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

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Desmond Tutu of South Africa fame once told a meeting where voices were raised in argument “*if you are losing the argument, don’t raise your voice, improve your argument*”! These were words of wisdom for our annual Effie O’Neil debate between Cessnock High School and Mount View High School. The debate was won by Cessnock High School in what the adjudicators described as a great debate with little between the teams. There were no raised voices but some powerful argument presented by the participants. I was really taken by the passion of the participants who only received the topic two hours before the debate. Each time we have this debate we are amazed at the brilliance of the participants. We are certainly blessed with these two schools in our area and the devotion to the students by the teachers. Well done all.

I must make special mention of Steve Crane who in his maiden Effie O’Neil debate did a splendid job. Alison told me he did not sleep much the night before but Steve your extensive preparation and personal contact with the teachers resulted in a flawless performance. Congratulations and thank you. Feel good.

Whilst we were enjoying the Effie O’Neil debate some of our members were at the HVG doing crowd control. This was the last night for our first roster and with PP Gail on the gate we raised around \$1,700. Well done Gail. Don’t forget the next HVG roster starts on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November through to 6<sup>th</sup> December. You all have copies of the roster and it would be appreciated if you will let me know which nights you can attend. This roster will be busier than last week and the more people volunteering the less others will need to be there. We also had the BBQ at the Crown Plaza on Friday morning – 7.00am start- and with PDG Greg Bevan doing the cooking and PDG Janette Jackson doing the serving and DG soon to be Steve Jackson assisting we made around \$300. We are yet to see Graham Lidbury but we speculated he was practicing his golf strokes or looking in the dam for some cheap balls. Graham you missed the greatest bacon and egg sandwiches since last year.

Next week is a board meeting and club assembly so do come along and hear whist the board is discussing on your behalf.

Acting President David





# Effie O'Neil Debate between Cessnock High & Mount View High Schools



The Effie O'Neil Debate was another success. Adjudicators Sharon McDonald, Barry Miller and Janette Jackson awarded the win to Cessnock High, who are one win ahead of Mount View in about twenty years of debating between the two high schools. A fantastic night all round.

## ROSTER 20th Nov 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Graham Lidbury  
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/ Thomas  
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: David Lennon  
GUEST SPEAKER: N/A  
VOTE OF THANKS: Board Meeting  
FINE SESSION: Peter carver  
STEWARDS: All members

## 27th Nov 2014

George Koncz  
Maley/Thomas  
Steve Crane  
Janette Jackson  
Ian Scanlan  
Greg Bevan  
Peter Carver  
All members

## FUTURE EVENTS

20th Nov - Board Meeting and Club Assembly.

27th Nov - Ian Scanlan District Learning Centre

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.**





For all its importance, Remembrance Day, November 11, does not capture the Australian imagination in the way that Anzac Day does, despite the sustained efforts of successive governments to promote the day in the commemorative calendar. The reasons for this low profile are diverse, but can be organised under three broad headings: ideological, atmospheric and prosaic.

**The last shot  
of WW1 was  
fired on Monday  
11 November  
1918. During  
this terrible war,  
61,720 Australians  
died and 137,013  
were wounded.  
Seventeen died on  
that very last day.**

**“At the going down  
of the sun and in  
the morning, We  
will remember them.”**

**November 11  
is a day we  
remember.**



**LEST WE FORGET**





It was 25 years ago 9th November 1989, that the Berlin wall came crashing down. Half a century of communism came crashing down with it. There can not be any more doubt: Democracy triumphed in delivering prosperity, whereas the command and control economies of the eastern bloc delivered only repression, poverty, misery, and despair



## Cessnock's Royal Oak 221 named best pub restaurant in Australia

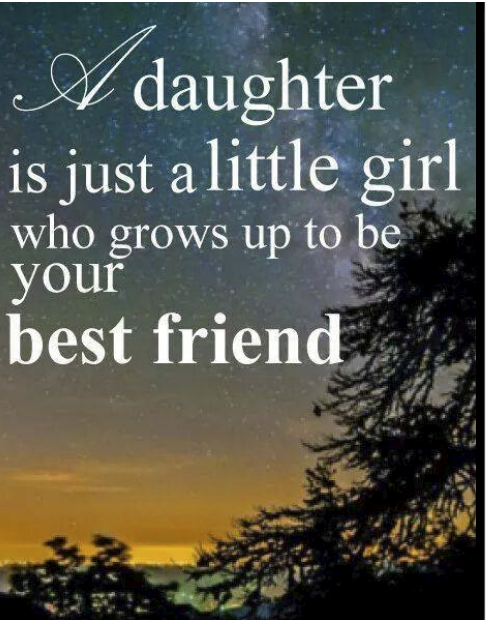


The Royal Oak Hotel's 221 Restaurant and Bar took out the title of the nation's best restaurant in a pub, club or tavern at the 2014 Savour Australia Restaurant and Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence. Hotel owner Alexandra Morphet said that it's a great plus for Cessnock as well. John Harvey was our recipient at our own Awards just recently and he is also very proud of the talented chefs and dedicated staff who helped win this very prestigious award. There were a few Rotarians at the bar and restaurant last Monday, simply enjoying the hospitality and why this award was so rightly won.





Great photos by photographer Oliver Oldroyd. There is however a club connection to these photos. It may be a bit hard to guess but one of the Cessnock Rotaract charter members is the one in the photos. Its Sarah Lewis who some of you may remember sang at the charter night.





## *Another Fun Meeting with lots of Guests and Students*



Great meeting with the two high schools debating and a fun night afterwards. Claudia brought a cake, which the students and members appreciated.. Louise brought her two granddaughters and Louise and Alison were more than welcoming to our guests for the evening. Iver won the raffle again as did her teacher from school. Iver then donated his win to her as well, which was nice of him. The students and guests shared in our fellowship to conclude a great Rotary night.







# Christmas Lights Spectacular at Hunter Gardens



We have started the Light Festival again this year and we have more weeks than any previous year. The first week went really well even considering that there weren't as many people as at the busy time of the event. We were mostly catering for older groups who were brought to the Gardens in bus tours. More to come soon.





On the other side of the world, Youth Exchange groups were having their tours. This group of students did the Finland Eurotour. There were twelve Ausies on the tour including Indie Carmal and Emily Birchall from our District 9670 Outbounds. The Outbound teams from Australia are getting close to the end of their exchange. We have seen lots of posts on Facebook but the stories and memories will be shared with families and friends when they return to their own homes in Australia. The memories of one fantastic year abroad will last a lifetime.

#### LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I hopped into a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets.

So love the people who treat you right; pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it, and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day!