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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Douglas Adams in his book *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul* reflects that "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be." I believe this observation also reflects the life of one of our newest members Alison who in giving us her 'this is your life' talk last night caused us to realise just what a special person she is. I also reflected how our club is blessed with many special women – and special men too. Rotary is a community and world wide family of special people and the world is a better place because of them. We are fortunate that Alison and her husband Stephen chose to become members of our Rotary Club. Well done Alison!

Next week another significant Rotarian Rod Doherty will speak to us on community matters from a Councillors and community leader's perspective. Rod has been involved in community matters for many years and has achieved much. Please come along and hear Rod. Also please be active in bringing friends and others to hear Dr. John Tierney on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

President David



**President David with our new member Alison Crane and her sponsor Robyn Drayton.**





Our exchange student Matt looking very much at home with four returned exchange students, at the debriefing session. The girls definitely outnumbered the boys last year on Outbound Exchange, but I don't think that Matt thought that it was too big a problem.

District 9670 had a fantastic group of Exchange Students overseas last year representing Australia in their chosen countries of choice. Each students thought that they have found another place in the world in which they can call home. They all had great experiences which were shared and they now have friends all around the world to visit some time in the future. They all left our shores a year ago as eager young students and returned as very grateful young adults with an experience that they will treasure forever. Two of the students who were missing had their story read out on their behalf. Maddy Gerrats has returned to France to complete her schooling in France after coming fourth in her year (in France) during her exchange. Another student, Alex Neal Mahony is in Germany and it looks like it will be her permanent home from now on if it all works out for her.



#### **ROSTER 6th February 2014**

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Trish Davies  
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/S Jackson  
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Steve Crane  
GUEST SPEAKER: President David  
VOTE OF THANKS: Rod Doherty  
FINE SESSION: George Koncz  
STEWARDS: Peter Carver  
All members

#### **13th February**

Stephen Crane  
Maley/ Thomas  
Margaret Maley  
President David  
Board Meeting  
N/A  
Peter Carver  
All members

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

13th Feb - Rod Doherty - LGA Councillor and member of Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri.  
20th Feb - Board Meeting  
27th Feb - John Tierney

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.**



## DEBRIEFING FOR OUR RETURNED OUTBOUNDS FOR 3013.



The Debriefing Day was an outstanding success led by our very own club member and Chairman for District 9670 Youth Exchange Committee, Greg Bevan. The committee was very proud of these returned students who did an outstanding job as being our "Ambassadors". The students, parents and the committee learned about a lot of valuable lessons and information which will be beneficial to share for future exchanges in the years to come.



# D9670 RYPEN

## 25 Year Celebration



- Date** 27 February 2014, 6.15pm
- Venue** Marina Views Function Centre  
First Floor Fishermans Co-op  
97 Hannell Street, Wickham
- Cost** \$45 Hors-D'oeuvres and 2 Course including complimentary drinks
- Tickets** <http://stickytickets.com.au/13054>  
(Numbers need to be confirmed by Thursday 13th February 2014)
- Contact** Zoey Kirwan 0410 664 224  
zoey.kirwan@gmail.com



This night is about celebrating the students who have participated in the program and the volunteers who have made it all possible.

Hear from Rotarians, Past participants, Parents and Facilitators.

***Come celebrate with us!***

Duncan Burck – RYPEN Committee Chair

## DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE

### 28TH TO 30TH MARCH 2014

Don't miss this exciting weekend of entertainment, fun, "Rotary Highlights" and guest speakers.

**OUR VISION  
OUR FUTURE**



**ROTARY 9670 WILL PROUDLY  
PRESENT A MARCHING BAND &  
ENTERTAINMENT SPECTACULAR**

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING  
EVENT FRIDAY 28TH MARCH  
2014**



**district9670  
AUSTRALIA**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM  
7:30PM TO 10:00PM**



## **GUEST SPEAKER - 13th February 2014. ROD DOHERTY LGA COUNCILLOR.**



Having lived in Ward D, Kurri Kurri and Mt Vincent for close to 40 years I have developed a keen interest in the things that matter. Jobs, economic development, good facilities for our community and a personal desire to see the district prosper. It was during my employment as the Community Relations Officer at the Alcan Aluminium Smelter where I worked for 18 years that I became involved with the Kurri Kurri district business community. In 1989 I was elected Secretary of the Chamber for 3 years and then served a further 13 years as Secretary from 1994 before being appointed to the Presidents role in 2008.



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**27th February 2014**

**Senator for New South Wales 1991-2005**

**Liberal Party of Australia**

#### **Parliamentary Service**

Appointed by the Governor of New South Wales on 11.2.1991 under section 15 of the Constitution to represent that State in the Senate, vice the Hon. PE Baume (resigned) (term ended 30.6.1993). Elected 1993 (term began 1.7.1993) and 1998. Defeated at general elections 2004. Resigned 14.4.2005.

#### **Parliamentary Appointments**

Parliamentary Representative on the Council of the National Library of Australia from 22.11.92 to 14.3.05.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." - Stephen Grellet

*Guy walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched straight up to the counter and said, 'Hi. You know, I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job.'*  
*The social worker behind the counter said, 'Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful daughter. You'll have to drive around in his Mercedes, and he'll supply all of your clothes. Because of the long hours, meals will be provided. You'll be expected to escort the daughter on her overseas holiday trips and you will have to satisfy her sexual urges. You'll be provided a two-bedroom apartment above the garage. The salary is \$200,000 a year.'*  
*The guy, wide-eyed, said, 'You're taking the mickey....!'*  
*The social worker said, 'Yeah, well . . . you started it.'*

## ROMANCE

An older couple were lying in bed one night.

The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me."

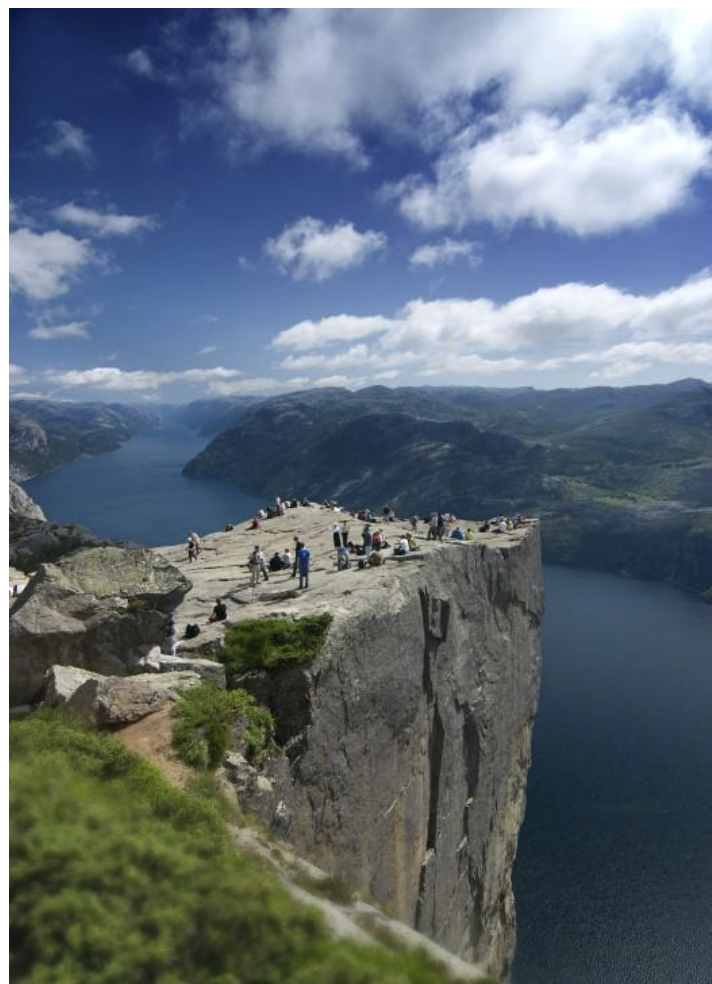
Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth!"



**Anyone in our club ready for a mountain holiday?**

The most important requirement is that you are not afraid of heights. The scenery is free once you get there and breath taking. I'll take numbers next week.