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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The meeting last week was one of introspection with our guest speaker causing many to search within themselves as the strengths and weaknesses of our tenuous individual humanity was laid bare. The hat night was most appropriate (thank you all for contributing) and the book by Andrew Rae “Beneath the Cap” with his real life story was a sobering reflection on the frailty of our individual human nature. We are all aware that people need people and as members of a Rotarian family, we should continually be aware of each others needs and seek to manage our relationships as that of a family member. Robert Louis Stevenson summed up our limitation when he penned the observation “Alas! in the clothes of the greatest potentate, what is there but a man?”

November is an activity month so please refer to your calendar for the club activities and support Vicki in her activities rostering. President David.



Looks as though our “HAT DAY” event proved to be popular, with nearly a full host of hats on display. I guess it shows who actually reads the SPOKE. I only write it not necessarily remember it, but a few don’t bother to glance through it at all. Thanks to you guys who take the effort to read the articles. Every week I get a few “thank you” messages from some of our members for all the effort in producing the newsletter. Thanks to you lot, it makes the job worth while.

8th NOVEMBER

International HUG an EXCHANGE STUDENT day



Matt's 17th Birthday will be celebrated at Pindimar at the Jowett's residence on New Years Eve (NOT New Years Day)...Meg and Jack have even arranged fireworks across the bay to celebrate the occasion. We are all still all invited to take part in this special day, so book that day in. John (Jack) will inform us a bit more about sleeping and camping arrangements if you would like to stay over. Even though we just missed the very special day of "Hug an Exchange Student Day", we had our President David who did the honours for all of us, by giving Matt a big HUG. Plus we had our visitors from Hereford in England to give Matt a big farewell HUG also.



ROSTER 21st November

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Robyn Drayton
TELLER: Maley/Steep
WELCOME TO GUESTS: David Lennon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: David Clark
GUEST SPEAKER: Brian Howe
VOTE OF THANKS: Peter Carver
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver
STEWARDS: All members

28th November

Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

21st Nov - Board Meeting plus
Brian Howe This is your Life.
28th Nov- RVFR Members attending.

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.



What a fantastic effort by some of our members to support the cause of mental health through the “Hat Day” effort. Some outstanding hats are flying on our members but it would be hard to beat Matt’s effort. Kate Daly came along for the night and Trish, Jack, Peter and Kaye were standing by their hats along with all the other members who made the Hat Day something to remember. President David awarded the crew who helped out at the Crown Plaza BarBQ on an early 6.30 am start. A big question mark in the guy in the centre holding the award. I didn’t think that Graham got out of bed that early, ever.





Ann Burnett's Mum, Alison is back in Australia visiting her daughter who is temporarily calling Australia HOME, for a while. Anne was our Canadian exchange student in 2000-2001. We used to host every year back in those days and I still fondly call Ann my big daughter. The simple reason for that was because every year my kids would look forward to a big brother or a big sister every year. You can't have favourites but Anne would be close on the top of the list. Every time Ann drops in it's like one of our kids has just come home. Plus these scenes feel like they were taken yesterday.





NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell is pictured with RI President Ron Burton and his wife Jetta, with magnificent Sydney Harbour in the background, after successful Sydney Convention media launch on the 10th October.

There are going to be great events, since bookings opened a few weeks ago, almost half the seats for the Sydney Opera House Concert on Monday 2nd June 2014 have been sold.

You can find information and bookings at www.RIconvention.org. So start out by looking up that link and we as a club should start arranging accommodation with friends in Sydney or by booking in somewhere early, so you don't miss out. More to come but lets start getting serious NOW.





CAT NORRIS

If you can see Cat Norris, he can see you. If you can't see Cat Norris you may be only seconds away from death.

THINK POSITIVELY
EXERCISE DAILY
EAT HEALTHY
WORK HARD
STAY STRONG
WORRY LESS
DANCE MORE
LOVE OFTEN
BE HAPPY



" So my Doctor says, Sid , you gotta get your heart rate up every day, so here I am."

