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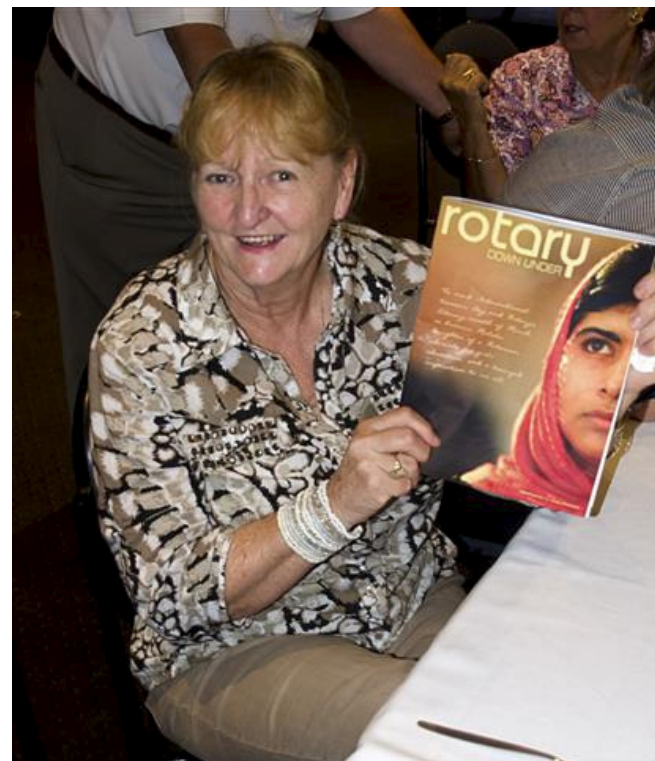


ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margaret Mead once observed "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". Our guest speaker last week Bryce Gibson a local Real Estate owner and Councillor, could have been thinking of this quotation when he spoke passionately about his passion – sustainability of the environment. His hand out "Your guide to creating a healthy and energy efficient home" and the practical changes he has made in his business and personal life to save energy was a thought provoking and practical discussion. Thank you Bryce for your presentation. It was well received and I believe had many of us rethinking our energy futures.

Next week is a Board Meeting and we will welcome again our AG Christine Walmsley who will attend the Board meeting and enjoy fellowship with us at the club meeting. We look forward to having Chris with us and to hear some further words of wisdom from this experienced and committed Rotarian. Please join with us at the next meeting. President David



President David with Bryce Gibson after a very thought provoking speech which did make us all very much more aware how to start saving on our energy output and our savings if we do something about it. Vicki did the Rotary International toast to the Rotary Club of Mingora in the Swat Valley of Pakistan, plus highlighted the incredible story about Malaya Yousafzai who stood up for Women's Rights in Pakistan against the might of the Talaban, in particular for education of girls.

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ROSTER 20th March

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Margaret Maley
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Malet/Drayton
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Brian Howe
GUEST SPEAKER: N/A
VOTE OF THANKS: Board Meeting
FINE SESSION: N/A
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

27th March

Robyn Drayton
Maley/A. Crane
Louise Selmes
George Koncz
Kristians McDonal Spiser
Gail Thomas
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

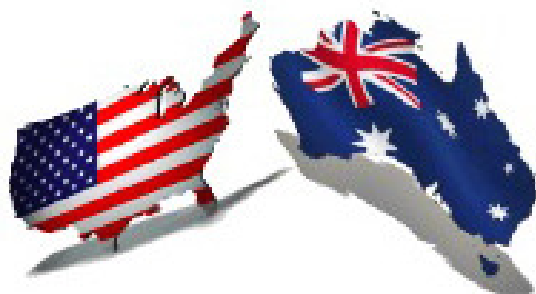
20th March - Board Meeting
27th March - Kristiana McDonald Spicer

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.



SPECIAL GSE WELCOME INVITATION

Join us in fellowship!

2014 Rotary Group Study Exchange Team Welcome Dinner
District 7570 West Virginia, Northeastern Tennessee

Date: Tuesday 25 March 2014

Time: 6:15pm for 6:45pm

Place: Memories Function Centre

4-6 Charles Street, Wallsend

(parking off Harris Street)

Dinner Cost: \$30 per person

A warm invitation is extended to all District Leaders, Group Study Exchange Alumni, Rotary Clubs and Incoming GSE Team Host Rotary Clubs and their partners to officially welcome the incoming GSE Team from District 7570.

*Team Leader Brad Pyott,
Team Members Paul Ancil, Steven Martin, Michelle Scarlino, Becky Wilburn*

*The Team will give a short presentation prior to the Rotary
District Conference. All are invited to attend.
Some Clubs may wish to attend in lieu of their regular meeting.*

RSVP essential by Thursday 20 March

Rotarian Grant Pettigrew Email: gap@exemail.com.au

Or Rotarian Madeleine Atkins Mobile: 0447 523 221

Bob Main, President - Rotary Club of Waratah Inc
Club Cheques to Rotary Club of Waratah, PO Box 57, Waratah 2298

MARCH ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

JOINED ROTARY: NO JOINERS IN MARCH

BIRTHDAYS: David Lennon 6/3, Irene Flett 21/3, Greg Bavan 20/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Graham & Astrid Lidbury 3/3 ANN



TRISH AND MATT IN JUNE

Matt and I had a great time at the Junee Rhythm 'n Rail Festival this weekend. We helped hold 612 metres of licorice to set a new Guinness Book of Records recording. Matt had a try at old fashioned wood carving under the instruction of Brian Beasley. He still has his licorice. I ate mine!!



Finally have finished packing the 20' container of school goods for PNG. These boys were very helpful & kept my spirits up as I took load after load out to the container and packed it in. It was supposed to sail on Monday just gone (so hope it has). It weighed just over 10 tonnes. I'll follow it over in June to help the teachers with how to use the materials, and to help set up 2 village libraries. Still need another teacher to come with me for the library work.



Trish has been busy and Matt enjoyed his trip to Junee. I bet its a big relief to have the container on its way, there might be a bit more room now in Trish's house. Trish sure has put her hand up for a huge task when she decided to take on the RAWCS project in PNG. The schools and recipients in PNG have a lot to thank Trish for and its not over yet.



Our exchange student Matt is now officially a member of the Cessnock Toastmasters Club. He is receiving his membership certificate from President Anna Van Netten. I went along to a few sessions to see how Matt goes and he is eager to improve upon his speaking skills and to cut out a lot of Uhms and Ahs from his speeches. His friend Sebastian Koncz is also going along to improve upon his speaking skills as well. The two of them should push each other onto better things. Its not only giving speeches but you learn to listen to others and when you get a bit more advanced you are required to evaluate other members in various roles, so listening and observing is as important as doing those tasks yourself. The first speeches that they will have to do is an Ice Breaker in which they introduce themselves to the audience and basically speak about themselves, that shouldn't be too hard for either one of them. Matt did a very good introduction to our club just after he arrived. With his new skills, we are in for a real great farewell performance in a few short months.

2014 GSE TEAM FOR DISTRICT 9670 IN THE USA



Our District 9670 GSE team have arrived in the USA and they are visiting District 7570, which comprises western Virginia and northern Tennessee. Team Leader Lindy Hunt was sponsored by the Rotary club of Scone and her team are Helen Squires, Karen Ellis, Andrew Best and Ezza Marney. By the looks from the photos posted on Facebook, they are having a good time. They will be attending the District 7570 Conference during their travels.