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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT



This week we celebrated our Club's 77th Change over Dinner with the night being well attended by both members and guests enjoying a night of fellowship.

I congratulate David on a very successful year.

Everyone followed with interest his portrayal of a brief history of our Club's achievements and involvement in local and overseas communities over the past 77 years. Of special interest was the actual support and donations to community groups for this year – well done David and the Club.

We also presented the Innovations & Excellence Awards to two very worth recipients for their providing Cessnock with two fine establishments which both support the local community and tourist industries of our district.

Awards were presented to: John Harvey for The Royal Oak Hotel & 221 Restaurant providing a welcoming atmosphere in which to relax while enjoying excellent dining, coffee in the lounge or side walk café, accommodation and bar area. The other award was presented to Ross Crump for his innovation in rebuilding an icon in the North Cessnock Area – PK's Olde General Store and Out Th' Back Coffee Garden. Ross has extended the services over several years from a service station to the establishment becoming a place for locals and tourists to be able to buy not only fuel but also daily necessities including newsagency requirements or relax with a coffee in the newly completed coffee garden.

The night also saw the presentation to David Clark with a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin awarded for his tireless work which is always carried out under the avenues of Rotary Service. Well done and congratulations David.

Last but by no means least, was my induction to be your Club President for the coming year and the induction of the 2014/15 Board Members, David Clark (Immediate Past President and Service Director), Robyn Drayton (President Elect and Director of Fundraising), Janette Jackson (Secretary), Alison Crane (Treasurer), George Koncz (Director of New Generations & Public Relations), Louise Selmes (Director of Membership), Steve Crane (Director of Foundation), Graham Lidbury (Director of Administration & Fellowship) and David Lennon (Programme Co-ordinator). Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you this year. I trust that I can follow in the footsteps of Past Presidents and successfully lead our Club to fulfil Rotary's community awareness, support community service groups, broaden our awareness of community needs and other avenues of Rotary service and provide fun and fellowship along the journey for the next twelve months. Let us this year indeed "Light Up Rotary". Your President, Vicki

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHANGEOVER



Past DG Ted Atchison was the District Governor representative, who awarded David Clark with the first Sapphire Paul Harris Award recognition in our club. Well done David, we are all very proud of you. Before Vicki took over as president, she awarded John Harvey and Ross Crump with the club's Innovation and Excellence Awards, for outstanding service to the Cessnock Community. Then came the awards by President David before he handed over the gavel to our new President Vicki. Cutting of the cake followed with an end to a fun filled night of fellowship.



ROSTER 17th July 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Robyn Drayton
TELLER: Maley/ J Jackson
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Steve Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: N/A
GUEST SPEAKER: N/A
VOTE OF THANKS: N/A
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver
STEWARDS: All members

24th July 2014

TBA

All members

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

CESSNOCK ROTARY BOARD FOR 2014 - 2015



President David completed his successful year by awarding a number of recipients with a generous donation towards the East Cessnock School project run by Gail, the Girl guides, the Driver Awareness Project and our local Rescue Squad. Having completed his year, President David swore in our new President Vicki. President Vicki congratulated David on a great year and introduced her new Board. There isn't too many changes but we now have both Steve and Alison Crane on the board, which is a show of commitment from both of them, being new members to our club. They have also agreed to take part as host parents for our new exchange student from Norway, who will shortly be arriving in Australia.



WE ARE IN FOR A GREAT NEW ROTARY YEAR