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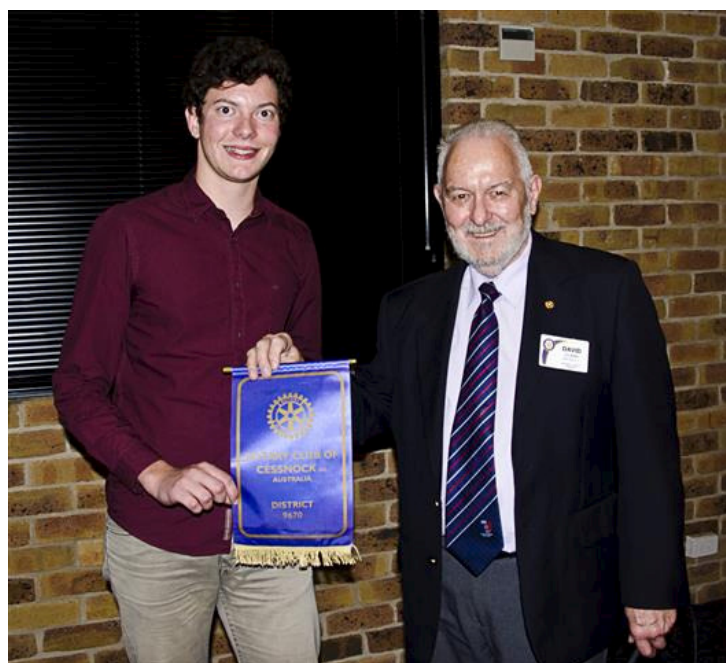
## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Richard Bach a writer and philosopher from the USA in the early 1900's exhorted his readers when facing farewells *"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetime, is certain for those who are friends"*.

These thoughts were so pertinent when we farewelled our special Rotary Exchange Student Matt on Thursday night. The testimonies from his Counsellor Bill Flett and the Host Parents highlighted the greatness of this young man. The attributes of good manners, kindness, caring and helpful were but a few of the observances made by all speakers. Then Matt gave us his perspective of being an exchange student and what it had meant to him. He spoke sincerely of his parents and the contribution they made to allow him to come to Australia. The journey during his stay in Australia was outlined and he highlighted the difference between his perception and the reality he experienced. His gratefulness for the host parents was profound and the fellowship at the Rotary Club of Cessnock was acknowledged. All in all it was the best speech I have heard from an Exchange Student in my time in Rotary. As President I believe I speak for all the members when I say "Matt it has been an absolute privilege to have had the pleasure of your company during the past year".

I believe the memories of Matt will remain in our lives for many years and I do not believe that this will be the last time we will see Matt in Australia as Richard Bach states *"And meeting again, after moments or lifetime, is certain for those who are friends"*. Matt we wish you well in your life's endeavours. We also had the pleasure of two Canadians Marylyn and Dan Porter from Wainwright Alberta. They also were impressed with the night of fellowship. Next week we have Astrid Lidbury who will give us a poetry session. It is also my last night as your President and we will review the year from a club perspective and look forward to Vicki taking over at the changeover on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Until next week President David.







We had a Canadian couple from Alberta Canada as our International guests, Marylyn and Dan Porter. Banners were exchanged with President David. Margaret Maley arrived back home safely after her visit to France and England. By all accounts it was a great holiday but Margaret is happy to be back home.



Vicki Steep is taking numbers for the Andre Rieu Concert at the Glandale Cinemas for the Sunday 27th July event. We have a few members who indicated interest in going, please confirm this with Vicki, so that we can get seats together. On the 26th July some of us are going to the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre to see another great show, which is The “DAMN GOOD DIVA’S”. Vicki is also taking numbers for that as well.

ROSTER 3rd July 2014		10th July 2014	FUTURE EVENTS 3rd July - Astrid Lidbury 10th July - Changeover Dinner.
INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Greg Bevan		
TELLER:	A Crane/Maley	CHANGEOVER	
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Gail Thomas	DINNER at POTTERS	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Louise Selmes		
GUEST SPEAKER	Astrid Lidbury		
VOTE OF THANKS:	Graham Lidbury		
FINE SESSION:	TBA		
STEWARDS:	All members	All members	

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.**



# FAREWELL DINNER FOR OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT MATTIAS HUMER



It was a great year for Matt who really enjoyed his exchange and it was obvious from all the comments that everyone loved Matt as well. All the host parents gave outstanding reports about Matt's behaviour while he was staying in their homes. Matt told us about many of the experiences with each host family and with Bill and Irene Flett, who was Matt's councillor. Matt also gave us a full account of the happy times spent in Cessnock and about the many places which he was taken to during his exchange year. Matt also mentioned the first hand experience of what an exchange student thinks before arriving to another country. Australia was nothing like Matt was expecting. He thought that he will be on the fringes of the desert and was quite surprised when he first saw what Australia is really like. Then came the experience of living in someone else's home, and Matt was very fortunate in having wonderful host parents. Matt's well rounded speech include everyone in the club and he topped it off by doing the fine session and getting a record amount all by himself. Matt the whole club wishes you the very best for your future and in your selected career as an architect. Cheers Mate.



I was in a public toilet and had just sat down, when I heard a voice from the next cubicle, he said "Hi!, how are you?" Embarrassed, I said, "I'm doing fine". The voice said "So what are you up to?". I said, "Just doing the same as you, sitting here!". He said, "Can I come over?". Annoyed, I said, "rather busy right now". The voice said, "Listen, I will have to call you back, there's an idiot next door answering all my questions."

*A doctor in Duluth wanted to get off work and go hunting, so he approached his assistant. 'Ole, I am goin' huntin' tomorrow and don't want to close the clinic. I want you to take care of the clinic and take care of all my patients.' 'Yes, sir!'* answers Ole.  
*The doctor goes hunting and returns the following day and asks: 'So, Ole, How was your day?'*  
*Ole told him that he took care of three patients. 'The first one had a headache so I gave him TYLENOL.'*  
*'Bravo, mate, and the second one?' asks the doctor. 'The second one had stomach burning and I gave him MAALOX, sir,' says Ole.*  
*'Bravo, bravo! You're good at this and what about the third one?' asks the Doctor.*  
*'Sir, I was sitting here and suddenly the door opens and a woman enters.*  
*Like a flame, she undresses herself, taking off everything including her panties and lies down on the table and shouts:*  
*HELP ME - I haven't seen a man in over two years!!'*  
*'Tunderin' Lard Yeezus, Ole, what did you do?' asks the doctor.*  
*'I put drops in her eyes!!'*

