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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

### PRESIDENTS REPORT



Henry David Thoreau a distinguished author and poet in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century wrote after a lifetime of study and struggle, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals". On Thursday night we were presented with the history and goals of our Rotary Exchange Student Matt Humer. Although we have only known Matt for a short time he has proven to be a remarkable young man who whilst setting himself some significant life goals will, as Henry Thoreau found, become a greater person through his quest to achieve his goals. Matt's presentation was one of the best I have seen in recent years and his grasp of the language and his practiced presentation skills will ensure he contributes greatly to whichever community he chooses to serve. Someone has said that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will not forget how you made them feel. Well Matt you made us all feel proud last night and we thank you. What a great future this young man has. Plus you looked great in your Austrian outfit which further enhanced your presentation.

Next week we have Des Lawson to encourage us in matters membership. We look forward to having Des with us on Thursday.

President David







Last we had Robyn do the Rotary International Toast to the Rotary Club of Istanbul, Turkey (Not Constantinople) It is the oldest club in Turkey chartered in 1956. Robyn also had the pleasure of introducing her guests Steve and Alison Crane once again. We had quite a number of guests with us and Steve and Janette introduced us to Liis Metusala from Estonia who currently lives in Dubai, where she was a great tour guide for the Jacksons while they were there. They have known each other for many years and have kept in touch and its Liis's turn to be tour guided around the Hunter. Trish Davies received the Weekly Presidents Achievement Award. We were all given raffle tickets to sell by Trish and she has been actively selling them next to the Post Office where I bumped into her.

#### **ROSTER 24th October**

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Margaret Maley
TELLER:	Maley/Selmes
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	John Jowett
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Janette Jackson
GUEST SPEAKER	Des Lawson
VOTE OF THANKS:	Steve Jackson
FINE SESSION:	Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members

#### **31st Oct**

At Robyn Draytons
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
with KURRI KURRI
 Peter Carver
All members

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

24th Oct - Des Lawson Rotary Membership  
 31st Oct - Kurri Kurri Inter Club Visit at  
 Robyn Draytons RSVP latest 30th Oct.  
 7th Nov - Sally Coddington  
 Hunter Life Education

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.**



## **Next weeks Guest Speaker - Des Lawson: Past District Governor**

Des is a member of the Rotary Leadership Institute, he is a resident of Brisbane.

Des' presentation will explain ways to increase Membership, which have proven to be very successful. We are privileged to have Des attend our meeting for this presentation as he usually runs workshops for larger groups; at a request from Janette and Stephen he agreed to take some time out of his extremely busy schedule to visit our Club. It may benefit our Club tremendously to hear what Des has to say, so let's all make a great effort to attend this meeting.



We also had the whole Flett clan or should I say the Von Flett family who are currently hosting our exchange student Matt from Austria. Matt is enjoying his stay with David and Sam plus the two daughters Jordan and Ainsley.

**Rotary Is:** Women & Men 18+ years. Social & Fun. Business Networking.

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The bush fire season has well and truly arrived. The top photo is by Wendy Stein who took that shot near Anna Bay. We were reasonably lucky in Cessnock, we had a lot of smoke which darkened our sky and gave the sun quite a glow. I thought that I better put these photos in as it was the reason I was late for the board meeting. How could a photographer resist???

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement..

*Mark Twain*

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

- *Groucho Marx*





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**Hat Day, the fund-raising day where you wear a hat and make a donation to help shine a light on mental illness in Australia.**

**WHO IS GOING TO WIN OUR CLUB HAT DAY ????????**

**OUR HAT DAY WILL BE HELD ON THE 24TH NOVEMBER**

*A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'*

*The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'*

*Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.' Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'*

*So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says. 'Hebrews'*

*A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time..'*

*The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!'*

### **Accident Reports**

*Many people who experienced automobile accidents were asked to explain what happened in a few words or less on insurance or accident forms. The following quotes were taken from these forms*

*Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.*

*The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.*

*I thought my window was down, but found out it was up when I put my hand through it.*

*I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.*

*A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.*

*A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.*

*The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.*

*I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.*

*To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.*

*My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.*

*An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished.*

*I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a skull fracture.*

*I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the roadway when I struck him.*

*The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.*

*Quite recently, sitting in my club, which for the sake of the story shall be nameless, I overheard two Bishops at tea. One said to the other:*

*"There is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that I do not approve of sex before marriage."*

*The other Bishop put down his tea cup and said quite solemnly: "I totally agree with you, I didn't sleep with my wife before we were married. Did you?" The other Bishop looked him straight in the eyes and said: "I really can't remember - what was her name?"*