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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

This week was a Board Meeting followed by general discussion focusing around areas in need of assistance in our local community. We are all on the same page with where the issues are, from assisting schools with breakfast programmes to homelessness and youth off the streets. I would ask all members to be aware of these issues, investigate some of these areas, source the contacts and then we will follow up with further group discussions on how to move forward and actually help those most in need, whether it be financial assistance, food allocations (as in the breakfast clubs) or time.

Iver was eager to inform us of his activities throughout the week which saw him attend school for a camp with his class members where the activities included a "mud" run which while at first seemed daunting turned into some fun. Iver was also lucky enough to have a weekend in Sydney site seeing and saw the Opera House cloaked in green light, an impressive site which most of us have not witnessed. Iver was excused early from the meeting to attend his first game of 6 aside soccer in Cessnock. We look forward to hearing the results of the game.

Greg Bevan attended local schools with Rotary Dream Cricket. Greg's enthusiasm and passion for the presenting of this to children is obvious, it made me very sorry that I was not able to attend the sessions but I will certainly make the effort to participate next time.

What is Dream Cricket? It is a simplified game of cricket where the aim is to give disadvantaged students or in some cases children with disabilities, and students who haven't necessarily achieved well at school the opportunity to achieve success in a cricket activity and gain confidence in themselves.



***DreamCricket* was initiated by the Movement Disorder Foundation in concert with the Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands and the Bradman Foundation. The aim to provide an opportunity for primary school students with a disability to play on the Bradman Oval and to visit the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame. The program has grown to encompass schools and children throughout Australia and internationally. *DreamCricket* clinics are conducted in schools as part of an experience culminating in a *DreamCricket* Day on a significant local oval involving all schools within the area.**

"Building confidence and self-esteem through movement and participation"



Our Iver with his mates from Mount View High. Iver is now in the 6 Aside soccer on Thursday nights. Plus Mara Vogel with a friend at the beach. Oh What a Feeling to be an Exchange Student.



Looks like most of us Rotarians missed the MELON BALL, which was put on by District 9670 Rotaractors. Kendall Towers and Hayley Doherty were part of the organising team and it looks as though it was a great success again.

ROSTER 18th September 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: George Koncz
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/S Crane
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Greg Bevan
GUEST SPEAKER: John Jowett
VOTE OF THANKS: Beatrice Tucker
FINE SESSION: Alison Crane
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

25th Sep 2014

Maley/Thomas
Jack grant
N/A
Gail Thomas
Louise Selmes
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

25th Sep - Beatrice Tucker (Partners Night)
9th Oct - Rosemary Walters, Cessnock Library Services (Partners Night)
23rd Oct - Toni Stephens, Performer.
13th Nov - Efie O'Neil Debate

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 Rotary Club of East Maitland is hosting Adam Tari, who gave his speech about his country, family and about himself, last Tuesday. President Vicki and I went along to listen to Adam's talk. It was quite a fun night and there were a number of District leaders and guests including some other exchange students. Adam is pictured with his current host parents Carol and Brian Coffey and with two Inbounds, Julia Becker from Germany, Momoka Ishida from Japan and Jordan who will be going to Niagara Falls to the same club that my son Justin went to.

Adam competed at the NSW Body Building Championships in Sydney and managed to become the junior champion. Adam will now be competing in Hobart for the Australian Championships and if he does well then he will have the chance to compete in the World Championships which will be held in Queensland in November. Adam is a really lucky fellow to be hosted by Brian Coffey, who goes to the gym with Adam very regularly and it was there that Adam met a previous Australian Champion who is now training Adam for the events. The Coffey family are providing a pretty strict diet to not only build but tone up the muscles as well. To think that Adam started out in this sport because he was too skinny and the girls didn't like that, according to Adam. Adam will be coming to Queensland with the Koncz family at Christmas time and I think that I might be charged with keeping the girls away. Oh what a job.

Just a few thoughts on Rotary Dream Cricket by Greg Bevan, which was conducted on Monday Sept 15 and Tuesday Sept 16.

This concept was developed on the Central Highlands of NSW by Rotary, the Bradman Foundation and Movement Disorder Foundation. It has been conducted in countless schools throughout New South Wales. In our region a number of clinics have been conducted in Newcastle, and most recently in Maitland. Now we will concentrate on the Coalfields and Upper Hunter regions.

Dream Cricket uses the medium of specially adapted Cricket activities to bring together disabled children from Years 3 to year 6 to assist and allow them to develop skills such as hand-eye coordination, movement skills and balance in a team environment, whilst having a really good time.

This also provides these young people with an opportunity to be involved in sporting activities that they would never have imagined possible. This program gives them the chance to enjoy physical activity which develops their self confidence, self esteem, levels of behaviour and citizenship. A clinic comprises six activities, running simultaneously, which simulates all facets of the game of cricket, in a modified fashion. This allows special needs children to be fully involved in each of the activities. The look on the faces of these students as they participate in the activities is amazing.

Past District Governor Don Stephens is a director of Dream Cricket. He travelled to our area with his wife Marjorie to coordinate the clinics along with PP Rod Porter and Loretta, Loraine, Greg and Mara Vogel.

On Monday September 15 the clinic was conducted at Cessnock Primary at 10 am with a further Clinic at Nulkaba at 1.30 pm. Both of these sessions were great, with the support from year 6 students and the staff, outstanding. Then on Tuesday September 16 the Clinic at Kurri Kurri Primary was an absolute success with support of four wonderful young students from Kurri Kurri High School, staff and special needs staff. There were many profoundly handicapped students participating and having an enormous amount of fun. Over the two days some 70 young people had an experience that they would never have dreamed possible.

The gear in the cricket "Kit" is specially purpose modified and costs \$500 per Kit. At each of the schools visited, there will be a special presentation of the gear as a donation from the Rotary Club of Cessnock and the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri.

We now move to the upper Hunter to share this magnificent Rotary Program.



Photos and story supplied by Greg Bevan. Thanks Greg, we need more input like this in the Spoke.

RYPEN APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NOVEMBER 2014 CAMP



RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

The Rotary District 9670 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the RYPEN camp to be held on the weekend of:

7th, 8th & 9th of November 2014, Myuna Bay

Applications Close October 21, 2014

"Teenagers grow when they have opportunity to develop life skills".

Applications for RYPEN are open and Louise has made application for her granddaughter Chloe to attend. We fully support her application and apart from the life skills development opportunities she will form friendships and have a lot of fun.

Steve Crane is investigating the possibility of holding a raffle with the major prize a substantial amount of Fuel, this could be a major fundraising event for a Christmas Raffle.

David Lennon has been busy finding guest speakers for us and has quite an impressive line up over the next 2 months (see calendar)

Graham Lidbury has also been active with negotiations with Kurri Club for an inter club visit, hopefully have some more news on this next week. Graham is also investigating holding a Calcutta for Melbourne cup, not a lot of time to organise this event but if time is against us we will certainly be on the front foot to organise an event for next year.

We have a busy schedule over the next three months with the Newcastle Restored Car Club BBQ on Sunday 19th October, followed by the Postie Bike Grand Prix BBQ on Sunday 26th October and the HVG Christmas Lights 7th to 14th November. Rosters will be finalised in the next week so please advise your availability for all of these events.

We have been advised that we were successful in our application to host the GSE Team next year. The team is from Germany and consists of a group of 4 members and a team leader. The team will be with our club from the 12th March to 16th March, these dates to be confirmed. We will need 5 families to host the members and be able to attend outings with them. Save the date for this week as we will have some planned activities over the weekend.

Applications for the 2014 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) are now open.

- See more at: <http://rotary9670.org.au/Stories#sthash.KYP8m5ph.dpuf>



DG Gerard McMillan and his partner, Yvonne Palmer, would like to invite everyone to attend the Rotary District 9670 Conference in Forster in March 2015.

The theme of this years conference is *"Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity"*, and the committee are working hard to guarantee members a weekend of fantastic speakers, activities, and entertainment.

Pop the dates in your diary now - 20th - 22nd March 2015 so you don't miss this great experience

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25 th Sept 2014	Guest Speaker – Beatrice Tucker will talk on her experiences travelling the world with the Australian Youth Choir
9 th Oct 2014	Guest Speaker – Rosemary Walters – Cessnock Library Services Coordinator
10 th Oct 2014	Friday October 10 is 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
12 th Oct 2014	ADFAS Pokolbin Trivia Night – email: judywearne@bigpond.com
19 th Oct 2014	BBQ – Newcastle Restored Car Club at Hunter Valley Gardens
23 rd Oct 2014	Guest Speaker - Toni Stephens performer/comedian Auntie Molly will entertain us
24 th Oct 2014	World Polio Day (see http://endpolio.org/ for more information)
26 th Oct 2014	BBQ – Postie Bike Grande Prix
7 th – 13 th Nov 2014	HVG Christmas Lights Spectacular
13 th Nov 2014	Effie O'Neil Debate
27 th Nov 2014	Guest Speaker – Ian Scanlan – Board Chairman Cessnock District Learning Centre
30 th Nov 5 th Dec 2014	HVG Christmas Lights Spectacular