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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



It was nice to welcome members back to our first meeting for 2015 together with visitors AG Christine Walmsley, PP Welly Munro and his wife Jude who were visiting from New Zealand, and friends of Ross and Graham Lidbury, Terry New and Graham Grantham.

During our “time off” over the Christmas break, members took up the challenge to volunteer for the Christmas Lights Roster, thank you to all for your great efforts during the four weeks this year. Special thanks to Gail, Val and Lorraine, who manned the donations site with great results and a hefty deposit to our bank account. Members also turned out very early to celebrate Australia Day with a sausage sizzle at East Cessnock Park, see George’s photos on Facebook – some great shots.

AG Christine Walmsley addressed the club to remind members of the District Conference being held from 20th to 22nd March 2015 at Forster and to inform the Club that her application was accepted to promote the work of Gail Thomas and the Club members in the installation of the Healthy Living Lifestyle garden and kitchen at the East Cessnock Primary School, this will be a presentation at the conference.

Steve Crane gave the Club an update on the GSE Team visit which is from 12th to 16th March. Host families will use this time to involve the visitors at a day’s vocational insight at some of our local industries pertaining to the visiting members own employment field. Members of the Club are invited to join the visitors and host families on an introduction to our wonderful Hunter Valley district with the itinerary yet to be developed.

Graham Lidbury entertained us with a Trivia Sheet mainly on Australian questions, we really need to brush up on our history. Graham had a prize this week donated by Ross Lidbury of a metal “beer mat” created by his students, this was won by Brian Howe who blitzed the field with the top number of answers.

Sunday 15th February sees the first of our BBQs for the year, the event to take place at Maitland Park for the district football presentation. Bunnings BBQs are proving harder to get with the growing number of organisations registering for the event, our first one this year will be in April.

While we do not have many fundraising events lined up just at the moment I have a few thoughts on a major event so watch this space. I also think this gives us an opportunity to support our neighbouring clubs in their fundraising efforts. The first of these being The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise “light up Newcastle Lantern Walk” with a Chinese New Year theme. This event is being held on Saturday 21st February from 4pm at the Honey Suckle Precinct and is raising money for the Mission of Seafarers, this should be a great evening of fun, please show your support if possible. The second fundraising event for February is a night raising funds for Polio Plus which is the advanced screening of “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” which is being screened on Thursday 26th February at Glendale Cinemas, we are looking at a group booking so keep the date free and advise if you can join this event.

Toronto Sunrise is hosting a welcome to the members of the GSE Team from Germany on Tuesday 10th March at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto, 6.30 for 7pm, cost is \$38/person, all members welcome to attend this event.

On Sunday 15th March Nelson Bay Rotary Club have invited us to an interclub visit. We will meet at Nelson Bay for a trip across the bay with hopefully some dolphins to keep us company, lunch at Tea Gardens before returning. More information re this visit will hopefully be available next week.

Road side clean up takes place again this Saturday at 8am, a reminder that we take part in this activity to keep the entrance to Cessnock clean while showing our Rotary signs. If you can help out this event is just one hour the 1st Saturday of the month weather permitting. You also get the benefit of some fresh hour and a pleasant walk.

Your President, Vicki

CLUB GUESTS LAST MEETING



We had a very fun filled night back from a long break. Louise is playing paper planes with Iver (Viking One) after Iver's long speech about his travels since we all saw him last, which was before he went to Melbourne with Steve and Alison for the Christmas break. Our Iver, true to form performed pretty well telling us about virtually two months worth of events and entertaining us as usual. Iver will be moving on to his third host parents next Sunday. His third and last host parents are Greg and Lorraine and Iver is looking forward to another experience as all host parents are very different. We also had Terry New from Rutherford Telarah and Graham's guest Graham Grantham

A very dear couple now residing in New Zealand also came along to share some fellowship with some new and some old friends. Welly and Jude Munro are staying with Steve and Janette during their Aussie visit. Many of us remember Welly's contribution to our club over a number of years and his Presidency in the years 2003 - 2004, which just happened to have been the year before Janette became President. Welly and Jude still stay in touch with our club after all those years and Welly told me that he still enjoys receiving our weekly SPOKE. We all enjoyed seeing you both again.

ROSTER 12th Feb 2015

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Louise Selmes
TELLER:	Maley/Thomas
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Steve Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA
GUEST SPEAKER	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	TBA
FINE SESSION:	Peter carver

19th Feb

John Jowett
Maley/S Crane
Louise Selmes
N/A
N/A
N/A
Peter Carver

FUTURE EVENTS

15th Feb - BarBQ Maitland Park
21st Feb - Light up Newcastle Lantern Walk
23rd Feb - 110th Rotary Birthday
26th Feb - Film Premier Glendale
12-16 March - German GSE Visit

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.



Graham Lidbury had another trivia set of questions and our wisest Rotarian Brian was awarded the prize of knowing most of the questions. He wasn't quite so clewy about his prize though. The prize was donated by Ross Lidbury who had it left by one of his students doing a stainless steel project at TAFE. It turned out to be a beer drainer, which is a pretty practical prize. (????)

The group on the right are the host families who will be providing accommodation to the German GSE Team when they are visiting our club. (I know Johny Jowett has very fond memories of a previous GSE Team from the USA.)



The GSE Team going to Germany to represent District 9670 are also very keen to have a wonderful and new experience in Germany. For those of you who haven't been following our Districts team selections and progress, this is a story from the District Newsletter.

As their departure date of May 2015 approaches, the outgoing District 9670 Group Study Exchange (GSE) team are preparing for their adventure to Germany! Guten Tag! The District 9670 GSE team are well underway with their preparation for their exchange to Germany in May. Team members recently visited the gorgeous town of Mudgee, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of Team Leader, Birgit Smith and her husband Ross, for a weekend workshop. The weekend presented a great opportunity for the team to bond and to brush up on some German language skills, with Birgit having arranged some German speaking volunteers who put the team through their paces. The highlight of the weekend was certainly the morning spent volunteering at the Rotary Clubs of Mudgee community cinema—a fantastic initiative of the Clubs which provides affordable entertainment to local families and raises significant funding for other community projects in the area. It turns out the team is quite skilled in ushering, candy bar and tickets sales! The team is looking forward to their continued experience with Rotary and particularly meeting more Rotarians – next stop District Conference.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS





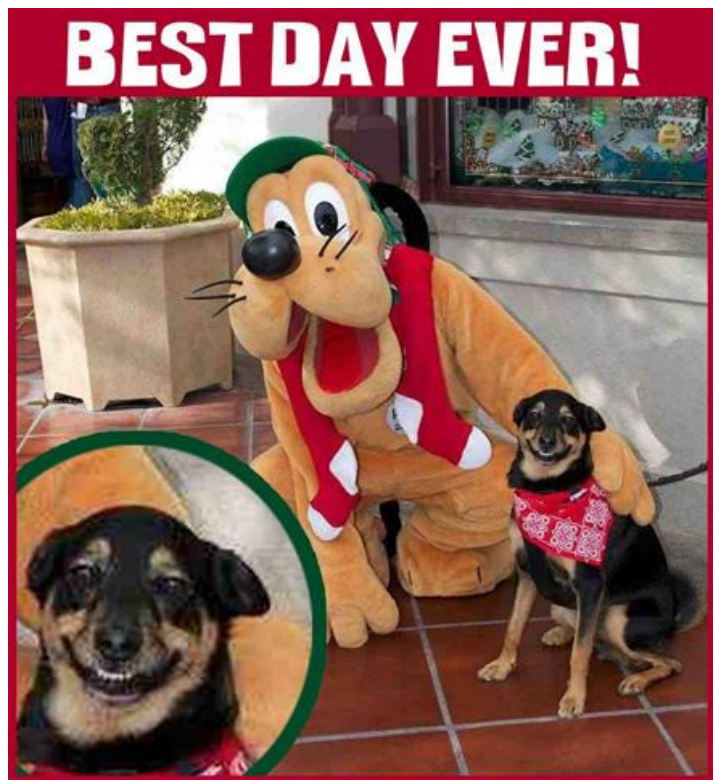
Everyone who took part in the early and the main celebrations enjoyed it. There were lots to do at the park and the children always love the face painting. There were many celebrities new Ausies inducted, many worthy awards to Cessnock citizens with the main honour going to Dr John Holly as the Citizen of the Year. Dr John Holly has served 30 plus years of dedication to his patients, as a local GP in town.



A few photos to prove just how good our Iver is at the National Futsal titles, which he attended. Iver has been asked to play soccer with the Weston Bears and he is already training with the team. We will have to form a cheer leading squad to go and watch some of the games once the season starts.



Some Ausie families went out of their way to make this years Australia Day Celebrations something to really remember. Gabrielle and Frederick are hosting Marie Nicolai from Belgium through the Rotary Club of Singleton. I am sure that Marie will remember that day and her host parents for many years to come, after she returns home.



TO ALL INTELLIGENT SPINNERS

I am sending this out to smart Spinners. I could not figure it out. My first thought was wrong and I had to look at the answer. See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common:

1. Banana 2. Dresser 3. Grammar 4. Potato 5. Revive 6. Uneven 7. Assess

Are you peeking, or have you already given up? Give it another try.... Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. No, it is not that they all have at least two double letters. Answer is below!

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.