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**ANZAC DAY IN CESSNOCK**

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*APRIL 25, 2022*

**ANZAC DAY**

LEST WE FORGET



# COMBINED SERVICE CLUB MEETING



Rotary members at the combined Service Clubs meeting last Thursday at the Rugby Leagues Club. There were four service clubs represented - Lions Cessnock, Lions Wine Country, Lions Leo and our Cessnock Rotary club. Approx 40 members and friends in attendance. This has been an initiative by Peter Convey from Cessnock Lions and he summarised by saying that he would like this to be an annual event. Would like a small group to join Melissa from the council for emergency service Share with each other when we have guest speakers at their meetings. They donated a Microphone for local radio station, donated to Cessnock primary school breakfast club, Evolved with Seniors group, Would like to be engaged with Poppet head park and maybe signage with gateway park. Geoff from Lions Wine Country highlighted their projects which include assisted Hunter lions clubs with running the Maitland show and caravan show, Car parking at Maitland show, Assisted with HVG Christmas lights, Vouchers for Samaritans for their Christmas appeal, Help and sponsor VIA group Lions health program, checking eye sight and Donated funds to the completion of Bridges Hill Park.

Elise - from Leo Lions is aiming for one project per month, 1. Mental health 2. Youth 3. Homelessness and 4. Environment .

We at Cessnock Rotary highlighted some of our projects that we are involved with this year. Bunnings BBQ and The Christmas Lights seems to be common between all these service clubs. We have a few innovative projects like Feeding the needy every Wednesday, which slowly grew from 3 or 4 people per week to 50-60 people. Plus it's a free lunch as is the free Scone time every Friday at Marthaville Cottage and that is growing in numbers as well.

Total Field day, we will support this event over 3 days, we could investigate other clubs assisting us. Would support combined clubs meeting annually and would be glad to take part in renovating Poppet Head Park or other projects that can be done as a combined Cessnock Service Clubs project. This idea would definitely be beneficial to the whole of Cessnock community. So lets hope that this is the start of something that can grow over the years to come.

# APRIL

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger."

RFPD co-founder Robert Zinser

Rotary



Figure 1. Artist's impression of the potential future look & feel of Vincent Street

Jay Suvaal Mayor of Cessnock was the guest speaker at the meeting. He was born and educated in the area and has remained in the area with his wife and sons. He wants jobs to be available for young people in our area so they don't need to move to Sydney or Newcastle.

Appreciative of the funding from all our volunteer groups.

Wants the town to continue to grow with places to enjoy.

Asked how we can link places of interest for walking, riding and pushing prams. Will request grants to make this happen. Current challenges on work force, employment market. Councils works program will need to be reset based on the current work force so that they are able to deliver on their commitments.

Jay will encourage talking to the community about councils direction and learning from them. He asks to please come to council if you have ideas of what needs to be done to support the community.

Penny from our club asked Jay about councils longer term vision to provide employment for our youth and the infrastructure required to provide for the community in the future. Jay encouraged the group to review the Cessnock CBD masterplan that includes a town centre and was very keen for all of us to get involved wherever possible. The master plan has quite a number of innovative ideas for many parts of the town centre.

# EASTER MEETING AT MARTHAVILLE COTTAGE

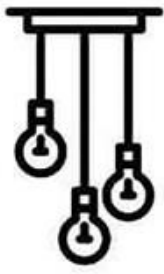




We had a change of venue for our Easter St Patrick's Day event at Marthaville Cottage. President Vicki ordered fish and chips for our meal which she felt was the appropriate meal for the occasion. That choice proved very popular and was followed up by hot cross buns. Little Easter eggs on the table and a few drinks to wash it all down. Maggy had her grandchildren in attendance.



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Hosted by our expert Product Specialists, we will be presenting webinars based on roles, club or district versions, and in-depth module deep dives. There will even be live Q&A available during and after the webinar

As I will be President for the coming Rotary year, I would like to encourage all of my board members to be better informed about ClubRunner. These webinar training resources will be on line and can be accessed by our members. In the mean time please make sure that you are registered on the ClubRunner so that you can access all the learning sessions. We will discuss this at a club meeting but please look up the link that I sent out to members.

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## CESSNOCK ROTARY CARES

We were informed of a family of 4 displaced from their home in the latest floods on the central coast. Fortunately they had been given a series of temporary accommodation places ( a few nights needing to sleep in their car) Their funds were depleted, and basically their only possessions in their car We received a call and set about procuring food ( 5 and 8 year old were eating dry bread ) Many generous people came to the rescue

We applaud and say thank you to :

- Hunter Food Relief Centre - Georgina who provided a food hamper on Good Friday
- Tatler Wines who provided lunch and activities - a family pass to their easter promotion .  
Thank you Tanya Nicole
- Calais Estate provided a Picnic Hamper - Katrina Bradley
- Sabrina Sharma and friends provided Food ,Games and Books
- Kieran and Christin McMahon from Hunter Gardens Aqua Golf and Putt Putt  
Provided games, Icecream and drinks
- Tracy Miller at Airstream Cafe at the Vintage
- Crowne Plaza

And many more who reached out to the family directly, We live in an amazing community