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JANUARY IS ROTARY'S VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

26 January Australia Day Holiday – No Meeting

Future Programs:

2 Feb: No meeting due to Friday's Mark Tedeschi Talk
5 Feb: Mark Tedeschi Talk at Exservos combined clubs event

9 Feb: Civic Centre Community Garden – Val Tranter
Introduction: Peter Culham, Vote of Thanks: Dom Fondacaro, Fellowship: Simon Brown & Dick Crouch

16 Feb: Blessing of the Fleet Princesses
Introduction: Dom Fondacaro, Vote of Thanks: Wayne Fry, Fellowship: Tony Fondacaro, Alan Foreman

23 Feb: Roving dinner
TBA

1 Mar: Club Assembly
Fellowship: Jeff Franklin, Wayne Fry

8 Mar: Club Meeting TBA
Introduction: Alan Foreman, Vote of Thanks: John Goggins, Fellowship: Tim Gregory, Bill Harris

BBQ cleaning Roster:

	Wed	Sat	Mon
Alan Foreman	27/1	29/1	1/2
Jeff Franklin	3/2	5/2	8/2
Wayne Fry	10/2	12/2	15/2
John Goggins	17/2	19/2	22/2
Emile Jansen	24/2	26/2	29/2
Terry Marchello	2/3	4/3	7/3

Club's Calendar

5 Feb	Fri	Mark Tedeschi Talk – Combined with other Clubs
23 Feb	Tues	Roving dinner
1 Mar	Tues	Club Assembly
12 Mar	Sat	BOTF Ball
23 Mar	Sun	BOTF Parade

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: 1 Feb: Phil Brown, 7 Feb: Micky Scott, 15 Feb: Tim Gregory, 16 Feb: John Hozack, 4 Mar: Kerry Hozack, 5 Mar: Mary Sawyer, 8 Mar: Angie Richards

ANNIVERSARIES: 9 Feb: George & Lynne Chittick, 12 Feb: Michael & Christine Mastronardi, 15 Feb: Dom & Liz Fondacaro, 21 Feb: Phillip & Rose Brown, 13 Feb: Jeff & Sylvia Franklin, 28 Feb: John & Kerry Hozack, 8 Mar: Peter & Catherine Hughes

Report:

President Clive Cross opened the meeting; welcoming our guest speaker Sophie Ray and Assistant Governor David & Leonie Brisker visiting us from Berry and Bomaderry respectively.

President Clive asked members for a minutes silence in memory of friends and relatives that we have lost since our last meeting.

International Director Cliff Workman toasted the Rotary Club of Wellington NZ; they have recently entered into an arrangement with Disaster Aid Australia.

President Clive added that the Club was asked by Disaster Aid Australia to help with a presentation to Rotary Kiama for which we will be rewarded with one of their water filters.

Club Secretary John Hozack ran through the correspondence, which included a thank-you letter from the Milton Public School. John advised that Rhondda's granddaughter, injured on the water slide, has fully recovered but that her husband John is slipping. Secretary John had also recently seen Warwick Backhouse who is waiting surgery but is hoping to return home. John informed members that the Board has regretfully accepted Ali Tyquin's resignation; Ali will continue to be connected to the Club as a Rotary Friend.

Treasurer Ross Wade reported that finances continue to be healthy.

President Clive reported that he had met with Ms Nesbitt regarding the proposed Community Garden and that the half basketball court is scheduled to commence in March.

Robyn Cantrill introduced our **guest speaker Sophie Ray**. Sophie is Secretary of the Shoalhaven Education Fund, which was initiated by the Shoalhaven Women's Conference, about four years ago with the support and seed funding from the Country Education Foundation of Australia. The CEF, itself, started in Boorowa 1993; naturally, our very own, Cliff Workman has been involved in past before finding his way to our Club. The CEF continues to support the SEF, providing administrative support and centralised fund raising service for a small levy. However, funds raised locally by the Shoalhaven Education Foundation through direct donations or fund raising activities are not levied, being wholly retained within the Shoalhaven fund. No funds come from government; financial support comes from local businesses and individuals, as well as the usual fund raising activities undertaken by volunteers.



The SEF has supported more than 50 young people between the ages of 17 and 21. In 2015, eight students from Ulladulla were assisted with grants to assist them with their post-high school goals. Sophie entertained members with anecdotal stories from her involvement with applicants and provided inspirational examples of successful outcomes for students who had received grants.

Sophie reported that not many recipients dropped out and of the seven graduates, to date, most returned to their home area to work following graduation.

Applicants identified, each year, by school career advisors and councillors, are asked to submit applications before the end of July, and are interviewed in January. Interviews are conducted by the SEF (usually Sophie) in conjunction with local business and professional people. Beneficiaries do not receive cash; CEF volunteers purchase vouchers or items such as books, petrol, safety equipment etc. on their behalf.

The main criteria for receiving a grant is that the individual is financial needy and that they are also taking steps to help themselves. Sophie invited members to consider recommending the Fund to students in financial distress on finishing school and before going on to something else.



Detailed information or the grant process can be found on the Country Education Foundation website www.cef.org.au and direct contributions to the Shoalhaven Education Fund can be arranged by emailing Linda Marquis marquis@southernphone.com.au or alternatively <https://cef.org.au/cef/cef-foundations/nsw-foundations/shoalhaven/>

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