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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presidents Message

The penultimate Board meeting of this Rotary year discussed distribution of funds, the significant progress on the East Cessnock Primary Garden Project, the completion of the Teacher Assist Kokoda Project following Trish's visit to PNG next month, the recommendation for Molly Brown to be our clubs next outgoing Youth Exchange Student and the acceptance of Dr Ross Lidbury as a member of our Club transferring from Rutherford Telarah plus some other procedural items.

The members meeting that followed was a relaxed meeting with members simply talking to members and with a special welcome back for Matt following the Capricorn Ramble. As he relived some of the experiences with us he did not need to be asked of he enjoyed the experience – he was glowing! What an adventure the Ramble is and we should be grateful for those Rotarians who have given much of themselves over the years to lead the Ramble.

Next week we will hear from Barbara McPhee and her role in the mining approval process in our local Government Area.

Please come along and share some fellowship with Barbara. President David



Our exchange student Matt sure did have a fantastic time on the Ramble. Looks as though most of the boys enjoyed dressing up as the girls, but who is the sexiest of them all? No contest Matt, you take out the first prize easily, just look at those perfect long legs. You must have driven the girls wild. It is therefore no wonder you were glowing when you gave us your presentation speech about the safari. We look forward to seeing your photos at a later meeting. I also wonder if there is any more room for badges on your coat.

At the end of our meeting we always sing the national anthem. Last meeting Trish put us all to shame when she was the only one who could sing the second verse of the anthem.

CAPRICORN RAMBLE COMES TO AN END



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FINE SESSION:
STEWARDS:

David Lennon
A Crane/Steep
Graham Lidbury
Brian Howe
Barbara McFee
Trish Davies
Gail Thomas
All members

29th May 2014

Louise Selmes
A Crane/Drayton
Jack Grant
TBA
TBA
Janette Jackson
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

22nd May - Barbara McFee
(Mining approvals in the LGA)

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.



The Ramble is over once again for our Inbounds. The fantastic experience doesn't need words to describe just how great it was. The photos and the sheer joy on the faces of our students goes way beyond what even the best poet could come up with.





Can anyone recognise the lady in the middle of the photo? I'm sure that we will get another Rotary Toast out of this holiday just like the previous ones (The clouds look just like the ones over Cessnock.)



Our exchange student Matt along with thirty other students saw some of the most beautiful scenery that Australia has to offer. Thanks Matt for taking the effort to do lots of great photos which can now be shared around. You could almost say that Matt is on top of the Red Centre as he was one of the students who climbed Uluru.

“OH WHAT A FEELING”

Matt is putting together a photobook of the trip as well as editing a video, which we will shortly see. I hope you and the other students don't mind that I edited a few of the photos (I just can't help myself).

RYDA PROGRAM AT TICAL COLLEGE



Michael Weatherall from the Rotary Club of Rutherford Telarah, led a team of Rotarians who helped to facilitate the program for the school students attending. There will be other dates to allow many other schools in our region to be able to participate in the near future. Michael is pictured with Lucia from Spain and Toby from Austria who just returned from the Capricorn Ramble, so were lucky enough to attend.



RYDA is a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. As part of an interactive one-day experience, students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family. Perhaps the most impactful moments come from the personal stories of loss and survival. In one session, students watch a powerful and emotional video on the life and tragic death of an 18 year old provisional driver and her best friend. And in another, they sit with a crash survivor and hear first-hand how one poor choice can change a life forever. New Zealand schools attending RYDA can fully or partially award NZQA credits through their unit standard program (for more information click on Teacher Resources).

RYDA is designed for 16-18 year old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers.



A few photos for those who are not afraid of heights. Anyone for a REAL adventurous holiday?????



**Plan B - take a parachute
Just in case**

There was once a great actor who could no longer remember his lines After many years he finds a theatre where they are prepared to give him chance to shine again.

The director says, "This is the most important part, and it has only one line. You walk on to the stage at the opening carrying a rose. You hold the rose to your nose with just one finger and thumb, sniff the rose deeply and then say the line:

'Ah, the sweet aroma of my mistress.'"

The actor is thrilled. All day long before the play, he's practicing his line over and over again. Finally, the time comes. The curtain goes up the actor walks onto the stage, and with great passion delivers the line, "Ah, the sweet aroma of my mistress."

The theatre erupts. The audience is screaming with laughter, but the director is steaming! "You bloody fool!" he cries. "You have ruined me!"

The actor is bewildered, "What happened, did I forget my line?"

"No!" screams the director. "You forgot the rose!"

THE MEDIA

A Harley biker riding by the zoo in Vancouver sees a little girl leaning into a lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the collar of her jacket and tries pulling her inside the cage, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain, the lion lets go of the girl and the biker returns her to her parents, who thank him profusely.

A reporter standing close by has watched the whole event and approaches the Harley rider saying, "Sir, this is the most gallant and brave thing I've ever seen in my whole life."

The Harley rider replies, "Well, it was nothing. I just saw this little kid in danger and reacted."

The reporter says, "Well, this will not go unnoticed. I'm a journalist and this story will be on the front page of tomorrow's newspaper. So could you please tell me a little bit about yourself?"

The biker humbly replies, "I'm a RCMP officer. I'm off-duty and on vacation right now."

The following morning the biker buys a newspaper to see if he has indeed made the front page, and to his surprise, he has:

"OFF-DUTY MOUNTIE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH!"

....and that pretty much sums up the media's approach to the news these days.

SUNBATHING AU NATUREL

A rather well-built woman, Joan, spent almost all of her vacation time sunbathing on the roof of her hotel. The first day she sunbathed, she wore a red bathing suit. However on the second day, she felt a little more adventurous. She slipped out of it in order to get an overall tan, figuring that no-one could see her away up there.

She'd hardly begun when she heard someone running up the stairs. She was lying on her stomach, so she just pulled a towel over her rear.

"Excuse me, miss," said a flustered little out-of-breath assistant manager of the hotel. "The Hilton doesn't mind you sunbathing on the roof, but we would very much appreciate your wearing a bathing suit as you did yesterday!"

"What difference does it make?" Joan asked calmly. "No-one can see me up here on the roof, and besides, I'm covered with a towel."

"With all due respect, not exactly, ma'am," said the embarrassed little man.

"You are lying on the dining room skylight."

Ushers Syndrome

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