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# ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

#### CHRISTMAS AT TWINE RESTAUANT









Before and during dinner time at Twine Restaurant

#### AT THE TWINE RESTAURANT







Johanna Rosee is seen putting out all the table decorations a bit oblivious to what's to come in a very short time. Peter and Kaye Carver started the night with some of there fantastic music also unaware of what was about to hit us. Not long after we were all seated ready for proceedings, I asked Peter Carver if he knew what that noise was coming from his instruments. By the time that they checked, it was blowing a storm outside and a few minutes later the lights near Pete's instruments started having a bit of a waterfall, which I just missed as just after that it was coming in from everywhere. A small detour to the outside pergola area (best in the Hunter Valley) we saw the rain giving us a great show with a double rainbow to let us know that the show was just about over. Some took advantage of taking a few photos while a few others helped drain the restaurant floor from all the rain that came in from every nook and cranny. Then it was back to dinner which the staff did an excellent job with.





































If you were at the Christmas Party and you were not framed then you will have to pay a fine at our next meeting for not attracting the photographers attention. If you were framed more then once then it will be a double fine. We have to thank Sharon for the wonderful frame which really suited the occasion plus all the people who helped to do the table Decorations, which I suspect was Johanna Rosee.



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#### WHAT A NIGHT WE HAD











Emil wanted me to take his photo with the double rainbow which I must say turned out pretty well. It's something that he can write home about for an Ausie Christmas experience. Then I caught Santa in a state of half undress after he couldn't bear the hot santa suit in the change room any longer, plus him escaping outside with Santa's bag of goodies. And how could I leave out this wonderful photo of Astrid after she posed for me so elegantly.

#### HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR











We have had the end of our volunteering at the HVG Lights for this year but we have yet again received quite a few extra nights for next year, Let Vicki know your availability on her roster. From almost no nights we ended up with quite a lot of nights. Therefore we need more volunteers at least six every night.

Our friend of Rotary Harma Hill has been putting a lot of volunteer hours and she has her sister and brother in law here from the Netherlands and they really enjoyed the gardens, especially after dark.

### DISTRICT 9670 YEP STUDENTS





The second Orientation Meeting at Tocal College saw both the inbound and outbound students getting together to inform the outbounds about the country of their choice plus a bit about what to expect when they travel early next year. Looks like fifteen happy outbound students ready for a fantastic year abroad. "OH WHAT A FEELING TO BE A ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT"









Our own exchange student Enil has been quite busy as usual. He attended the Year 10 Formal with students from St Phillips. Past president Graham took Emil to Nelson Bay again and no doubt a lot of sight seeing yet again. Our Christmas Party was a bit different to what he would have had in Denmark, a lot of rain instead of snow. Emil told me that he is very much looking forward to the Capricorn Ramble and I assured him that definitely will be the highlight of his year as an exchange student. Being on it twice myself, I can fully understand the fun times ahead.

While I am still thinking about the exchange students and the Capricorn Ramble, I just found this post from Claire Harkness who was an exchange student from Canada and she was on one of the Rambles with me. She is in Chiang Mai Thailand with the elephants and it reminded me of the time that Claudia and I did the same tour. So great to keep in touch with the students after so many years and seeing what they are up to these days.





