

The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria

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The Annual Dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday July 18, 2014

at the Melbourne Club, 36 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Please Note: Drinks will be served at 6:30pm and the Annual General Meeting will commence at 7:00pm, followed by the Annual Dinner at 7.30 pm - **Dress Black Tie**

Guest Speaker: **Mr. Richard Arnot FRACS 'Arabian Nightmare'**

On the 19th of May, 1979, a British nurse and a Dutch salvage tug-boat captain fell 23 metres to their deaths from the balcony of an apartment in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi authorities arrested host Richard Arnot, his wife and everyone who attended the party that night, and they were held in the notorious Ru Aus jail in Jeddah for four months. Despite police investigations indicating that the deaths were the result of a tragic accident, the nurse Helen's father Ron Smith did not accept this and dedicated the rest of his life in an attempt to prove that his daughter was murdered. He made history by convincing the British Authorities to hold the first ever inquest in Britain into the violent death of a British subject on foreign soil, which set the precedent for the British inquest into the death in France of Diana Princess of Wales. Ron Smith's decision not to bury his daughter earned a place in the record books for the longest period of time a body has been kept without a funeral or cremation in Britain.

Richard Arnot tells the remarkable story of those events and what has happened since.

Acceptances close **Monday 13 July** - As seating is limited please return acceptances as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside the Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

Host Member: Dr Robert Nave

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