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CESSNOCK ROTARACT MEETING

There was a well attended meeting at the Supporters Club to address the problems being faced by the Cessnock Rotaract Club. DG Brian Atkins and DGNominee Adrian Roach plus a number of Rotarians attended the meeting to discuss the future of the Cessnock Rotaract Club. There was quite a lively discussion between the Rotaractors and everyone present for the meeting. Like many Rotary clubs, our Rotaractors are finding it very hard to attract new members and some of their current members are moving out of Cessnock. This leaves only a devoted few to manage the club and future events. The next "Masquerade Ball" is already booked in, to follow onto the success of their first one. The club is considering help from the Newcastle Rotaract club which would lighten the load on members plus bring more interest and people to the next Ball. Our own Rotary club can also help out in many ways so that it will be another great success.

The general feeling at the meeting was for the Rotaract Club to continue even though the member numbers are very low at present. Membership is very hard to boost in any Service Club these days. We as Rotarians should also look for possible candidates that would make good Rotaractors.



Photo was taken at a recent Changeover and Christmas party at Emmas Cottage.



**COME AND CELEBRATE
AUSTRIAN DAY WITH
MATT**

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY FROM 3.00PM

VAL & DAVID'S PROPERTY

10 CONEY CREEK LANE, QUORROBOLONG

COST: ADULTS \$20 - SCHOOL CHILDREN \$10

**DINNER AND SWEETS PROVIDED
(BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS)**

ENTERTAINMENT

GOLF

CROQUET

PETANQUE



INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS - LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL
Numbers taken at Rotary previous week or phone 0409986102 (Bill & Irene) or 49986221 (David & Val) by 8th February



PETANQUE

**A few Austrian scenes to put us in the mood
Plus Claudia will be making strudel.
RSVP to Bill & Irene 0409 986 102 or
David & Val 4990 6221 by 8th Feb 2014.**



Rotary  **2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | 1-4 JUNE 2014

REGISTER NOW



ROSTER 30th January 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Robyn Drayton
TELLER: Maley/S Jackson
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Alison Crane
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: N/A
GUEST SPEAKER: N/A
VOTE OF THANKS: N/A
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver
STEWARDS: All members

6th February 2014

David Lennon
Maley/Davies
Steve Crane
TBA
TBA
TBA
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

26th Jan - Australia Day Celebrations.
26th Jan - Thank You BBQ Hunter Gardens
30th Jan - First meeting back at Potters.
6th Feb - Potters TBA.

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.



RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose *Light Up Rotary* as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness." "There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan. After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Huang urged club members to *Light Up Rotary* in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects. "How you *Light Up Rotary* is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Huang also shared his membership development goals, including the need for more women and young adults and his goal to increase membership to a total of 1.3 million members. He asked Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary.

"We need to assume leadership for building strong clubs, and that starts with bringing in new members," he said. Addressing the status of the fight against polio, Huang noted that with the current momentum Rotary is on track to achieve full polio eradication by 2018.

"When we eradicate polio — and we will — we will have proved ourselves an organization capable of great things. And we'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. We'll have given the world a gift that will endure forever," he said. By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

"*Light Up Rotary* is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," Huang said. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

D9670 RYPEN

25 Year Celebration



- Date** 27 February 2014, 6.15pm
- Venue** Marina Views Function Centre
First Floor Fishermans Co-op
97 Hannell Street, Wickham
- Cost** \$45 Hors-D'oeuvres and 2 Course including complimentary drinks
- Tickets** <http://stickytickets.com.au/13054>
(Numbers need to be confirmed by Thursday 13th February 2014)
- Contact** Zoey Kirwan 0410 664 224
zoey.kirwan@gmail.com



This night is about celebrating the students who have participated in the program and the volunteers who have made it all possible.

Hear from Rotarians, Past participants, Parents and Facilitators.

Come celebrate with us!

Duncan Burck – RYPEN Committee Chair



MATT'S 17TH BIRTHDAY AT PINDIMAR



Our Austrian Exchange student, Matt turned seventeen during the holiday period. It was an excellent day at Pindimar at the Jowett's where Matt is staying for the holiday break. Quite a few Rotarians helped Matt celebrate on the edge of beautiful surroundings on John's small dam. You could fish, go walking, clean the fish, go onto Meg's or Beatrice's islands, etc but most of the members laid back with a few drinks to wash the steaks and sausages down. This was followed by the Birthday celebrations helping Matt polish off the birthday cake, while watching the fireworks over Nelson Bay from the balcony deck areas. Thanks John and Meg, it was a fantastic day.

DINNER MEETING AT THE JACKSONS



The holiday break is just about over. We had a small informal dinner party at the Jackson's residence on the 9th January 2014. This is almost a Cessnock Rotary tradition over the recess during our Christmas break and our thanks to Steve & Janette. We had two of my friends Brian and Lynn Watts as guests to share fellowship and some old stories. We may see Brian and Lynn at Matt's Austrian Day since they live just across the road from David and Val in Quorrobolong. 30th January is our first official meeting back and it will be an informal catch up dinner to restart our meetings at Potters.



The Hunter Valley Lights Spectacular is almost over. It ends on Australia Day and it was another successful year for us. Huge thanks go out to Vicki Steep, David Clark, Gail Thomas and all the other volunteers that helped out on many nights. This is a fun event where we can be of help as volunteers to make sure that people are being directed through the gardens in a safe manner, plus to deter any unwanted behaviour so that every person has the best experience at this wonderful event.

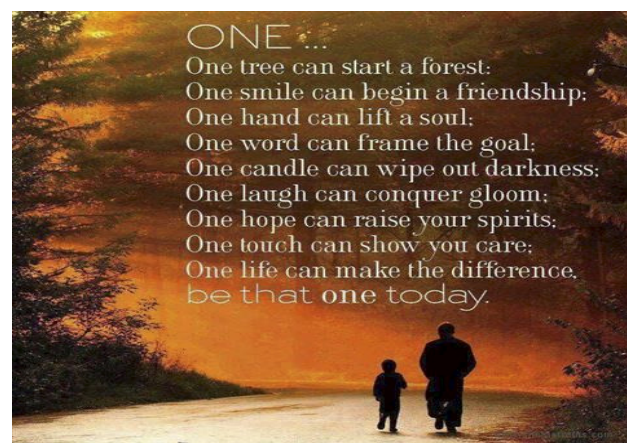
**DISTRICT 9670 YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS FOR 2014
LEAVE OUR AUSIE SHORES**



This is just a small portion of the students who have by now reached their new homes for the year ahead. Its always a very emotional time at Departures where our students have finally reached that day which is the start of a new life for a whole year. Mums, Dads, friends and relatives are all teary eyed while the students can't wait to hop on that plane. This year we have just sent out 18 wonderful ambassadors to represent District 9670 and I am sure that they will be excellent in that task.



To all my artistic friends. As far as I know nobody has done the Photoshop course, which I suggested previously. I am just starting to learn a new program called "Painter" and was wondering if anyone is interested in learning alongside me to learn how to change your photos into paintings. An example of what can be done shown above. I envision a day or two each week for a couple of hours at my place on a night that suits. I am still a beginner so we could slowly improve together. Let me know if anyone is interested. You will probably have to buy the program, I have Painter 11 but there are later versions available. Look that up and see if its something that you might want to do.



A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to the hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated and advised him that all was well. However, the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs in his crotch. Worried that it might be a second surgery and the doctors hadn't told him about it, he finally got enough energy to pull his hospital gown up enough so he could look at what was making him so uncomfortable. Taped firmly across his pubic hair and private parts were three wide strips of adhesive tape, the kind that doesn't come off easily --- if at all. Written in large black letters was the sentence: 'Get well soon.....from the nurse in the Jeep you pulled over last week.'

A DOUBLE SUCCESS STORY



Our Cessnock Rotaractor and last years Miss Cessnock, Taylah-Jane Turner and her father Tom were both successful at Clay Trap Shooting championships in Perth. Taylah was very proud of her and her dad's efforts and she had this to say - "Today I came 2nd Overall in the National Women's ISSF Double Trap Championship & Dad also came 2nd Overall in the National Men's ISSF Double Trap Championship. Congratulations to Gaye Shayle on her National title & 3rd place Suzy Balogh in the Women's! Also to Craig Trembath on his Men's National title & Russell Mark for 3rd place! I'm so proud of our efforts, how amazing to share this with my Dad, I feel so privileged. It has been an awesome day!!

Celebrate Australia Day with Krystel Keller - Sunday 26 January 2014



With the voice of an angel and a powerful determination to overcome the greatest of challenges, Krystel Keller is one very inspirational woman. Krystel Keller is Cessnock's LGA Australia Day Ambassador this year. As a result of a childhood cancer, Krystel was totally blind by the age of two years. However this did not get in the way of her pursuing her dreams of becoming a professional singer songwriter, compelling speaker and young mother. Apart from forging a professional singing and speaking career, Krystel works with charities she's passionate about, and as a result is a 2006- 2011 'Australia Day Ambassador' for the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia. Krystel's professional career has seen her perform at the 2008 Melbourne Xmas Carols, 2009 World Youth Day Sydney and more recently Channel Nine's new hit program 'Random Acts of Kindness'. Krystel was chosen as a worthy person with an incredible story to present to the Australian public, which was viewed by over 1.3 million people. Krystel has performed alongside artists such as Tim Finn, Kasey Chambers, Wendy Matthews, Angry Anderson, Marina Prior, Gina Jeffrey's and Becky Cole. Starting at 7:30am, at East End Oval, there will be a free Aussie breakfast kindly prepared by the Rotary Club of Cessnock and Wine Country Lions Club. In addition there will be entertainment for the family, a jumping castle, children's face painting, Hunter Valley Zoo's mobile animal display, games, races, prizes and information stalls. At 10am the official celebra-

tions will be held at the East Cessnock Bowling Club. Our Australia Day Awards including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Environment Award and Heritage Award are to be announced during the celebrations. You will be able to enjoy the entertainment provided by our local talented artists, Hayley Doherty and Elise Mahler.