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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Even though the meeting took a little more time this week I will be brief with the report as our Editor in Chief has requested I send it in tonight to allow him to go on holidays tomorrow.

The evening began with our AGM of which minutes taken by David Clark will be forwarded to all members in due course. The main topics discussed were the acceptance of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 5th December 2013, the adoption of the Annual Report presented at the Club Changeover Dinner in July 2014, the adoption of the Audited Financial Statement for the Year ended 30th June 2014, nomination and acceptance by the Club for Stephen Jackson to be retained as the Club's Public Officer.

President Elect Robyn Drayton was called forward to accept the position for the 2014/15 year and put forward her board nominations. Robyn and I had previously met to discuss the challenges Robyn was facing acquiring acceptance from members to fill positions for the coming year and the way forward for the club. At this stage a motion was put to the floor to adopt my re-election for a 2nd year of Presidency with Robyn retaining her nomination as President Elect for the 2015/16 year and possible double term. The motion was accepted and members endorsed our strategy for the coming terms of office. I thank you sincerely for your support. While discussions continue with prospective members for board positions, David Clark has been nominated and accepted for the position of Secretary and Louise Selmes the position of Treasurer for the coming year. Both David and Louise are committed Rotarians and I look forward to working with them

again next year. A huge thank you to all who attended the HVG Christmas lights especially to Gail and Lorraine for their efforts in shaking the bucket and enticing people to donate to our club, Gail exceeded previous nights with over \$500 on Saturday, well done.

David Clark will be circulating the roster for our next attendance at the Christmas Lights for the period 13th to 26th January, please check your diaries and advise your availability as soon as possible.

We also have a BBQ at Bunnings on FRIDAY 26th December, it is an odd day but I checked with management and they confirmed that this is the day allocated to us, please let David know if you can help out, times are between 8.30am – 11am; 11am – 1.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

The 26th January is the Australia Day Breakfast, it is an early start but worth the effort, please keep this date free to help out, email will be sent out for this roster in January.

Owing to the inclement weather the roadside clean up has been again cancelled for this month.

Next week sees our last meeting for this year. This will be a partner's night with a presentation from Louise's granddaughter Chloe on her attendance at RYPEN followed by our Christmas dinner with entertainment provided by Peter and Kaye Carver. Ross Lidbury has requested that we all come in our best attire with a Christmas theme. Judging by Ross's colourful presence this week we could be in for some competition for the best dressed.

See you all next week, President Vicki

Merry Christmas Everyone



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and families who receive our Cessnock Spoke, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. I hope that next weeks Christmas Party will be a success just like all the previous years and I am sorry that I won't be there to share it with you. I would also like to thank everyone who so gladly volunteer each week to have their photo taken, without that this newsletter simply wouldn't be the same. Cheers and best wishes - George.

ROSTER 18th Dec 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Vicki Steep	
TELLER:	Alison Crane	
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Louise Selmes	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	N/A	N/A
GUEST SPEAKER	N/A	N/A
VOTE OF THANKS:	N/A	N/A
FINE SESSION:	Peter carver	Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members	All members

FUTURE EVENTS

18th Dec - Christmas Party (final night)
26th Dec - Bunnings BarBQ

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 Christmas season is well and truly with us already. Some exchange students were in that Christmas spirit in the top photos and the children at the Wheeling and Able Christmas party were absolutely delighted to hear the great choir and to have Santa present them with a special gift.

WHEELING AND ABLE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014



Families, carers, choir members, the children and Rotarians come along each year to celebrate the joy of Christmas and to share this time of the year with the Wheeling & Able family group of friends.



What a fantastic Christmas Party to see the joy on the faces of these very special children. The choir is a real plus every year and there are always so many special moments to capture. Thanks again to our Santa who brings out the smiles on the children's faces. We have so many photos from each year and they may prove to be quite valuable to these children when they are a bit older and they have a record of their younger days, to look back over. Maybe one year we could present a small album to the group of the previous years Christmas parties.



Look carefully in each picture for the cat as it makes its way down from the roof to the dog. Then, check the explanation at the end.

The story behind this picture is this:

Every day - at the same time - she waits for him. Sometimes she barks to call him. He comes; they rub and greet each other and they go for a walk.

They have done this for 5 years and no, they don't belong to the same owners.

The owners didn't know until neighbours, seeing them together so frequently, commented to the cat's owner, who then followed the dog home and discovered it was

a distance away, not in a house close by or next door. How it started no one knows.

Wouldn't it be great to have friends like this always there, no words needed, they just intuitively recognize the value of each other in their lives and act accordingly.

Live, Laugh, Love

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.

The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.

you sleep kid... I'll watch for Santa.



**WHEN YOU STOP
believing
in Santa
 YOU GET
UNDERWEAR**

