

Last week was a Board meeting and Club assembly. In thinking of the Boards role within our club I was reminded of Adam Sandler an American actor and musician who once commented "I never had a speech from my father 'this is what you must do or shouldn't do' but I just learned to be led by example. My father wasn't perfect".

The Board's role is in club leadership and example. The Rotary Club of Cessnock has been led by many great leaders during its years of existence and some of the great conversations I remember from older members is their memories of great leadership of the Board members. The Board is not so much about what we should or shouldn't do but what we are capable of achieving and leading the members to these achievements. The Board is also not perfect.

The Board meeting last week was a meeting of encouragement and ideas to enhance the already proud history of our club. Thank you Board members.

It was also a great pleasure to have Brad Dewhirst back with us. Welcome back Brad.

Next week we have Ian Scanlon from the CDLC with us to bring us up to date with CDLC operations. Please come and hear Ian talking about a vision of our club and the reality which followed.

We will also welcome back President Vicki refreshed form her international travelling. Acting President David



## our Exchange Student Jver has Changed Host Families



Iver presented his Norwegian Rotary Club's banner to acting President David. Steve and Alison Craft are now Iver's host parents and he has told me that he really likes it at their place. Jack Grant showed off some of his card tricks after the meeting, to entertain those that stayed on for another drink.

ROSTER 27th Nov 2014		4th Dec 2014
INTERNATIONAL TOAST	George Koncz	
TELLER:	Maley/ Thomas	Maley/Selmes
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Steve Crane	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Greg Bevan	
GUEST SPEAKER	Ian Scanlan	
VOTE OF THANKS:	Peter Carver	
FINE SESSION:	Peter carver	Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members	All members

FUTURE EVENTS 27th Nov - Ian Scanlan District Learning Centre

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.** 



It was nice to have Brad Dewhirst back with us. He is lined up with another two veterans of our club, a great trio. Not to be outdone, the ladies showed a unified front.

## THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL FOR THE EAST CESSNOCK SCHOOL PROJECT







Past President Gail's East Cessnock Project is just about completed, thankfully to the hard working team of volunteers. The Bar BQ area at top is all but finished with the grass growing well between the planter boxes. The orchard and berry farm area was the last part of the project, which has now been completed as well. The fruit trees and berries should be flourishing with the new drip system from the new water tank. This project was a huge effort by many of our members but it wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Gail's vision for the school to have fresh produce and for the students to learn how to cultivate and use all of the fruits and vegetables. Great effort Gail.



## **Excellence in Customer Services**



Shane Clifford was nominated and won the Customer Service Awards for her great efforts at what she does so well. We at Cessnock Rotary also appreciate the way that Shane looks after our needs on a weekly basis, at Potters Tavern. It is always a nice cheery smile that awaits us at the bar. We would like to congratulate you for a well earned win.







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