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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK  
DISTRICT 9670  
SPOKE**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

To listen to a Rotarian with 47 years of membership in the same club telling of his experiences is surely bordering upon a unique experience. When the Rotarian is Brian Howe it is a unique experience. Brian told of his life as a surveyor, mining engineer and many other industry and community involvements along with the hard times of unemployment and position redundancies due to a turbulent coal industry. But in all of these experiences he maintained the highest level of professionalism and personal dignity. These significant qualities are largely responsible for the high personal and professional esteem in which he is held by all those who have known him. Surely this is the very epitome of a true Rotarian. Brian's wife Lois also featured significantly in his memories as one who not only shared with him in his experiences but was with him all the way. Thank you Brian for sharing your life's experiences with us.

This week sees our HVG roster kicking in and we thank Vicki Steep for all her hard work in organising the events. Next week we will have the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians with us and we have planned a low key night of fellowship with them.

President David



Thanks Brian for the many years of service to our club and our community. It was a pleasure to hear about some of the life experiences which you shared with us. A few old photos which you may have forgotten about but they are still in our archives and in the history book about the Rotary Club of Cessnock.





Robyn Drayton did the International Toast to the Rotary Club of Vientiane, Laos, This club doesn't actually exist but we were told that when Robyn goes back there again to set up a "Wine Bar" then she will form that club. Therefore we can look at it as a Toast to the Future Rotary Club of Vientiane. Robyn is pictured with her friend under the two Fertility Goddesses, on her previous holiday in Laos. So we got the joke Robyn, well done for an impromptu International Toast.



Our exchange student Matt told us about his recent travels to Sydney and elsewhere, but very much prompted by Bill Flett since Matt forgot about half the places he visited.

#### ROSTER 28th November

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Bill Flett  
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/S Jackson  
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: John Jowett  
GUEST SPEAKER: David Clark  
VOTE OF THANKS: TBN  
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver  
STEWARDS: Peter Carver  
All members

#### 5th November

Graham Lidbury  
Maley/Drayton  
Vicki Steep  
N/A  
Induction Ceremony  
N/A  
Peter Carver  
All members

#### FUTURE EVENTS

28th Nov- RVFR Members attending.  
5th Nov - Induction of 2 new members  
6th Dec - Wheeling & Able Christmas Party

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.**





**Children's Day** is recognized on various days in many places around the world, to honour children globally. It was first proclaimed by the World Conference for the Well-being of Children in 1925 and then established universally in 1954 to protect an "appropriate" day. Major global variants include a **Universal Children's Day** on November 20, by United Nations recommendation. Happy Children's Day to children around the world! May we continue to work towards allowing every child the access to a happy and safe childhood and opening doors to a world of opportunities!







As a very proud Novocastrian I warmly invite all Rotarians and their families to share the excitement of Rotary and enjoy a Sea Change in Newcastle at “Our Vision, Our Future” District 9670 Conference at Wests Club New Lambton on 28, 29, 30 March 2014.

In the ever changing world of Rotary our Newcastle Conference will be dynamic, inspirational and affordable. As part of your conference registration you will enjoy being part of the Rotary Spectacular Mini Tattoo at Hunter Stadium on the Friday night. We will be inviting the public to join us to witness the marching bands and entertainment spectacular, a first for our District Conference. The conference has a great venue with outstanding guest speakers at our plenary sessions. On

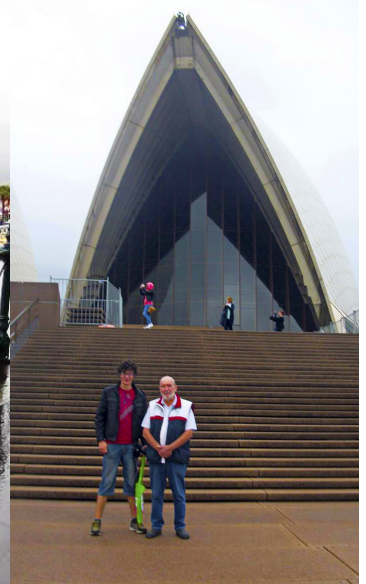
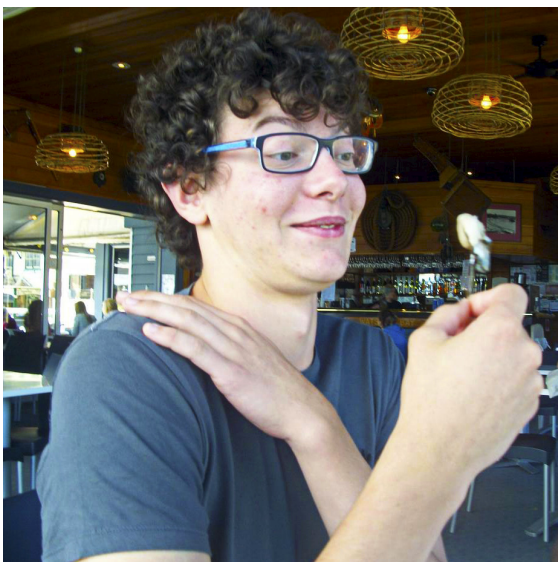
Saturday evening at the Celebration Dinner we will present for your entertainment Ultra Swing Lounge, a big band with a big sound.

I encourage you to register early, lock in your accommodation, share the spirit and fellowship of Rotary at the Newcastle Conference. For more details please check the website, the Conference Newsletter or contact Conference Chair PDG Ted Atchison.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR - BRIAN ATKINS**



Matt has been busy touring parts of Sydney town with the Fletts. He has most certainly had a feel for the Ausie lifestyle, meeting some locals and trying oysters for the first time. His taste buds are taking on new challenges as well. No wonder he forgot half of what he did.





The mind is  
like a  
parachute.  
It doesn't  
work unless  
it's open.



*I'm not the best,  
but i'm trying  
my best.*

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*i don't Skinny dip~  
i Chunky.  
Dunk*

LOVE YOUR PARENTS  
AND TREAT THEM  
WITH LOVING CARE..  
FOR YOU WILL  
ONLY KNOW  
THEIR VALUE  
WHEN YOU SEE  
THEIR EMPTY CHAIR..

*A circus owner walked into a bar to see everyone crowded about a table watching a little show. On the table was an upside down pot and a duck tap dancing on it. The circus owner was so impressed that he offered to buy the duck from its owner. After some negotiations, they settled on a figure of \$10,000 for the duck and the pot.*

*Three days later the circus owner runs back to the bar in anger, "Your duck is a rip off! I put him on the pot before a whole audience, and he didn't dance a single step!" "So?" asked the ducks former owner, "did you remember to light the candle under the pot?"*

*A man in a bar sees a friend at a table, drinking by himself. Approaching the friend he comments, "You look terrible. What's the problem?"*

*"My mother died in August," his friend replied, "and left me £25,000. Then in September my father died, leaving me £90,000."*

*"Losing both parents in two months. No wonder you're depressed."*

*"And last month my aunt died, and left me £15,000." His friend continued.*

*"Three close family members lost in three months? How sad."*

*"Then this month," concluded, the friend, "absolutely nothing!"*





Claudia Koncz (your little Cake Maker at times) has just turned 22years young. Claudia and Sebastian have just applied for a Working Holiday Visa to Japan. They intend to do the ski season and maybe extend their time in Tokyo to take on a few other employment options. Once an exchange student, you just become a bit more world wise. Even though neither of them have an exact idea of what to expect, it will be a new challenge.

The photos of the Wedding Cake was for Sam Drayton and Kylie Plumb. Claudia went to school with Kylie and she was asked to do the Wedding Cake.