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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The James Johnson Award for coal mining academic and practical excellence is a tradition dating back many years in the history of The Rotary Club of Cessnock as we were reminded by historian Brian Howe at the meeting on Thursday night. The recipient of the 2013 award Jeff Walters gave a great speech on his personal history including the demands on family during his study period and the time and commitment required to succeed in the statutory roles of the coal mining industry. Jeff was supported by his Head teachers at Kurri TAFE Angus Webster and Chris Booth. Congratulations Jeff, you really deserved this award. This was one of the better James Johnson Award nights and congratulations go to our own Bill Flett for organising the night and doing all the hard work behind the scenes. Thanks Bill.

Next week is the annual Effie O'Neil Debate between Cessnock and Mount View High School. Don't miss it! These debating teams are considered amongst the best in the Cessnock LGA and we look forward to another great night of debating. It is a partners night so please come and support our young men and women in this historical debate.





Our Austrian Exchange student Matt is enjoying his stay with the Jacksons and his coat is slowly getting covered in badges already. Matt's English is also slowly improving and he will be getting the hang of the "Gooday Mate" before you know it. Its only a few weeks before the new Inbounds meet up with our students at Tocal who will be our Outbounds in early next year.



Thanks Bill for organising the James Johnston Awards Night. **A small excerpt from our archives:**

ADDRESS BY DR. CONOLLY 'ARMY LIFE SIDELIGHTS.' The address at Cessnock Rotary Club last Thursday night (17th October 1944) was given by Dr. W. Conolly. His address was on side lights from Army life.' . Rotarian Conolly paid a tribute to the work of the 'Red Cross, Salvation. Army and! the Comforts Fund. He raised the work of the natives, On behalf of the Club, Rotarian J. Johnston moved a vote of thanks to the speaker. The Club's new President, Rotarian J. Brown, presided.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SPEAKER. Rotarian Jim Johnston will be the speaker at next Thursday night's dinner. His subject will be Rotary and Its Influences. In view of the wide Rotary ' experience of . Mr. Johnston! who was the Cessnock Club's first President, this talk should be of great value.

ROSTER 12th Sep			19th Sep			FUTURE EVENTS		
INTERNATIONAL TOAST	N/A		George Koncz			11th Sep - Community Connect BarBQ		
TELLER:	Maley/S Jackson		Maley/Selmes			12th Sep - Efie O'Neil School Debate		
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Peter Carver		Graham Lidbury			19th Sep - Board Meeting		
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Vicki Steep		N/A			26th Sep - DG Brian Atkins visit		
GUEST SPEAKER	DEBATE		Board Review			10th Oct - Renee Hudson & HAT DAY		
VOTE OF THANKS:	Gail Thomas		N/A			This will be a Partners Night		
FINE SESSION:	N/A		Peter Carver					
STEWARDS:	All members		All members					

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.



The Rotaract Club of Cessnock presenting the money from Carrie's Masquerade Ball to Jenny Harland from Carrie's Place. — with [Beth McGeachie](#), [Kendall Towers](#), [Hayley Doherty](#), [Sebastian Koncz](#), [Ellie Goodyer](#) and [Christiana McDonald-Spicer](#).

A businessman was confused about a bill he had received, so he asked his secretary for some mathematical help. "If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?" he asked her. The secretary replied, "Everything but my earrings."

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming with plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our friends." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

- GREAT TRUTHS:**
1. *In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. – John Adams*
 2. *If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. – Mark Twain*
 3. *Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. – Mark Twain*
 4. *I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. – Winston Churchill*



In Japan, Rotary is taken very seriously. Our Ausies are trying to lighten up the mood a bit. Can you spot the three Ausies?



Its catch up time for some of our returned Inbound students in Scandinavia. The Danish and Finnish counterparts meet. Ella from Finland is next to Rhianna who is currently in Finland and Rachel is next to her counterpart Remy who is currently in Denmark. The last time these four students met was in Australia before Rhianna and Remy left on exchange. Plus our Ausie flag is being flown from one corner of the world to the other. Remy is displaying it in Norway and all the way over in the USA, Bella is flying it on the edge of the Grande Canyon. Our Outbounds are about three quarters of the way through their year of being our ambassadors. What a year it would have been already.

1 in 5 Australians suffer a mental illness every year. This October, Australian Rotary Health is asking Rotary Clubs in Australia to partner with us in hosting a Hat Day event where 100% of proceeds will fund vital mental health research. Rotary Clubs have been our biggest supporters to date. Will your Club get on board? Here's what we're inviting you to do:

1. Dedicate a 'Partners Club Meeting' to host a Hat Day event.

2. Set a Date

Aim for Hat Day on Friday October 11th, 2013 or during Mental Health Week (6th - 13th October). Or maybe some time during Mental Health Month (October).

3. Get the Details, Get the Resources

Will it be a brekkie, morning tea, lunch or night? We have plenty of resources - event guide, posters, flyers, bulletin insert - to help you organise and promote the event. There's even a Trivia Night package with 10 rounds of Hat-themed trivia questions and answers, answer sheets and more.

Find resources at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or by calling the office on **02 8837 1900**.

4. Set the theme

It could be 'Wear a Hat' or something more specific - 'Sports Hats', 'Hats of the World', 'Race Day Hats'.

5. Work out a Collection Strategy

Will you charge an entry fee or simply pass the hat around? Find your Receipt Sheet enclosed.

6. Bank Your Funds

7. Tell us how you went

Send us your Hat Day event photos and tell us how much you raised, email info@hatday.com.au



What is hat day? Friday October 11 is Hat Day, the fun-raising day where you wear a hat and make a donation to help shine a light on mental illness in Australia. 100% of money raised on the day goes to research into helping those affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses. Hat Day is an initiative of Australian Rotary Health, the largest non-government funder of mental illness research in Australia.

Our Club will get involved on the 10th October with the "HAT DAY" event.

Stay tuned for further details as the day draws closer. It will be a Partners Night.