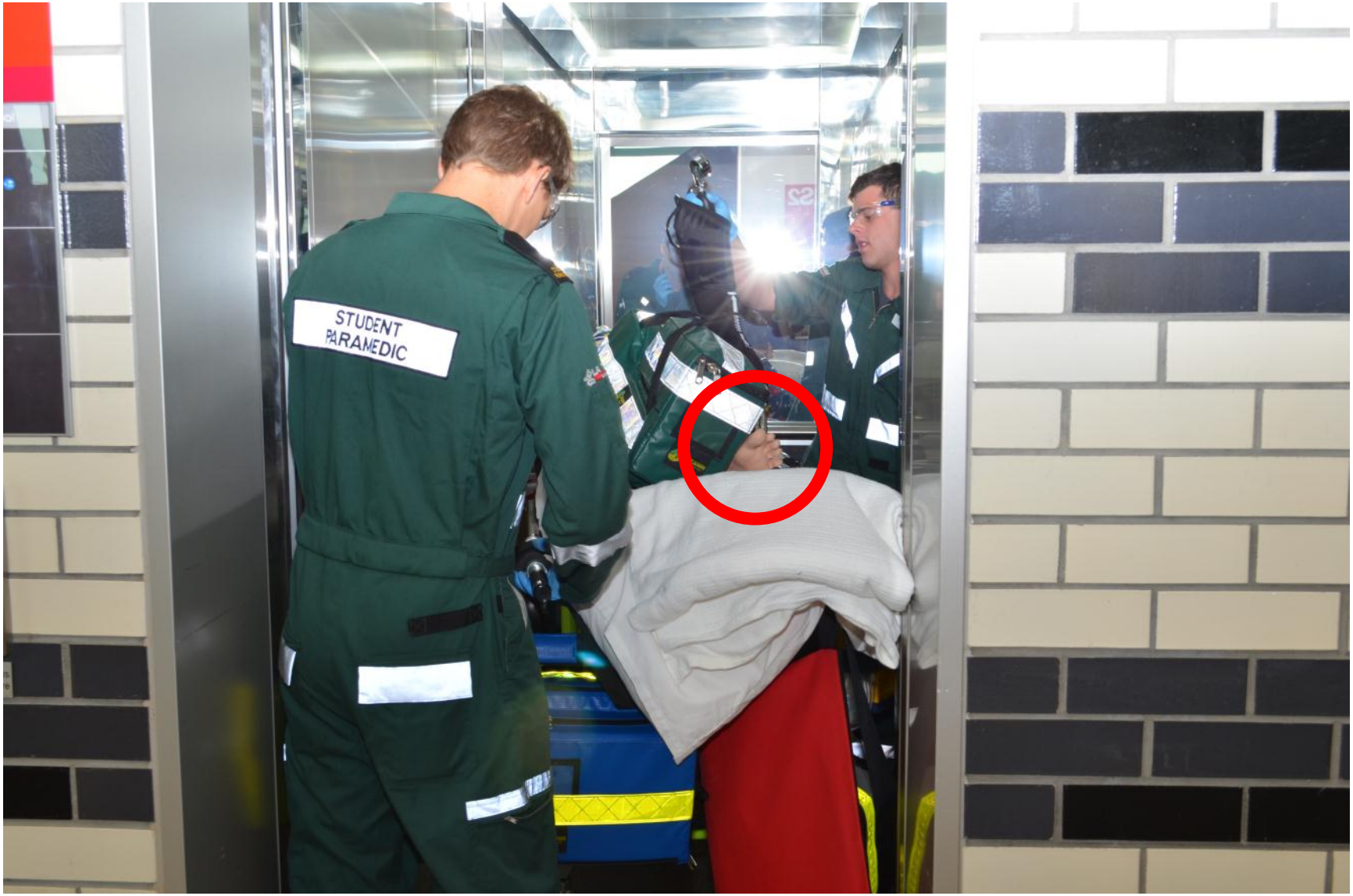
Equipment challenges

Communication challenges

Patient challenges

A wee challenge with the transfer…

Excavation in the elevator…where is the patient?



Good communication can solve ANY problem

Well…ALMOST any problem

Trouble with the gear…how far can we stretch it?

Getting the message across

Lots of equipment

Lots of activity

Simple Moulage

The joining of forces for the greater good

Learning to work together

The romantic component of the story

The moral of the story

Interprofessional simulation can work, but takes time, effort, time, planning, time, appropriate resources, time, clarity around roles

Did I mention time?

It’s really hard work, but it’s really worth it

The Sequel

What happens now

…and they lived happily ever after

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