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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



This week we had Jennifer Jackson from Youth off the Streets gave us a brief insight into the plight of the young people of the Cessnock area. Father Riley's service covers a wide range of intervention programmes to assist the youth and younger people to broaden their outlook on life in general and regain their self esteem through various group activities and school programmes. I think we were all a little shocked at the statistics Jennifer presented and the areas of concern in our district. Youth off the Streets is mainly funded by corporate funding and donations from service groups. I think this is a worthwhile project to get behind and make a difference for our next generation. I commend the work Jennifer and her team are doing and hope they can continue their support to those requiring their expertise and help.

Iver had a busy week with school, outings and of course soccer. Unfortunately, Iver's time is with our club is drawing quickly to an end with only 2 more meetings before he is on the plane home. Iver is preparing a power point which he will present at our meeting on the 28th May 2015. I hope you will all keep this date free and

it will be a partner's night to farewell Iver.

We have had Graham Farish attend our meetings over the last month or so and also helping out at our Lovedale Long Lunch function. This week we will induct Graham as a member of our club, please show your support for Graham.

Lovedale Long Lunch this week end provided much entertainment with the costumes and antics of the patrons of the two day event. Thank you to the members who spent two days on their feet all day directing traffic. While we were extremely lucky with the weather, only a couple of misty showers on Saturday, it was not too hot nor too cold, it was however quite dusty with the busses whizzing past. I hope we proved we could handle the situation and are asked to continue with this each year at Emma's. George captured some good photos on Sunday which I am sure he will share with us.

LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH



As President Vicki mentioned it was a fun time for those members who attended on the weekend. President Vicki thought that she might try out the limo for size and it looks as if she agreed with the style and comfort. Looks as though Graham Farrish is all for us coming in style next year. Then there were a lot of fun costumes and Greg even tried out his old dance moves to the “Crocodile Rock”

ROSTER 21st May

INTERNATIONAL TOAST
TELLER:
WELCOME TO GUESTS:
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:
GUEST SPEAKER
VOTE OF THANKS:
FINE SESSION:
STEWARDS:

Alison Crane
Stephen Crane
Greg Bevan
TBA
TBA
TBA
Graham Lidbury
All members

28th May

David Clark
TBA
David Lennon
TBA
TBA
TBA
Graham Lidbury
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

26th May- Mayoral Academic Awards
28th May - Induction of new member.
31st May - Raymond Terrace movie night.
28th June - 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.



Emma's Cottage proved to be a popular venue with literally thousand there on Saturday and a good crowd on Sunday. The costumes and the effort that went into making them, added a lot to the fun atmosphere. The majority of the attendees were female groups but there were a few guys to even it out to about 9 to 1 in odds. The entertainment and the bands that played were first class and it didn't take too long to fill the grassed dance floor. The Lovedale Long Lunch seems to be becoming more popular each year so its probably a good idea if we could be involved with it next year.

Robyn Drayton's Holiday Tour



Robyn's holiday seems to be going well. It looks as though Robyn is trying out all the great varieties of wines all over the trip, plus a beer or two. She is true to her promise when she said that she will be posting photos on Facebook, it looks as though she posted in nearly every place that they are travelling through. Its always a bit of a plus back home, to see the great places that our Rotary members go to. I don't know if Robyn is getting our newsletter on her trip, but if you are then keep posting.



Margaret Maley is on her way to England again to catch up with her daughter. We all wish you a wonderful trip Margaret. Louise Selmes is also into holiday mode. We saw the photos of all the suitcases last week, so its going to be a trip and a half. Good luck Paul, hope all goes well and Louise will no doubt take you to some unbelievable places. I'm not sure if this picture is on the agenda but just about every other part of the world seems to be. Both of you have a great time and Louise will probably end up with a few Photobooks. Wouldn't it have been great to share your trip on Facebook as well. I think we would have loved following your trip as well.



Last week we had Gail back with us for the meeting, plus Iver with one of his favourite Rotarians. Iver will be doing his farewell speech to the club on the 28th May so bring along friends who know Iver. It will be a partners night. A photo of two of our lovely ladies who serve us at the bar every week at Potters.