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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK**  
**DISTRICT 9670**  
**SPOKE**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

What a busy week for members this week. The host families attended a welcome dinner presented by The Rotary Club of Toronto for the GSE Team from Germany which was attended by almost 100 members from various clubs of our district 9670. The Team had a busy week on and around the lake before transferring to our club. Our meeting was well attended and extended a warm welcome to the 5 team members, Karl, Kerstin, Anna, Jana and Felix. The GSE Team gave a great presentation telling us about themselves and their vocations. Over the week end Steve Crane has organised some "tourist" ventures for the group as well as some relaxation time at David and Val's for a BBQ and a game of golf or croquet. Then Sunday we are off to Nelson Bay for a cruise and hopefully some dolphin watching. We hope the team will all take back some fond memories of their time with our club.

We welcomed back Peter Carver this week and just in time before I reverted to media assistance to help us out with our National Anthem, I think you will have to do a recording for us Peter. Graham has organised an outing to the Kurri TAFE on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, cost is \$30 for a 3 course meal. The meal will be presented by students of the TAFE and if the nights we attend at Morisset for their High School presentation is any indication it will be a good night. Members have agreed that this night will be a club transfer night and replace our usual Thursday meeting for this week.

David Clarke, Alison Crane and Gorge Koncz have interviewed applicants for the Mayoral Academic Awards which will be decided and presented in the near future. Thanks to all for their time on this.

Next Thursday is our Board Meeting followed by general meeting.

Just to recap the week end, members of the GSE team and hosts attended wineries for tastings and a tour followed by lunch at Hunter Valley Gardens picnic ground, unfortunately time did not allow for a walk through the gardens but members were able to see the Chapel, view a portion of the garden through the windows of the Chapel and wander around the shopping centre. This was followed by a most enjoyable afternoon of golf, croquet and BBQ dinner hosted by Val and David. Good weather, beautiful views, sunset glow and clear skies to point out the milky way and the southern cross, what more could you ask for. Sunday saw a few clouds which turned into scattered showers, but, this did not prevent us having a great day of inter club activity with Nelson Bay, a tour around the lake, being served large fresh prawns and oysters and wine for morning tea was followed by a very tasty BBQ back at the club house. Unfortunately the dolphins did not show but the trip was enjoyed by all. This concluded the activity of the GSE Team with our club, we wish them well and hope they enjoy the rest of their stay in our district.

See you all next week,

President Vicki

# GUESTS LAST MEETING



Alison brought along a work colleague last meeting. Catherine Crowley has been to our club before and it was nice to see her again. Iver as usual gave us his weekly rambles and he is pictured with Mara who is being hosted by Kurri Kurri. They both go to Kurri High School and its almost Capricorn Ramble time for them. We had Anne Burnett with us at David and Val's Quorrobolong party along with Claudia and Sebastian. We were all also introduced to the GSE team from District 1900 Germany. Team Leader Karl Raab introduced his team members - Kerstin Schroder, Anna Schewe, Jana Haase & Felix Harms.

We learned a bit about each member of the team, their vocations and family backgrounds. They were also treated to some vocational visits and of course a visit to the wineries of our region.

## ROSTER 19th March 2015

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Robyn Drayton	
TELLER:	Margaret Maley	Margaret Maley
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Louse Selmes	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA	
GUEST SPEAKER	TBA	
VOTE OF THANKS:	TBA	
FINE SESSION:	Graham Lidbury	
STEWARDS:	All members	All members

## 25th March

## FUTURE EVENTS

19th March - Board Meeting  
 25th March - Kurri TAFE Dinner  
 26th March- NO Dinner  
 20-22nd March- District Conference Foster  
 11th April - 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.**







# PARTY AT QUORROBOLONG



Thanks to David and Val for hosting a great afternoon and evening at their place, plus to all those who brought along some nibbles and food for everyone to enjoy. It gave everyone a chance to meet the fantastic GSE team from Germany. There were quite a number of past and existing Exchange Students to enjoy everyone's company as well. What a great bunch as you can see in the above photo.





Everyone was having so much fun mingling and talking that just about everyone missed the glorious sunset over David and Val's farm in Quorrobolong. Isn't lucky you guys have got a devoted photographer that doesn't miss much. Everyone leaving after the party was also mesmerised by the great show of bright stars all over the night sky.



# TRIP TO NELSON BAY



Big thanks to the Rotary Club members of Nelson Bay for a wonderful day in their beautiful part of the world. We started out with a boat trip with some fantastic prawns and oysters plus a bit of bubbly or wine to wash it down. This was followed by a birthday cake for Anna which was timed perfectly after a great seafood entre. Then we went to the club to have lunch and there was plenty to go round before some speeches from the German GSE team members starting with Team Leader Karl and followed by Jana, Anna, Kerstin and Felix who told us a bit about themselves and their careers back in Germany.





Overall it was a great afternoon amongst new and old friends. Nelson Bay president and the German team exchanged banners after the speeches. This was a nice finale to a wonderful day. Plus the event boasted having four past District Governors and a DG Elect in attendance. Some of us will be catching up with the GSE team in Foster for the District Conference.