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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK  
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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Anatole France a French author and poet and who won a Nobel Prize for literature in 1921 observed *"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe"*. Cessnock has been and still is blessed with people who do great things and who dream, act, plan and believe. Peter Rosemond is one of these great people and his dream, his actions, his planning and above all, his belief that any investment in our youth will achieve much reward beyond the usual mathematical or commercial measurements. The PCYC's continuance is now assured because of Peter's dreams, actions, planning and belief. Thank you Peter for the time spent with us last Thursday night. Another special person who is a Past President and many other things in our club, Steve Jackson, has been appointed as the District Governor Nominee for 2016/17. This is another great achievement for the Rotary Club of Cessnock who has supplied two recent District Governors in PDG Greg Bevan and PDG Janette Jackson. Congratulations Steve and well done and we trust your term will be one of great fellowship and growth.

Next week we will hear from Barbara McPhee and her role in the mining approval process in our local Government Area. Please come along and share some fellowship with Barbara. President David.



President David with our guest speaker Peter Rosemond and Louise Selmes who gave Peter a fantastic and heart felt thank you for the effort and long term support that Peter has put into the PCYC. Louise has been a long supporter of both Peter and the PCYC and of all the work that has gone on for a number of years now, regarding this valuable project that will be enjoyed by youngsters and the young at heart. Another great coup for our club, we learned that Mr Casual Ross Lidbury is going to transfer to our club. How lucky are we? We all look forward to seeing you more often Ross.



# THE CAPRICORN RAMBLE CONTINUES



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## ROSTER 15th May May

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: George Koncz  
 WELCOME TO GUESTS: A Crane/Thomas  
 INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Peter Carver  
 GUEST SPEAKER: N/A  
 VOTE OF THANKS: Board Meeting  
 FINE SESSION: N/A  
 STEWARDS: Steve Jackson  
 All members

## 22nd May 2014

David Lennon  
 A Crane/Steep  
 Graham Lidbury  
 Brian Howe  
 Barbara McFee  
 Trish Davies  
 Gail Thomas  
 All members

## FUTURE EVENTS

15th May - Board Meeting  
 22nd May - Barbara McFee  
 (Mining approvals in the LGA)

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](mailto:lids@westnet.com.au)

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





How brilliant to see our Inbound students enjoying the 2014 Safari around half of Australia. Our Matt is obviously in the thick of it with his hand single (whatever that means) The last lot of photos we saw the upper North of Australia with the diving and the Great Barrier reef photos. Since then they have visited the areas surrounding Cairns with the Upper Tablelands, enjoying the waterfalls and the rainforests. This area is always a favourite on the tour. Next they flew to the red centre where the atmosphere of Australia would have had a dramatic change in atmosphere. The first major tour would have been the Kings Canyon where you see so many international flags to prove to us, that they are truly enjoying the safari. Uluru is also a major highlight of the tour, usually running second as the favourite . I wonder how many climbed Uluru this year, we will find out when Matt gets home. Just look on the faces of the students, to see that they appreciate what Australia has to offer. The photos tell the story which they will be able to cherish and share long after the safari has finished.



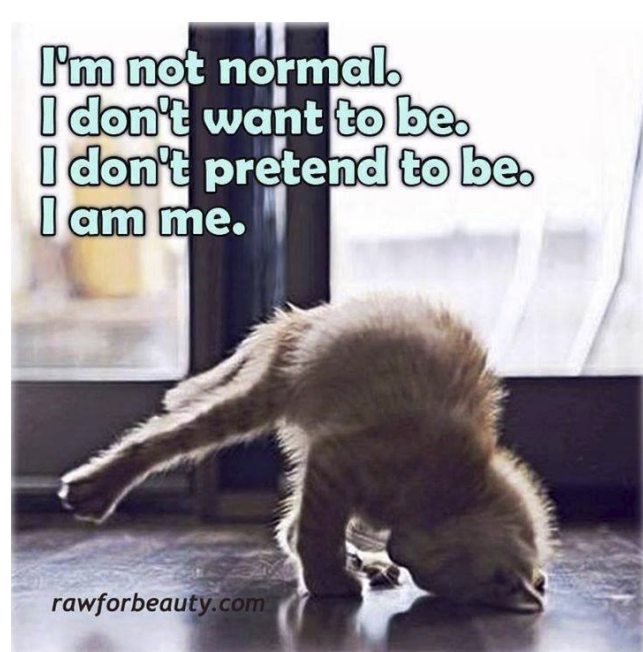
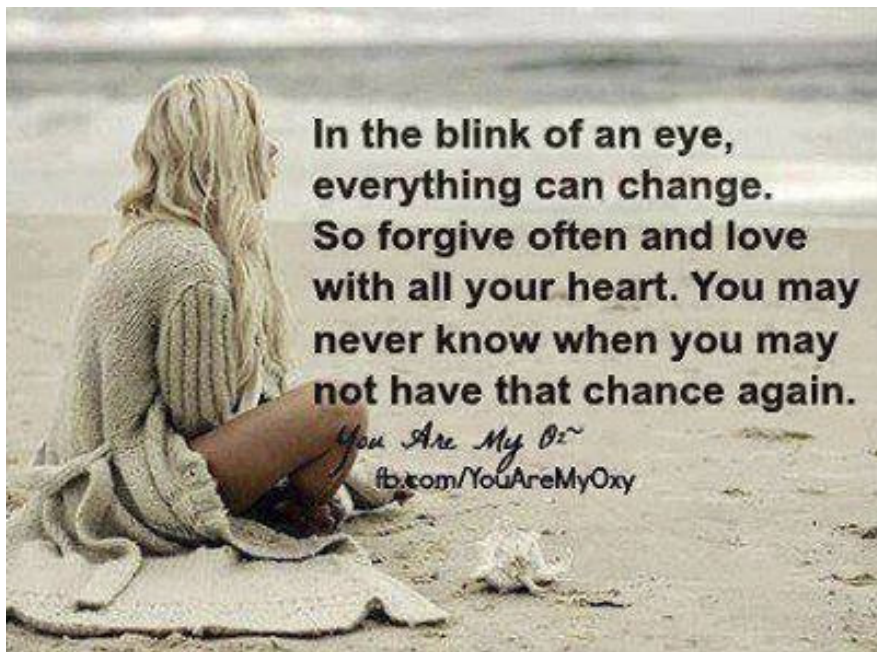


Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums out there. Claudia would like to thank everyone who brought the small Mothers Day gift which she prepared to celebrate the special day.

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother, for Mothers Day. The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you, both beat. You know how Mom enjoys the Bible, and you know she can't see very well. I sent her a brown parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 monks in a monastery 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000.00 a year for 10 years, but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it." Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote the first son, "The house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house." "Marvin," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Melvin," she wrote to her third son, "You were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. That chicken was delicious."







Sometimes you meet someone and it's so clear that the two of you, on some level, belong together. As lovers, or as friends, or as family or as something entirely different. You just work. You understand each other. You meet these people throughout your life, out of nowhere, under the strangest circumstances, and they help you feel alive. I don't know if that makes me believe in coincidence, fate or sheer blind luck. But it definitely makes me believe in something.

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One year is such a short time when you consider it. It was only about a year ago that our exchange student Fanny was on the Capricorn Ramble at this time last year. Since then she has returned home, started to fit back into her home routine, just thinking about us on the odd occasion and she is pictured with her equally beautiful sister back in Hungary. Claudia and I were fortunate enough to visit Fanny and to meet her family just after she returned home. It just brings back so many wonderful memories.