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### ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670

### BUNNINGS BBQ





We were back at the Bunnings BBQ again after quite a long spell. It was a great hot day but we still managed to serve a lot of sausages. They say that a picture says a thousand words so I won't elaborate on the top photo. In the same Bunnings car park we had the MHERV Van with quite a number of us taking advantage and getting a quick check on our blood sugar levels and blood pressure. Hopefully we all past the test.



Little Wings is a non for profit organisation providing sick children and their families, throughout regional NSW, with free ongoing flight and ground transport during the treatment process. Your mission is our journey.

OUR GOALS:

- 1. Lessening the travel fatigue experiences by repeatedly travelling by road, train or commercial flights;
- 2. Lessening the financial burden associated with long distance travel and time away from employment;
- 3. Returning children home in a timely and safe manner enabling families to remain together as much as possible. This improves the child's quality of life, recovery process and family cohesiveness;
- 4. Providing urgent short notice transport services for family members to support their sick child;
- 5. Increasing the effectiveness of the child's treatment by not having them exposed to the risk of infection associated with travelling on public transport and commercial flights

Three of us did a bit of painting work along with Stephen Wines and Barry Murdock who are volunteers for Little Wings in providing transportation from airports to hospitals. Stephen will come and be our guest speaker and explain what Little Wings does for so many families in rural areas. We were thanked by Clare Pearson a CEO for Little Wings saying I wish to express my gratitude for your recent assistance at the Little Wings hangar, Cessnock.

Little Wings is a small but might charity based at Bankstown Aerodrome providing free air and ground transport to seriously ill children, and their families, whom reside in regional and rural NSW and need to access medical care only available at either the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Royal Far West or John Hunter Children's Hospital. Further, with demand for our service significantly increasing in the Hunter region, we are expanding our locations and are opening the second hangar in Cessnock.

Whilst we have been landing in Cessnock for many years, however we have always operated a fly in-out service, with all aircraft based in Bankstown.

We are deeply grateful for the time and talent shared to help us establish our second base. Thank you so very kindly. We intent on hosting a base launch on March 10<sup>th</sup>, to which we will invite you over the coming week.

Finally, we would love the opportunity to present to Cessnock Rotary if possible. We would like to share our work and reach in greater detail. Please let me know if this is an option.

Thank you once again and we look forward to seeing you soon.





### SCONE TIME AT MARTHAVILLE



We had a really nice editorial in the Cessnock Advertiser by Krystal Sellars as follows:

A new initiative by the Rotary Club of Cessnock aims to help people who are lonely or isolated to make new connections in the community over morning tea.

Scone Time by Rotary is held at Marthaville (200 Wollombi Road) every Friday from 10am to noon, with free scones, tea, coffee and hot chocolate on offer.

Club president Vicki Steep said the event is designed for people who might not usually venture out for morning tea to connect with others.

"It's for people who are lonely or isolated, and who want to have a conversation and meet new people," she said.

The Rotary club has recently formed a partnership with Marthaville, taking on the garden maintenance at the historic house as a club project.

Scone Time coincides with Marthaville's Friday trading hours, so guests are welcome to check out the volunteer-run arts and crafts centre while there.

Large groups are advised to book in advance for Scone Time. Call Vicki on 0418 250 887 or email cessnockrotary@gmail.com for bookings or more information. Cessnock Rotary Club hosts Scone Time at Marthaville on Friday mornings



WELL DONE ASH YOU DONE YOU'RE COUNTRY SO PROUD TONIGHT WAS LOVELY TO WATCH SUCH A GREAT GAME THANK YOU

This may not be a Rotary theme but I just couldn't resist putting this in the Newsletter. It was just an amazing game to watch and it felt like the whole nation was behind Ash to win. When she was down 5 -1 in the second set I thought that it would be near impossible to come back from that but she ended up winning that set as well. An unbelievable effort and come back. Ash Barty has become the first Australian Open singles Champion in 44 years. A true champion and role model for youngsters to look up to.



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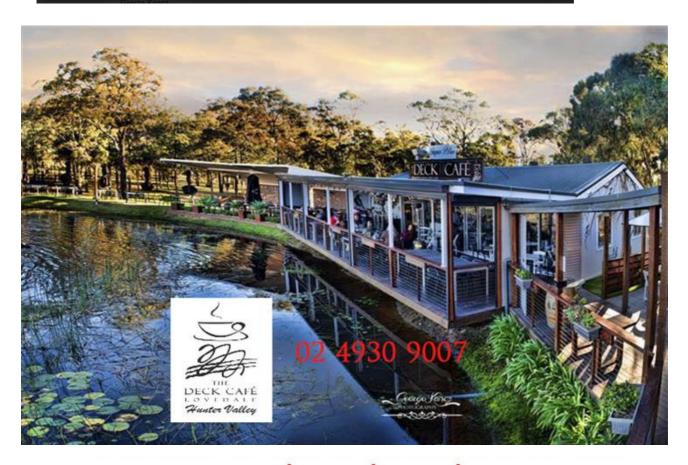








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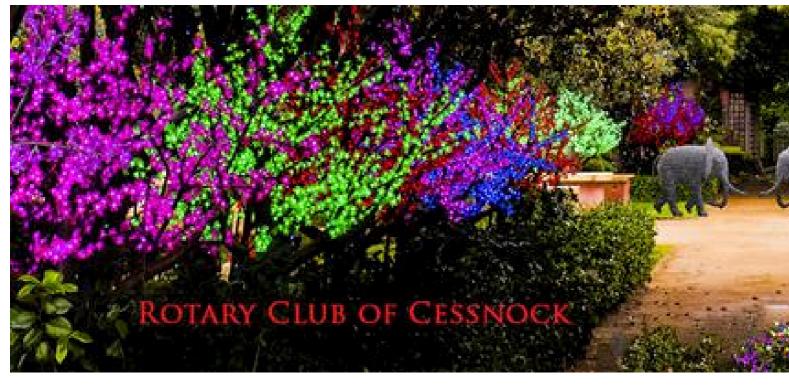








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Hunter Valley Garden Lights Spectacular over for another year

A man drinks a shot of whiskey every night before bed. After years of this, the wife wants him to quit. She gets two shot glasses, fills one with water and the other with whiskey. After bringing him to the table that has the glasses, she brings his bait box. She says, "I want you to see this." She puts a worm in the water, and it swims around. She puts a worm in the whiskey, and the worm dies immediately. She then says, feeling that she has made her point clear, "What do you have to say about this experiment?" He responds by saying, "If I drink whiskey, I won't get worms!"



