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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Alan Jurd gave an encouraging address on the value of Cessnock as a community and reflected on how much better we can be. He was encouraged by the present Council and in particular by our Mayor (who is a Rotarian) in seeking to advance our community for good. George Eliot once pondered "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" We all can positively contribute to the value of our community by pondering what can be if we all sought to make each others lives less difficult and having pondered, act towards a better community. A sobering thought and totally congruent with our Rotary values. Thanks Alan for a stimulating discussion. Next week is the MUNA presentations for the Mount View High School students who participated in the MUNA function earlier in the year at Muswellbrook. Parents and teachers will accompany the participants. It is a partners' night and we are anticipating some of our Rotary friends from Kurri Kurri to attend also. So please encourage your partners an others to attend.



President David with Alan Jurd and Steve Jackson who provided the vote of thanks.

MATT MAKES A FEW NEW FRIENDS



Our exchange student Matt can put another few experiences on his list from the weekend briefing session for our new Inbound Rotary District 9670 students. Matt did well on the Tree Tops course flying through the trees as well as handling some new Ausie friends like the lizard and a number of quite large snakes. Matt's team skit was all about their respective National Anthems and Matt sang the Austrian anthem. The weekend sessions were quite informative for students, councillors and host parents and our new Inbounds entertained us with a brief story about themselves and their family back ground in a short speech.

ROSTER 29th August

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Bill Flett
 TELLER: Maley/Drayton
 WELCOME TO GUESTS: Louise Selmes
 INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Janette Jackson
 GUEST SPEAKER: MUNA
 VOTE OF THANKS: Greg Bevan
 FINE SESSION: N/A
 STEWARDS: All members

5th September

N/A
 Maley/Steep
 Brian Howe
 Bill Flett
 James Johnstone Award
 David Clark
 Peter Carver
 All members

FUTURE EVENTS

29th Aug - MUNA (Partners Night)
 5th Sep - James Johnstone Award
 (Manager of Austar Mines)
 11th Sep - Community Connect Bar BQ.
 12th Sep - 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

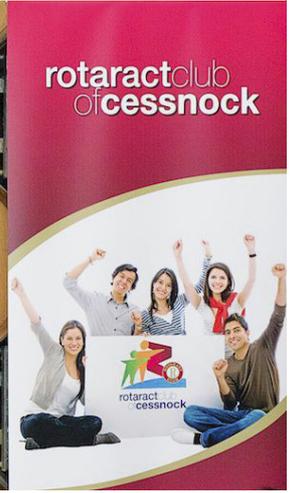
REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.

ORIENTATION WEEKEND FOR INBOUND STUDENTS



Meet our seventeen new Inbound Exchange Students to District 9670. The weekend session was a bonding session where they met for the first time as a group. Many friendships have already been made and it was a great start for a wonderful year ahead. Thanks to Anne Burnett, our past exchange student (on the left) for helping out with some of the weekend sessions.

ROTARACT MASQUERADE BALL



President Hayley Doherty and the Rotaract Club of Cessnock have put in an outstanding effort in putting on a Masquerade Ball held at the Barrel Room at Tempest Two which will be talked about for a long time. The proceeds from the Ball was to aid “Carrie’s Place” which supports a local organisation for Women and Children by providing accommodation and a support program for those who need the help in our community. The ball was a real success which was supported by friends from both Rotaract and Rotary groups as well as a wide community base.



There were many raffles and auction items plus a photo session provided by StudioSix Photography, who has done these fantastic photos. This is a new photo company who you could put on your list if you are considering a photo shoot. Just look at the shots of some of our members and friends. The Jowett’s were obviously in a good mood, along with Anne and Claudia. President David, Steve and Janette were at the ball but it appears that they missed the fun of the photo shoot. There is always next year as I am sure that this event can be repeated in the future. The Cessnock Rotaract Club has come up with this idea and it could possibly generate more interest in their club and attract new members as well. Overall a fantastic effort from our young group of Rotaractors.



Just a few more of the photo shoots with the Rotaractors with our exchange student Matt dressed up in his traditional Austrian gear. David and Val plus friends of ours from Sydney were also part of the evening fun. Lets hope that this Ball was the first of many yet to come.

**CONGRATULATIONS
ROTARACTORS.**

