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## **ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Unfortunately for George I have been extremely busy this week with final preparations for my son's wedding and apologise for holding up the printing of the Spoke, you would think a person could find 10 minutes in a day for important matters but this week everything seemed to be important.

There was a good attendance this week to welcome our District Governor Gerard McMillan, his partner Yvonne and AG Christine Walmsley to our meeting. Gerard addressed the Board and the meeting. Gerard's enthusiasm for Rotary was evident in the way he has taken up the challenge to "Light up Rotary". Gerard described Rotary as it being the "Rotary moment" we feel when going about our dealings with the people we help rather than how we do it, it doesn't have to be making huge amounts of money (even though it helps) but the smaller personal efforts like just being with someone who is lonely or taking someone shopping, or

for a cup of coffee. Yvonne then told us about her project for this year being the "Merv Van" and Men's Health, this is such a worthwhile project and with the van being able to deliver much needed assistance to not only men but the women in isolated communities across NSW. As a club I am sure we can support Yvonne this year and bring awareness of the issues being faced by all people in our district. It was very appropriate that Yvonne addressed us this month on this subject as October is Mental Health Awareness month.

Bunnings have put out their roster for the next 3 months and I think we have drawn the short straw with our days being Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, not much notice but I am sure we can man the stall that day, the other day is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December, and I know that is straight after Christmas but maybe everyone who gets a Bunnings voucher for Christmas will choose that day to come shopping.

We also have the Christmas lights 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November, roster is filling up but could do with a few more helpers on a couple of the nights. Don't forget to send back your availability for the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> December. We will then have a break until the 13<sup>th</sup> January but also need to start thinking of availability for this roster.

Graham has been busy organising a Melbourne Cup Calcutta – more on Thursday but tickets have to be sold and then a good turnout at The Royal Oak on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the draw.

See you Thursday with all the reports from the Postie Bike Grand Prix



# TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL



Rotary Club Amsterdam International



Last week was a full on meeting with our District Governor's visit and we also had our usual fun filled night at the same time. John Jowett did the Rotary International Toast with a distinct reason behind the choice of club. John's granddaughter Beatrice who was our guest speaker a few weeks back, is in Amsterdam with the choir that she is with and they are performing there. That is definitely a good reason to pick that city and the Rotary Club, for John's toast. It is an English speaking club which seems to be becoming popular in many parts of the world. We also had our Mr COOL Exchange Student Iver give us his weekly happenings and surfing was one of the highlights.

## ROSTER 30th October

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Jack Grant
TELLER:	Maley/Thomas
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Peter Carver
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	N/A
GUEST SPEAKER	Nil
VOTE OF THANKS:	N/A
FINE SESSION:	Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members

## 6th November 2014

Jack Grant
Maley/ S Jackson
Jack Grant
N/A
N/A
N/a
Peter Carver
All members

## FUTURE EVENTS

13th November - Effie O'Neil Debate

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

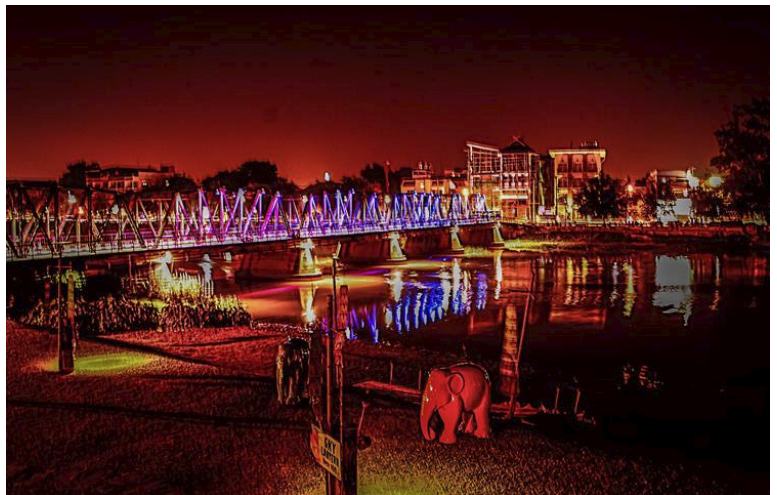
Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: [lids@westnet.com.au](mailto:lids@westnet.com.au)

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



# MAKUP IN CHIANG MAI THAILAND



**Chiangmai International Rotary Club**  
**Golf Ball Drop**  
 Charity Fundraiser  
 Saturday 6th of December, 1600 hours (4:00 pm)  
 Chiangmai Gymkhana Club

**Grand Prize 30,000 Baht**

Only 1,000 numbered balls sold!  
 Price per ball 1,000 Baht

At the official opening of the Thailand International Balloon Festival, 1000 golf balls will be dropped from a balloon tethered above the course. Winner is owner of first ball in the hole or nearest ball to the hole.

All funds raised will go to charitable causes, such as the Chiangmai Big Brother project, Amigo Vision Thailand, Mae Tao Clinic.

Entry into the Balloon Festival for one included in the ticket price.

For further information on ball ticket purchase contact:  
 Laurence O'Keeffe @ 094-648-2818 or  
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Sponsored by **Chiang Mai**

Claudia and I went to the Rotary Club Chiang Mai International. This club is also an English speaking club with members who have decided that Chiang Mai is a beautiful part of the world to settle or retire. I must say that out of the places which we visited in Thailand this city was my favourite as well. It is a city of old temples and a mixture of old buildings interspersed with new high rise hotels and apartments. The majority of the population are Buddhist and all the temples are in the Buddhist tradition.

The club meets at the River Market Restaurant just across from the Old Iron Bridge and the members made us very welcome and we enjoyed their friendly fellowship.

We received the club banner from their president which I passed onto President Vicki.

The club's fundraiser is a "Golf Ball Drop" which I mentioned at our meeting last week. It could be a great idea to take on board for our club. We have the balloons and we have the golf courses.

It could be quite a new idea in our area which hasn't been thought of, it might just attract some interest for the town each year. The idea is to have 1000 golf balls tethered above a golf course in a balloon. The winner is the owner in the first hole or the nearest ball to the hole. A lottery with a difference.



# The Australian Postie Bike Grand Prix



What a wonderful event for our town The bikes might have been old postie bikes but the competition and the speed was ferocious. It appears that we will have this event for the next five years in town and it should get bigger and bigger each year.









Louise and I checked out some of the other attractions amongst all the market stalls.





The swave muso Mr Peter Carver with celebrity muso Angry Anderson