

Bulletin # 35 – 3rd March 2016

Lee Christian, Australian Cancer Research Foundation



Lee gave us an excellent Presentation about ACRF. Her Rotary connection is being an Exchange-Student in Malaysia 1985, Rylarian, Founder/President of Rotaract Southport Qld.

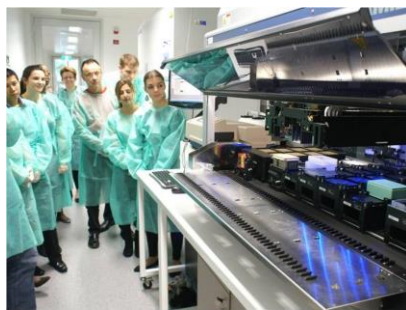


Cancer occurs due to several factors, DNA, Environment & Lifestyle. Only 30 years ago cancer was considered a death sentence, today we see an 80% survival rate for pediatric cancers and by 2030, 100% for children and 80% survival for adults due to Genomics, Imaging Technologies. & Screening Tests.

ACRF is a non-Government funding body providing funding for equipment, technology & infrastructure and research into all cancer types. ACRF was founded 1984 by Peter Abeles and Sonia McMahon.

From 1984 – 2014. Nationally \$104mio of grants (NSW \$33mio) have been distributed. A small team of 14 staff under the chair of Ian Frazer raises funds through Appeals, donations “In Memoriam”, Celebrations and Third Party fundraising.

In 2015 5 grants totaling \$17mio have been distributed. Every Dollar received comes from wonderful generous donors & supports.



The Sequencing Robot, shown here, does one year’s work of a team of scientists in 1 day was funded by ACRF by a grant of \$3.1 mio.

Great advances have also been made in Melanoma treatment and vaccines.

The Cervical Cancer vaccine developed by Prof. Ian Frazer and co-funded by ACRF

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Visitors:

Frank Armstrong from Merriwa
Eileen & Thomas from Carlow Ireland

Lady Luck:

Heads and Tails:

Ian Brigden

Raffle:

Bart Richardson

Congratulations

Birthdays:

Don Whatham 12th March
Peter McBean 18th March
Jennifer Turner 8th March
Christine Mathieson 9th March

Anniversaries: none

Member Duties next week

Door:

Bart Richardson/Warwick Mathieson

Meet/Greet

Greg Flux/Chris Bartlett

Loyal Toast

Judy Priestly

Grace

John Stuhmcke

Intro Guest speaker

Judy Mitchell

Thank Guest Speaker-

John Cropley

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Henk Tobbe



Vale Geoffrey Richardson

With much sadness we inform you of the death of Geoffrey Richardson. Geoff was a former member of our club, resigning due to work commitments away from the area with the NSW Police force in December 2012. Geoffrey was married to Margaret also a police officer. They had two young children. Geoffrey 43 years of age was accidentally killed whilst on duty last Saturday night. He attended the Nelson Bay Australia Day Celebration at Fly Point in January whilst on duty and was able to talk with several of our members and visited our food service area. He was an outstanding worker and friend during his short time as a Rotarian and an excellent Police Officer with a bright future with the force, which has been sadly cut short. Our sympathy is extended to Margaret, their children and Family members.

Next week – Peace Scholarship & Club Meeting

Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday! Ph: 0401 450 239



Visitors this week was Eileen (Pres. Elect) with partner Thomas from Rotary Club of Carlow Ireland and gave us some valuable insight of their fund raising activities. Carlow is located about 70km south of Dublin with a pop. of 25,000 their biggest employer today is Merck Sharp & Dome Pharmaceuticals. Their club consists of 45 members.

A fashion show once a year raises between \$10 -12,000 which is distributed to local charities such as St. Vincent de Paul, Hospice etc. Their latest project is the Jole Rider where people are asked to donate their old unused bicycles and refurbished by inmates of the local prison, then shipped by Rotary International to Uganda for use by children to attend schooling.

From their mature tree project they raised \$10,000 and helped establish the Delta Sensory Gardens (www.deltasensorygardens.com) now a main tourist attraction of Carlow all year round.

The latest, 3 weeks before Christmas they erect a large Christmas tree in the centre of town called the Memory Tree and they hoist yellow ribbons with memory or wishes for loved ones that have passed on or can't be together during the festive season. This has raised \$25,000 this year and was distributed in Jan. at a big function to local charities.



Frank Armstrong from RC Merriwa a regular visitor to our club



Chantal Smith
Recently gave birth to a healthy Baby Boy.
Congratulations



Clive's Cooker in action at the District 9675 Conference



The Rotary shed extension



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