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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The meeting this week welcomed guest speakers Laurie and Alicia Thompson who spoke with passion about their desire to form a company to deal with intervention of youth and those in crisis to assist them to not only deal with their problems but provide the services of professional help. This is a very ambitious endeavour which will take a lot of perseverance to come to fruition. They have an enormous task ahead of them and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their quest.

We received a letter from Cessnock Council thanking us for taking part in the Australia Day celebrations and providing a BBQ breakfast for members of the public together with a cheque for \$500. Thanks to those who came along to help.

Graham Lidbury is finalising an outing for Iver involving a day at archery and investigating a night out for the club showing our skills at this sport. Graham is also talking to Kurri Kurri TAFE about having a dinner there and combining with Kurri Kurri Club for an interclub visit. Both these events should provide some good fellowship for our clubs.

Peter Carver is in hospital for a major operation, we wish Peter a speedy recovery and return to the club.

Next week will be a Board Meeting followed by open forum club members. Potters have advised that the conference room is not available so the meeting will be held in the Brewery Room.

Don't forget The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise "light up Newcastle Lantern Walk" with a Chinese New Year theme which is on Saturday 21st February from 4pm at the Honey Suckle Precinct and is raising money for the Mission of Seafarers, this should be a great evening of fun, please show your support if possible.

February 26th is the night set aside for the film premier of "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" which is being screened at Glendale Cinemas. This is a fundraiser for Polio Plus. As there are a number of our members wishing to attend and support this event a decision of the club was made to transfer the meeting for this night. This being the case there will be no general meeting at Potters on this night.

A reminder of the Toronto Sunrise dinner to welcome the members of the GSE Team from Germany on Tuesday 10th March at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto, 6.30 for 7pm, cost is \$38/person, all members welcome to attend this event. Please book your attendance if interested, payment is to be made to BSB 062 822 A/C 17049196 with your name and Club name as reference.

Nelson Bay have finalised the interclub visit for this year which is a ferry ride from Nelson Bay Marina to Port Stephens Yacht Club for lunch. This is to be held on Sunday 13th March. I am booking a bus for those wishing to attend, the cost of which will be advised when numbers are finalised. This is the week end of the GSE team visit so should show them a little more of our countryside.

Because the club had such an interest in our guest speakers' topic with many question and discussion we were unable to have the international toast this week so would ask Louise to please do this for us next week. President Vicki

CLUB GUESTS LAST MEETING



We had an interesting theory put to us by Laurie & Alicia Thompson to try and improve upon youth problems in our current system in health and disability. As Steve Jackson pointed out when thanking our guest speakers, it will be a long and hard journey to bring the concept to become reality. Iver gave us his weekly activities and especially the one he was quite disappointed with. After travelling all the way to Newcastle to do his surfing, it was called off due to the sighting of sharks just off the beach. Well it made a good story if nothing else.

Another visitor last meeting was Claudia who brought along some Valentine Day cakes prepared for your special Valentine. She would like to thank all those members who brought one for that special person in your life and hope that you got a piece of it as well. They were delicious and beautifully presented and I was lucky that there were two left, which I did share with Margaret.

ROSTER 19th Feb 2015		26th Feb
INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Louise Selmes	
TELLER:	Maley/Thomas	
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Steve Crane	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA	N/A
GUEST SPEAKER	TBA	N/A
VOTE OF THANKS:	TBA	N/A
FINE SESSION:	TBA	
STEWARDS:	All members	All members

FUTURE EVENTS
21st Feb - Light up Newcastle Lantern Walk
23rd Feb - 110th Rotary Birthday
26th Feb - Film Premier Glendale
12-16 March - German GSE Visit
20-22nd

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

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

RI DISTRICT 9670
2015 CONFERENCE

Rotary



*Waves of Change
Oceans of
Opportunity*

20, 21 & 22 MARCH 2015

Venue: Club Forster

Featuring the programs of
clubs in the D9670 and Rotary International



DG Gerard McMillan and his partner, Yvonne Palmer, would like to invite everyone to attend the Rotary District 9670 Conference in Forster in March 2015. The theme of this years conference is "*Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity*", and the committee are working hard to guarantee members a weekend of fantastic speakers, activities, and entertainment. Pop the dates in your diary now - 20th - 22nd March 2015 so you don't miss this great experience.



Looks like all our prayers for Peter Carvers heart operation was successful. A number of Rotarians have visited Peter in hospital and have spoken to him and Kay since he was taken to hospital. I just spoke to him myself and he is very happy and quite chirpy after such a massive operation.

We all wish you a speedy recovery Peter and look forward to having you back doing the "Fine Session", we all miss you.

CATERING AT MAITLAND PARK



Some of the club members enjoyed a fine sunny day at the Touch Football Awards Day at Maitland Park. We were asked to cater for the day and even though we weren't actually run off our feet (so to say) it was a pleasant event to be at. We must have done OK as we were asked to do it again next year.

The steaks and sausages were cooked to perfection by some great chefs and were then handed over to waiting customers who didn't even have to pay for them, by our gorgeous Rotary ladies.

Poor Iver was kept really busy as well, as you can see. He had to have a bit of a Siesta after cooling off with his favourite coconut ice slushy. He entertained some of the younger group who also had a taste for the ice slushies, and I must say that they were very popular on the day by young and old (and some Rotarians as well).

It was a pleasant way to spend the day and besides cooking and serving, we had a few chances for a bit of chit chat as well.