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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Last meeting was the final Board meeting of this Rotary Year and of my term as President. It was a joint meeting of the present and the next Boards. The role of Directors within our club is significant and the time and commitment each Director devotes to their respective portfolios along with their synergistic wisdom in leading the club during the year is profound. I thank them all for their significant contributions during the year.

I think we were all taken by surprise by the announcement that last meeting was to be Trish Davies last meeting with the Rotary Club of Cessnock. Trish will be going to Junee and joining the Rotary Club there. The members were given a summary of Trish's RAWCS project which she commenced in 2009 and was responsible for raising nearly \$80,000 for training teachers in PNG. Her devotion to this project is total and I will try to entice her back for one night so we can reflect on her achievements and the valuable assistance to our Club Trish has given.

Next week will be a special night for a special person and it is a Partners night. It will be Matt's last night with us and the whole night will be given to reflections of his past 12 months. The night will be given to reflections by his Counsellor, his host families and the many who have had the pleasure of Matt's company during his stay with us. Of course the nights highlight will be Matt's reflections of his Australian Rotary journey.



Matt's first day with us nearly a year ago, when his first host parents, Steve and Janette introduced a shy young lad to us. Today Matt is a very confident young man who has enjoyed his exchange a lot.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT GAIL'S EAST CESSNOCK SCHOOL PROJECT



Gail Thomas has almost fulfilled her task in providing the students from East Cessnock Primary School with the Healthy Lifestyle Project which was Gail's biggest project which started in her year as president. Last meeting Gail outlined the progress on the project which is going to plan and thanked many of us Rotarians who have contributed a lot of time in making this project a reality. The photo on the left was about a year ago in the infancy of this project.

With Gail's hard efforts we managed to get a Matching Grant from Rotary International towards this project which totals about \$20,000 contribution in total, to help the students and staff at the school and hopefully introduce the students and their parents into a healthier way of eating habits. The vegetables and fruit trees will be maintained by students and staff so that this hands on involvement will hopefully carry on into their future choices in food and healthier eating habits.

ROSTER 26th June 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Graham Lidbury
WELCOME TO GUESTS: A Crane/ Selmes
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Jack Grant
GUEST SPEAKER: Bill Flett
VOTE OF THANKS: Matt's Speech
FINE SESSION: Janette Jackson +
STEWARDS: Nil
All members

3rd July 2014

Greg Bevan
A Crane/Maley
Gail Thomas
Louise selmes
Astrid Lidbury
Graham Lidbury
Nil
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

26th June - Matt's Tribute Night
10th July - Changeover Dinner.

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.



Andre Rieu's 10th Anniversary Concert performed in Maastricht in July will be telecast live via satellite throughout the world. This amazing concert is being shown for 2 shows only on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July at Glendale Cinemas**. Tickets are already selling for this event and I thought this might be social event for our club. If you are interested in attending this event could you please let me know, the tickets are \$40 per person. Could you please have your money to me next meeting and I will purchase a group section so we can all be together. I have been advised that it is the opening of the PCYC on Saturday 26th July so we will have to attend the SUNDAY 27th July. President Elect Vicki

DAMN GOOD DIVA'S

BARBRA STREISAND
DUSTY SPRINGFIELD
ARETHA FRANKLIN
SHIRLEY BASSEY

LIZA MINNELLI
BETTE MIDLER
DIANA ROSS
CHER



A CONCERT CELEBRATION OF THE CLASSIC DIVA'S

One of the hottest shows in town "Damn Good Divas" has sold out their Dee Why show as part of their Sydney run. The word of mouth is catching on and amazing to see how many people are coming to their 2nd or 3rd show in just over a month. An extended NSW regional tour has been announced:

It is said that all good things happen at once. Well guess what. The event we mentioned at our last meeting about The "Damn Good Diva's" is also on the 26th July. This means that we have to juggle three events not two.

We had a pretty good crowd of Rotarians for the "Calendar Girls" and all those present were so enthused about the show that we then decided to do a Cessnock Rotary Calendar for the year. I even agreed to be Mr January as long as we all had a go. Well we have had little response since then. BUT its never too late, next years calendar is not due for a while yet. (Guess who the photographer is) Therefore you are bound to look better than you might expect.

Anyway, we also need numbers for this event as well. Next weeks meeting will be a very busy session with Matt's Farewell Speech, so have your decisions made well before the meeting, to save time.

A FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO TRISH DAVIS





A Farewell tribute to Trish Davis, who has been a big part in our club for quite a few years. Trish has been involved in our fund raising efforts, fellowship in club activities and also in her love for the PNG Teachers Assist Kakoda Project with almost unequalled enthusiasm. We will all miss your happy smile at our meetings and wish you the very best for the future.





TRISH DAVIES' NEW GUINEA PROJECT

Email Trish: trish_davies@bigpond.com



On The
Kokoda Trail

OUR INTENDED NEW GUINEA TRIP

Trish I am sorry but I could only find a small number of photos of you during your membership with the Rotary Club of Cessnock. But each photo brings back a lot of memories and fun times. You were a valued member of our club and all our members wish you the best with your transfer to the Rotary Club of June, plus a happy retirement back to the town that you always called home.

Your PNG Project is almost coming to an end as well with your trip to PNG shortly. You have put an enormous effort in helping the people you met on your trip there years ago and it has made their lives so much better from your huge contribution to them. Well done and we will miss you.