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DECEMBER IS ROTARY'S DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Annual General Meeting

Future Programs:

15 Dec: – Cyber Security – Roger Smith

Introduction: Phil Brown; Vote of Thanks: Craig Cameron

Hospitality: Leonie Smith, Micky Scott, & Alison Tyquin

22 Dec: – Christmas Party – Hill Top Golf Club

5 Jan: – Prawn and Pizza – Partners event

12 Jan: - The Gregory's Farm Partner's Night

19 Jan: - Shoalhaven Education Fund – Sophie Ray

Club's Calendar

TBA	TBA	Christmas Tree Rosters
16 Dec	Wed	Stage Hire
22 Dec	Tues	Club Christmas Dinner
5 Jan	Tues	Prawn & Pizza
12 Jan	Tues	Gregory's Farm & Partners

Please notify apologies and guests to
Peter Culham, by [email](#) or on 4455 2229
or 0417 294 938,
by no later than 12 noon on Tuesday.

BIRTHDAYS: 12 December – Ken Mathews; 23
December – Peter Hughes; Maisie Bennett;

ANNIVERSARIES: 13 December; Robin & Jenny
Cantrill; Rhondda & John Purtell; 26 December – Cliff &
Sonia Workman; 27 December Emile & Shelagh Jansen,
31 December – Glen & Fern Wran

BBQ cleaning Roster:

	Wed	Sat	Mon
Simon Brown	2/12	5/12	7/12
Craig Cameron	9/12	12/12	14/12
George Chittick	16/12	19/12	21/12
Clive Cross	23/12	26/12	28/12
Dick Crouch	30/12	1/1	4/1

Report on 1 December 2015:

President Clive Cross opened the meeting introducing guests & speakers, David Robertson, Ray Davey and David Boyle. Clive also welcomed Julia Robertson.

International Director Cliff Workman proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Orange's Rotarac group who have, for 5 or 6 years, devoted their end of school year celebrations (Schoolies) to a 16 day adventure to Nepal, at a personal cost of about \$3,000, to socialise with and assist Nepalese communities.

Pres Clive presented Grant Schultz a certificate of appreciation for his and Rebecca's generous hosting of Julia Brockhaus during her visit earlier this year.

President Clive commended club members and volunteers who contributed to a big weekend of activity in the community for Harbourfeast and the Water Slide. President Clive acknowledged that the slide was not as successful as we had expected and that there would be further discussion and lessons to be absorbed in the coming weeks.

Club Service Director – Issa Shalhoub reminded members of the Jumping Castle Roster for the 10th and the upcoming Christmas tree roster.

Treasurer Ross Wade provided his financial report as at the end of November that will be circulated to members shortly.

Dale Wilford provided members with a n abridge report of the weekend's Locavore, Harbourfeast and waterslide events. Dale expressed his appreciation of the efforts put in by the Committee headed by Leonie Smith lamenting that the relative success of the Locavore and Harbourfeast events was overshadowed by operation of the waterslide that started some 2 hours late due to difficulties experienced by the operator in pumping water up the hill. While the day was partly saved by the timely



arrival of the fire brigade to resolve the water problem, there were a number of dissatisfied people and unfortunately some injuries earlier in the day.

Secretary John Hozack advised members that the Calendar raffle of \$1000 was won by a Ralph Evans of Shoalhaven Heads and as role of almoner reminded members that Rhondda's husband John remains in a serious condition and also that Rhondda's granddaughter was one of the injured in the operation of the water slide.

Guest speaker David Robertson provided members with a confident and entertaining summary of his adventures attending the 57th London Youth International Science forum (LIYSF). David was one of 24 Australians amongst 470 students from around the world who socialised, attended lectures and visited scientific centres. It looks like David could become our very own Buzz Aldrin sometime in the future.



Here's a photo of David standing in front of the CMS at CERN in Switzerland. So, CMS stands for Compact Muon Solenoid experiment, one of two large general-purpose particle physics detectors built on the Large Hadron Collider at CERN..... David expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the local community, and Rotary in particular, for the support given him, noting that his life has changed as a result. Members wished David well and will be happy to welcome him back anytime he wishes to practise his science-based public speaking.

President Clive introduced Ray Davey and David Boyle from CanAssist web-reference <http://www.canassist.com.au>

CanAssist is a State wide volunteer organisation that raises funds to support country families financially to deal with the additional costs associated with receiving treatment for cancer. David and Ray became involved in the usual way of country towns, when asked by a friend if they could BBQ sausages at a Bunnings Store one day. Both recognised the community benefit and comradery of the volunteers and have been active ever since. Ray quoted some very disturbing statistics that clearly demonstrated that country folk are disadvantaged when it comes to dealing with cancer related illness. In 2012, country people were 35% more likely to die within 5 years of diagnosis.



About 37% of the total funds expended last year came to the Milton-Ulladulla area, which translated roughly to 7 families. CanAssist support is via vouchers, not cash, and can cover almost anything that would help a family; all funds raised in an area are distributed within that area. Electricity costs accounts for about 40% of expenditure. Families most frequently find CanAssist through advice from social workers or community health workers.

Ray noted that they were surprised to find that up to the end of November this year they have distributed significantly more support approximately 3/5th of the previous year's turnover.

CanAssist is a registered charity and can be contacted on 1300 266 277, members are invited to record CanAssist contact details and pass the information on where appropriate.

The meeting closed with everyone present singing two rousing verses of the National Anthem, no doubt Issa will make the recording available for those of us looking for that special Christmas present.



The raffle was won by John Hozack drawing the 10 of spades

End of report.