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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT



We were all exposed to the life and deeds of a good man last Thursday night when we paid tribute to Don Perkins who was a Rotarian for 48 years – 9 years at Moree and 39 years with the Rotary Club of Cessnock. To listen to the many speakers who shared both Rotarian and life's experience with Don left us all with no doubt they were speaking about a great man. I do not know the author of this quote but I believe it summarises the reason why Don is held in such high professional and personal esteem. "Make it a habit to give - whether yourself, your time, a word of your encouragement, or a listening ear - and you will find peace and happiness that can't be beat". I trust that Don will also enjoy for the rest of his days the peace and happiness that he has given to so many of his friends, acquaintances, students and fellow Rotarians over many years.

Thank you Don for being you!

Well next week is our Christmas Party and thanks to Peter and Kaye Carver for organising this event for us. I ask that all members, partners and friends make a special effort to enjoy this last Rotary night together. Please advise Graham of your attendance early so we can have the room suitably set up. President David.



Dear Don, Thank you so much for those 48 years which you dedicated to the cause of Rotary. I have always been one of your supporters and Rotary friends since the day I joined Rotary. I am extremely sorry I was not able to be there to share your special night with our Cessnock Rotary Club. All the best for the future, your Rotary friend - George Koncz.

WHEELING AND ABLE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
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ROSTER 19th December

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TELLER: Maley/J Jackson

WELCOME TO GUESTS:

INTRODUCE SPEAKER:

GUEST SPEAKER Christmas Party

VOTE OF THANKS:

FINE SESSION:

STEWARDS: All members All members

NEXT YEAR

FUTURE EVENTS

19th Dec - Christmas Party at Potters

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.



We were very fortunate yet again to share the wonder of Christmas with this wonderful Organisation to bring the spirit of Christmas to so many beautiful children. Our club has had the privileged to help out and provide Santa for countless years and lets hope that we brought lots of merriment to this special group of children and families, in this joyous time of year. We have seen a lot of the same faces through the years and its really great to see their progress. The young lady holding Louse's hand couldn't walk out of her wheelchair last Christmas and if she were able, then I'm sure that Louse would have been there to help her dance. With the progress that some children make, she may be on the dance floor next year. Our club is indeed proud to be involved every year.



Vicki would like to remind us all that we still have a commitment from 10th - 26th Jan 2014 At the Hunter Valley Gardens Lights.



HUNTER VALLEY
Gardens

Volunteers & Your Immediate Families

Thank You BBQ

At Hunter Valley Gardens Amphitheatre

Sunday 26th January 2014
From 5 - 6.30pm

(Please note that after the BBQ you are welcome to view the Christmas Lights with your family)

RSVP to Anita anitao@hvg.com.au
by 14th January

It occurred to me (JJ) that from our last meeting (this week), and our next proper one (30th January), it would be a good idea to have an informal get-together, apart from the celebrations for Matt's BD/ New Year. I reckon that the day before we start at HVG Lights would be good – so that means Thursday, 9th January. Venue – the Jackson's, 310 Lovedale Road; Time – 6 for 6.30pm;

Cost – normal Rotary costs - \$25 per person (except for little people), all food included (nibbles, mains, even some sweets!) Who – Club members, partners, families, friends; BYO liquid refreshments. All very informal, except please let me (or Steve) know about attendance and numbers.

E-mail or use the phone, just let us know!

Steve & Janette Jackson.



This time of the year is also a time to think of our Inbound Exchange students who will be having a very hot Christmas, as well as our Outbound Students who are getting ready for their very first cold "White Christmas" Lets hope that both groups have the Christmas which they were planning before they left their families back home.

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NEW YEARS EVE



ALL INVITED TO MEG & JOHN JOWETTS AT PINDIMAR

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE.....ALSO HELP OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT MATT CELEBRATE HIS 17th BIRTHDAY IN FINE STYLE

ARRIVE MID TO LATE AFTERNOON, BRING OWN BBQ OR PICNIC, DRINKS & CHAIRS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO SWIM OR FISH IN THE DAM.....BRING GEAR. PLEASE WEAR SHOES AND SOCKS NOT THONGS AND SANDALS.

FIREWORKS ACROSS THE BAY AT 9.00PM AND MIDNIGHT

LIMITED ACCOMODATION (CONTACT MEG AND JOHN) OR BRING OWN VAN IF INTENDING TO STAY OVER NIGHT