



**Christmas Edition**

Bulletin : 12 December 2011  
ROTARY DISTRICT 9710

**Where we meet**

Meets Thursdays 12.15  
for 12.30 Southern  
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



*“Dear Rotarians and Friends  
Welcome to the Christmas Bulletin”*

*Merry Christmas from the Editor*

Things to think about Christmas

“Never worry about the size of your  
Christmas tree. In the eyes of children,  
they are all 30 feet tall”



“Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide  
open heart that thinks of others first”



“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of  
love”



But Respect the Spirit of Yule!



## *A Christmas Message form the President*

Dear members and friends of Rotary

This is our last bulletin this calendar year. In this issue, you will read about the Club's recent vocational visit to the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) and our Christmas party held at Bill and Amanda Andrews' beautiful home last Saturday. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise these successful events, including the team at the JCSMR led by their Deputy Director, Professor Philip Board and Anneloes de Graeff, Philanthropic Development Manager.

This Thursday, 15 December is our Annual General Meeting. President Elect Vincent Mahoney will introduce the incoming board and we will also welcome Santa who will be visiting the Club. Scott Warrington will share some of the great Christmas traditions and Ron Rabey along with Liz Scrivener are working on a special program to make our last meeting this calendar year memorable.

On Thursday, we will also hand over our cheque to the Salvation Army and support their annual Christmas dinner for those Canberrans who are less privileged.

I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Have a great break and see you all in the New Year. Our regular meetings in the Yacht Club resume on 12 January.

Happy holidays!

Vera Lipton



*Rotary Christmas Party*  
*Hosted by Bill & Amanda Andrews*

I would like to personally thank Bill, Amanda, John and Helen Grant for putting on a spectacular Rotary Christmas party. The location and gardens were amazing with Christmas cheer with a Japanese twist. All who attended brought sumptuous dishes, wine and cheer. An outdoor cinema was provided as a back drop with wonderful ambient music and lights. I am sure everyone will agree with me that all had a fabulous time. Enjoy the happy snaps. Ed.



## John Curtin School of Medical Research Visit

On Thursday the Rotary Meeting was held at the John Curtin School of Medical Research. Sandwiches and drinks were served followed by an informative overview of the schools research areas and the various diseases that are being tackled. Professor Philip Board, described the research being conducted the history of the school and some of the Noble prizes won by the school, he also described some of the research being conducted. Some areas of research are:

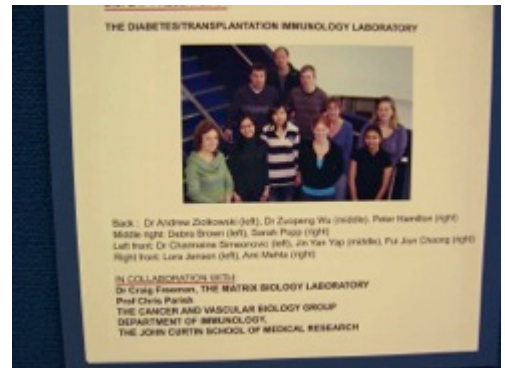
- Immunology
- Neuroscience
- Genomics
- Structural Biology
- Immunity and Pathogens
- Translational Biosciences/medicine



Disease areas:

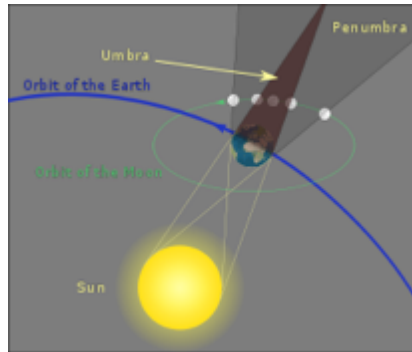
- Cancer, Diabetes 1 & 2, Autoimmune, Alzheimer's, Heart, Obesity and Depression.

Dr Charmaine Simeonovic and Professor Chris Parish gave a very insightful description of the work they were doing on trying to correct type 1 diabetes.



## December 12 - Total Lunar Eclipse

A **lunar eclipse** occurs when the [Moon](#) passes behind the [Earth](#) so that the Earth blocks the [Sun's](#) rays from striking the Moon. This can occur only when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are aligned exactly, or very closely so, with the Earth in the middle. Hence, a lunar eclipse can only occur the night of a [full moon](#). The type and length of an eclipse depend upon the Moon's location relative to its [orbital nodes](#). The [most recent total lunar eclipse](#) occurred on December 10, 2011. The [previous total lunar eclipse](#) occurred on June 15, 2011; The recent eclipse was visible from all of Asia and Australia, seen as rising over Europe and setting over Northwest North America. The last to [previous total lunar eclipse](#) occurred on December 21, 2010, at 08:17 [UTC](#).<sup>[1]</sup>



## Christmas Joke: Sumo Santa



## Forward Rotary Program

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
15 Dec	Final meeting for 2011 – Club’s Annual General Meeting and party with a short presentation on Christmas.
5 Jan 2012	No meeting, but there is a Rotary Dinner at the National Youth Science Forum, ANU, for all who may be interested
12 Jan	First meeting for 2012!
19 Jan	Former member Faye Powell (topic TBC)
26 Jan	Australia Day

### Duty Roster

	<b>Door</b>	<b>Door</b>	<b>Greet Guests &amp; Introduce Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Thankyou &amp; Meeting Write up</b>	<b>Seargent</b>	<b>International Toast</b>
<b>15/12/11</b>	K Gray	S Green		G Howieson	J Jakovics	J Little