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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

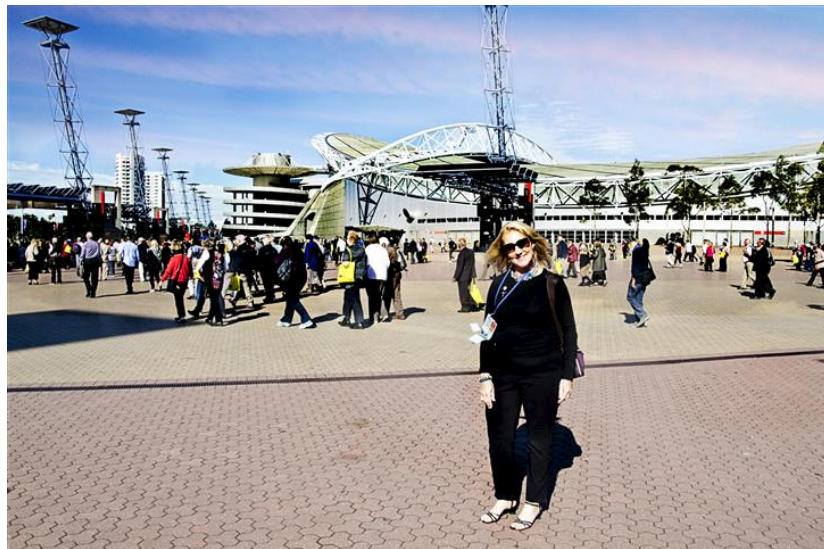
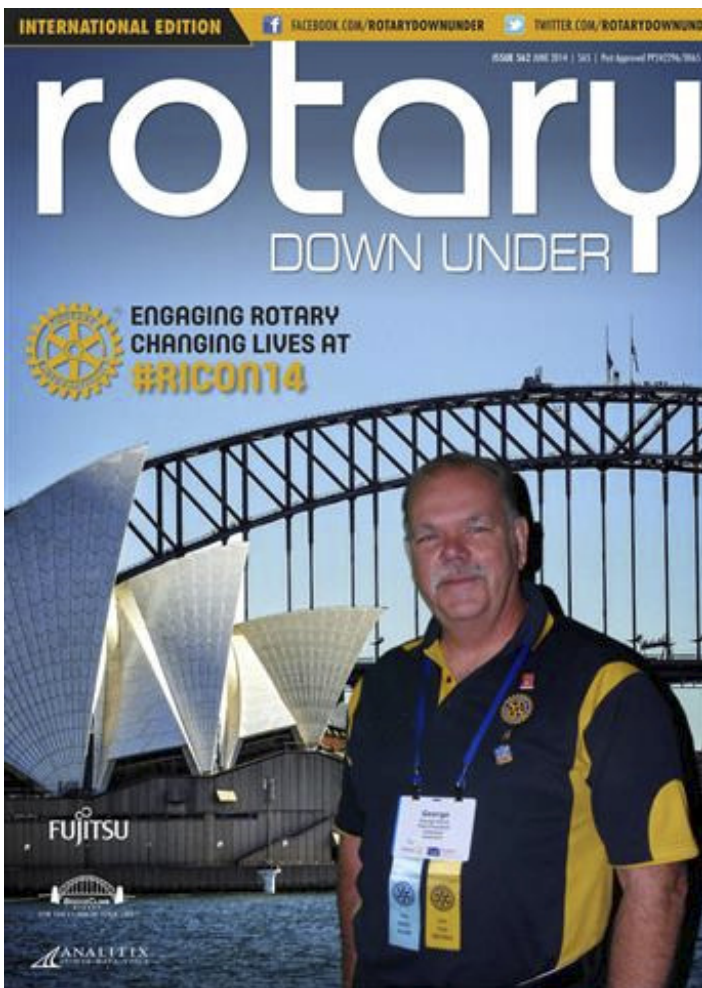


**PHOTOS FROM THE ARIZONA GROUP
OF ROTARIANS AT ROBYN DRAYTON'S**

What a great international family Rotary is. On Thursday we welcomed a group of Rotarians from Arizona USA. They were welcomed by our Mayor and fellow Rotarian Cr. Bob Pynsent during brunch at Robyn Drayton's Wines and the visitors were very impressed that our Mayor spent over an hour with them in conversation and fellowship. The brunch was followed by a tour of some wineries and culminated in a dinner at Robyn's at night. The food, wine and fellowship were great. One would not have known that we had only met for the first time only hours earlier. The visitors were lavish in their praise to the members of our club for the welcome and fellowship during their visit. Thank you Robyn and your helpers for arranging and executing such a great day. This truly was a Rotary family event. President David



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2014 - SYDNEY



Robyn has been quite busy. I was lucky to have partnered her at the Sydney Rotary International Convention but she had to return early to put on the dinner plus doing a winery tour for our Arizona group of Rotarians. I was busy posing for the Rotary Down Under magazine. We took a few good photos at the Convention and around Sydney but Robyn somehow managed to loose all her photos. Reminds me of someone at the District Conference last year in Port Macquarie.

ROSTER 12th June 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: David Lennon
WELCOME TO GUESTS: A Crane/ Selmes
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: John Jowett
GUEST SPEAKER: David Lennon
VOTE OF THANKS: Rosylin Dollisson
FINE SESSION: Vicki Steep
STEWARDS: George Koncz
All members

19th June 2014

John Jowett
A Crane/ Steep
George Koncz
N/A
Board Meeting
N/A
Jack Grant
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

12th June - Roslyn Dollisson Author
Aging, illness, injury and death.
19th June - Board meeting
10th July - Changeover Dinner.

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

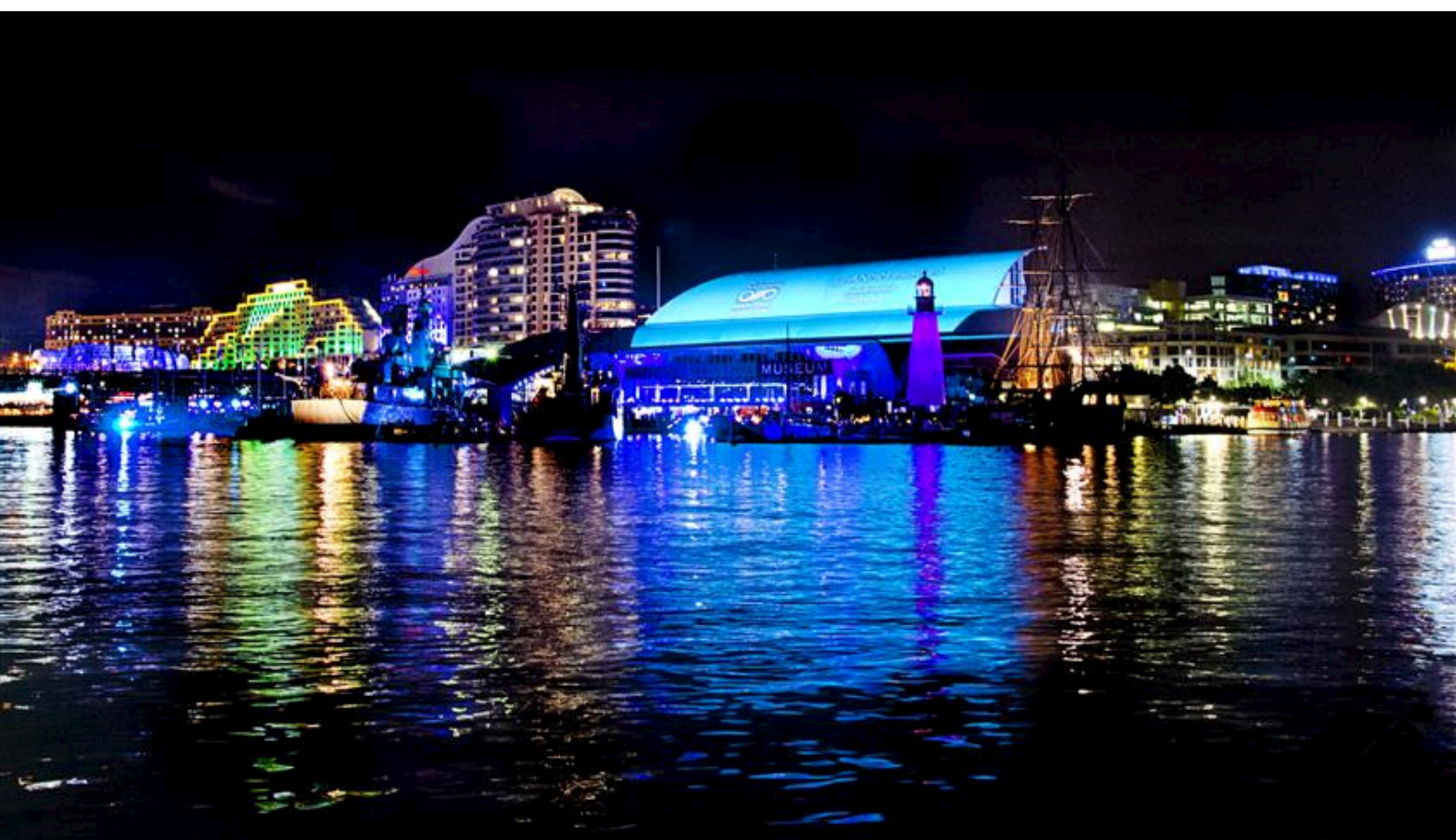
Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

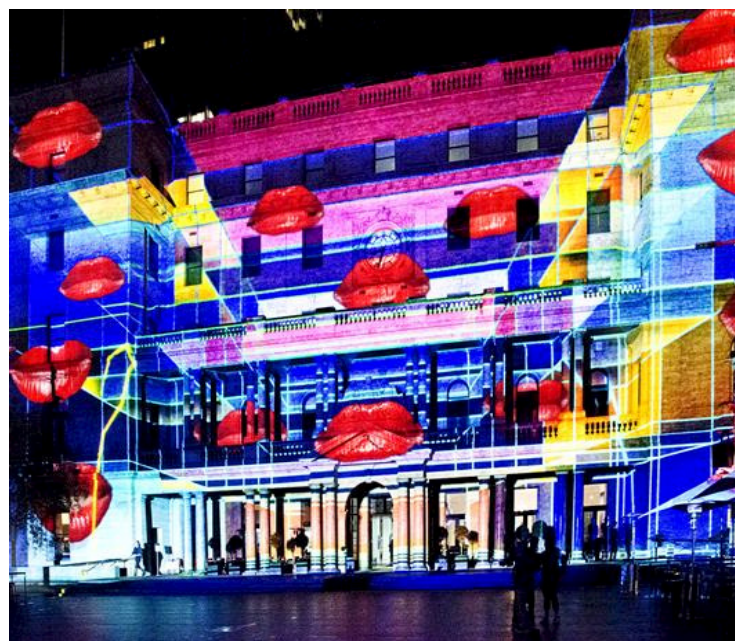
REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2014 SYDNEY AUSTRALIA



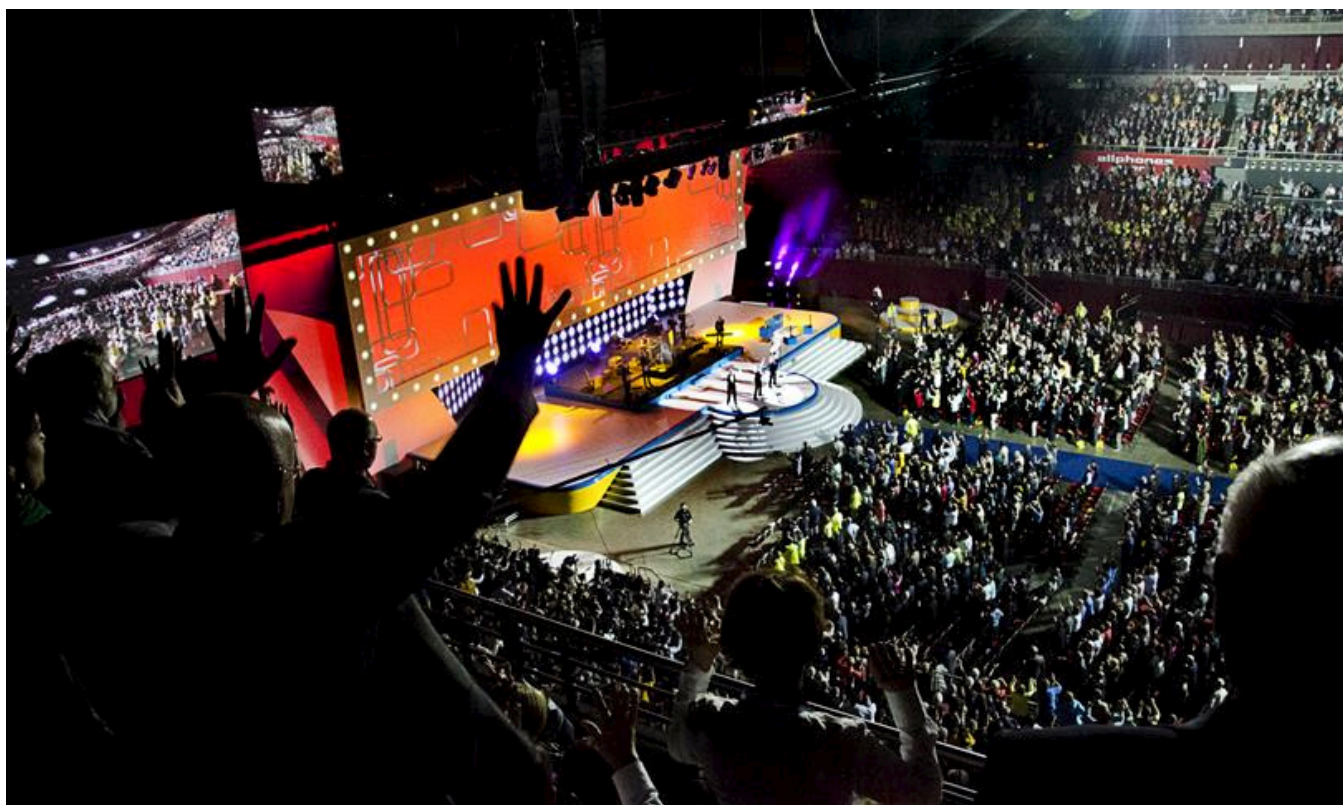
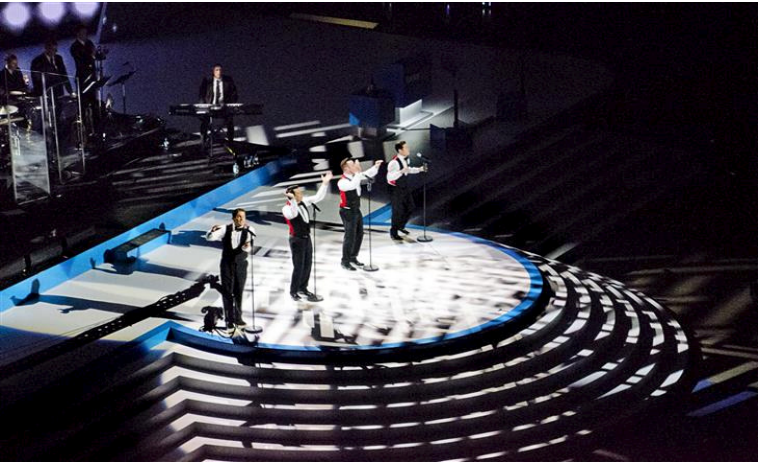
Next week we will be challenged by Roslyn Dollisson who will speak to us on aging, illness and life – things that are real to many of us. Please come along and enjoy this night!



The Rotary International Convention was attended by about 18,000 Rotarians from all around the world. Our club had six members attending, Steve & Janette Jackson, Greg & Lorraine Bevan, Robyn Drayton and George Koncz. There were many highlights during the Convention at the Olympic Village as well as in Sydney itself. The Vivid Lights Spectacular was an interesting thing to see with many landmark buildings having a light change over them.



Robyn and I went to the Toronga Zoo Dinner which was put on by the first Rotary Club in Sydney or indeed Australia. We are pictured with current President and Greg Kay the editor of the Rotary Down Under magazine. We also met Claire Harkness who was an Exchange Student two years ago in our District who was a member of my first Capricorn Ramble trip. I was taking photos of the Sydney skyline and a most pleasant surprise, I just happened to bump into Claire who is back visiting from Canada. Another coincidence was in the group photo with the exchange students. The chap with the L plates on his jacket is Alejandro Barosso Huber who just happens to be the brother of Irene who our club hosted from Spain a few years ago. What a small Rotary world. The opening ceremony had many highlights especially Human Nature performing, who were just fantastic. . Brett Lee and other guest speakers were also very entertaining and we learned about their individual Rotary projects.





Tony Abbot, our Prime Minister, was very well received and extremely popular especially after he disclosed the \$10,000,000 donation towards the Polio Plus program. Toby Filz is another Austrian exchange student in our District and he is pictured with Ron Burton, the current Rotary International President. Not everyone could be as lucky as Toby to be pictured Ron Burton himself. The flag parade was quite spectacular as were the aboriginal singers and dancers.



More than 300 Rotary members, broke two world records on the Harbour Bridge! The climbers set new records for most different flags flown simultaneously (previously 143) and most people ever on the Harbour Bridge (previously 316). In doing so, they also raised over \$108,000 to protect children against the disabling disease polio.

The Opera House and the ferry rides around the Harbour were equally spectacular. The free public transport on the trains and the ferry were good incentives to do a bit of sight seeing around Sydney and no matter where you went, there Rotary name tags to be seen everywhere.

