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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT



It was our clubs honour to welcome as our guests District Governor Brian Atkins and his charming wife Madeleine and Assistant Governor Chris Walmsley on Thursday night. District Governors are exceptional Rotarians and they and their partners give so much of themselves in nurturing Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in the expectations that Rotarians will grow and prosper in the great calling of serving their community and the world with the sacrifice of service above self. Thank you Brian, Madeleine and Chris for taking the time to spend with us in fellowship and encouragement.

Next week will be a Board Meeting followed by club assembly so please come and participate in your club's governance.



DG Brian & Madeleine Atkins with President David and Chris Walmsley plus our very own past District Governors Janette Jackson and Greg Bevan

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BRIAN ATKINS CLUB VISIT



DG Brian held a short conference with our Board Members prior to our dinner meeting. We were delighted to have DG Brian with us and I can confidently say that Brian was impressed by our clubs performance and the measures which we have in place for the Future Vision of our club. The biggest challenge for us will be to increase membership. DG Brian also addressed all members after dinner and it was inspiring to listen to his message from the International President Ron Burton with his theme for the year being “Engage Rotary, Change Lives” Plus his personal message to all Rotarians - “You’ve chosen to wear a Rotary pin. The rest is up to you” We were also presented with a few great videos regarding next years District Conference which will be a Newcastle event not to be missed. Just listening to DG Brian’s enthusiasm for that conference and the measures and target speakers already lined up, promises to be one of the best Conferences ever. Plus the added bonus of the event which will be held at the Newcastle Stadium for all community members not just us Rotarians. When you think WOW that will be something else, then there is the International Conference which will be held in Sydney at the Sydney Olympic Village site. This event will see thousands of Rotarians from all around the world, visiting Sydney for that event. It would be great if we could attend in high numbers like we once used to do at past District Conferences in the years past. Madeleine also had a presentation about her DG Partner’s Project “ROADwhyz” which we should all get behind in our District 9670. To end the night President David presented DG Brian and Madeleine with Steve & Janette’s orchids. DG Brian, you have inspired the whole club.

ROSTER 26th September

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	David Lennon
TELLER:	Maley/Drayton
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Gail Thomas
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	N/A
GUEST SPEAKER	Club Assembly
VOTE OF THANKS:	N/A
FINE SESSION:	Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members

3rd October

Vicki Steep
Maley/Thomas
George Koncz
TBA
TBA
TBA
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

26th Sep - Club Assembly plus
BOARD MEETING at 4pm
10th Oct - Rennee Hudson

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.

ROTARACT CLUB OF CESSNOCK HAPPENINGS



Rotaract Club of Cessnock is showing that they are a vibrant young club in our community. After the success of the Masquerade Ball recently, they are having some very interesting club meetings, which hopefully will attract some new members. Adrian Roach and the Rotary Club of Greenhills took along a group of Papua New Guinea visitors to the meeting. President Nominee Adrian has been involved with the PNG project for a number of years now and has actually taken some of our District 9670 Youth Exchange students onto the trip. President Hayley Doherty is pictured with Adrian and the PNG visitors at their club meeting, which also had our student Matt in



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



12 MONTHS INTERNATIONAL LIFE AT 16-18 YEARS



Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program Committee held its first Briefing Weekend for Inbound Students, Outbound students and Parents, at Tocal College. Picture above shows the bright happy faces of our eighteen students who will be representing our District 9670 overseas next year. A wealth of information was learned by all participants. Outbound students as well as parents learned about the countries that the students were selected to go to. Our current Inbound students were a vital part of that first hand knowledge about their respective countries and customs. A part of the weekend programme was the Country sessions where the parents and outbound students could quiz the student of their selected country directly about any concerns which they may have plus to learn as much as possible about the country which they will be living in for a whole year. We have sixteen fantastic Inbound students this year in our District and each one of them gave us an account of themselves, their family and background at home.





Some of the members of the District 9670 Youth Exchange Committee plus four Rotex Students, who are returned exchange students who helped to make the briefing weekend so informative for the participants. Anne Burnett who was our Cessnock Inbound Exchange Student from Canada, being one of them who helped out on the whole weekend. The friendships between all the students have already started, which will no doubt form long lasting friendships for a lifetime.



I have posted photos on Facebook and have had a lot of interest in tagging and downloading the photos which can be shared by parents and friends overseas, to see what their children and friends are up to on this side of the world.

The photo below is a group photo of both the Inbounds and Outbounds for next year. Every year produces a fantastic group of students and this year is no exception. I am certain that the students going overseas next year will prove to be wonderful ambassadors for our District.



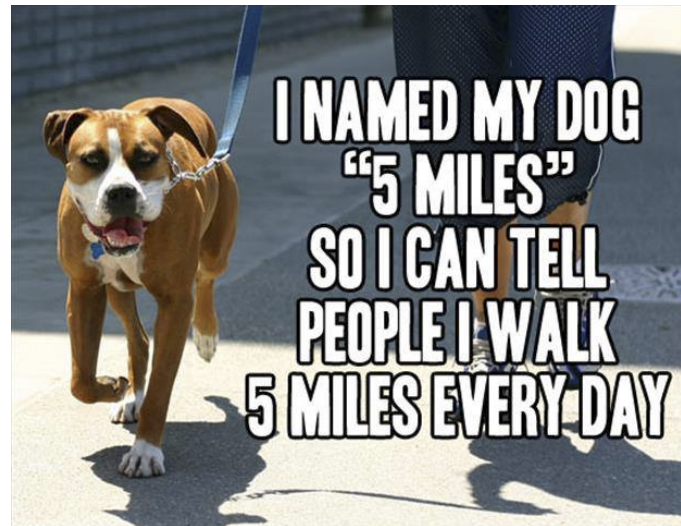
THE FOUR WAY TEST

IS IT THE TRUTH ?

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED ?

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED ?



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