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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

This week has seen many Rotarians doing Volunteer duties at the Hunter Valley Gardens. I congratulate all Rotarians and friends of Rotarians who have given their time to this fundraising venture.

Next week is a special night and I invite all Rotarians and partners to become involved. We will commence with the Annual General Meeting and then induct our two newest members Alison and Stephen Crane into our Rotary family.

Please make a special effort to be at next weeks meeting to welcome our two new members. It will be special.

President David



The Hunter Valley Lights Spectacular is a real plus for our local area and to be able to be involved.



HUNTER VALLEY GARDEN LIGHTS SPECTACULAR



ROSTER 5th December

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Graham Lidbury
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Vicki Steep
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: N/A
GUEST SPEAKER: GM/Induction
VOTE OF THANKS: N/A
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver
STEWARDS: All members

12th December

Trish Davies
Maley/S Jackson
John Jowett
David Clark
Rod Doherty & Don Perkins
Greg Bevan
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

5th Nov - Induction of Steve & Alison Crane
6th Dec - Wheeling & Able Christmas Party
12th Dec - Rod Doherty, Councillor and a Member of Kurri Rotary & Don Perkins.
19th Dec - Christmas Party

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.

OUR STUDENT MATT FEELING RIGHT AT HOME



When Matt wasn't too busy, he told us about his weekly experiences. He has had a lot on as usual and is really looking forward to the final Total Briefing Weekend for all our new Outbound students for 2014. This gives the Outbound students the best possible preparation for a wonderful year ahead. It also gives both the Inbounds and Outbounds another chance to catch up with each other again and talk about past and future plans. This weekend is also to prepare parents about having their youngster leave for overseas and knowing what to expect on that year journey. It's a big learning curve for all participants.

Bill Flett did the Rotary International Toast to the Rotary Clubs of Plymouth in New England USA. There are two clubs, The Rotary Club of Plymouth chartered in 1940 and the newer Rotary Club of Plymouth Mayflower chartered in 1997, located in Massachusetts. It is in the land of the Pilgrims so maybe that's why Bill is toasting with a nice fresh glass of pure water.

Words from the Secretary - 29.11.2013

Issues around aid for the victims of the recent devastation in the Philippines boil down to putting money into a Shelter Box or sending funds directly to the DG in the areas caused some discussion. Seems to me that there is nothing wrong with doing both! We are a generous bunch, and these people are in dire straits.

Now is the time to make commitments to go to our District Conference and to the World Convention in Sydney. District Conference :

Delegates for the District Conference can register 1. On-line (preferred method) or 2. by posting a completed registration form.

To register on-line go to www.rotary9670.org.au (club runner website)

This conference site has a link to a form that is designed for one or two persons to register electronically. (eg: Rotarian and partner). Delegates can pay either by electronic funds transfer

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or

by writing a cheque to: Rotary District 9670 Conference, and posting it to [Conference Registration, PO Box 131, Charlestown NSW 2290](#)

The cost for each delegate depends on the sessions they choose to attend. The sessions are listed on the registration form.

And for the Sydney Convention:

What travel discounts and opportunities are available?

The New South Wales Government is offering registered delegates free public transport on trains, ferries, buses, and light rail valid from Thursday, 29 May, through Thursday, 5 June 2014. Pick up your delegate badge at the registration hall in Sydney Olympic Park to receive the free travel. This pass will take you to the Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley, Kiama Beach. [Read more](#)

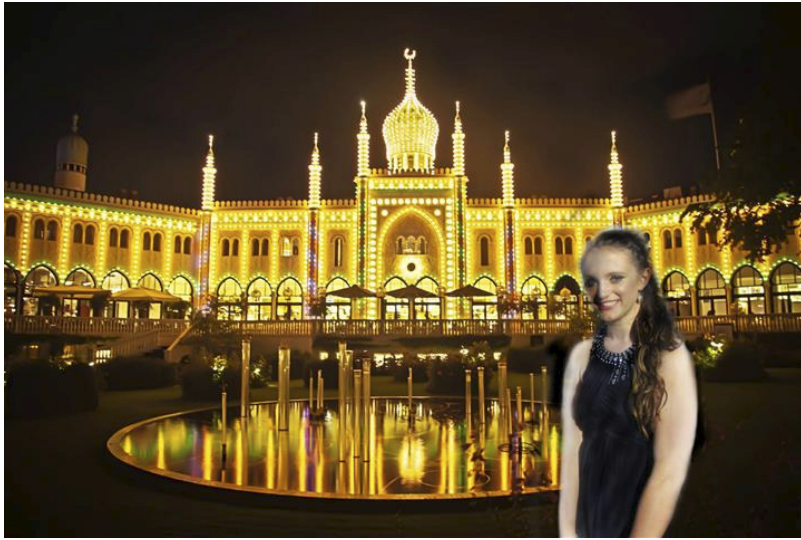
How can I save money on registration and housing?

Register before 15 December 2013 on riconvention.org and book your hotel through [Experient](#)

I reckon that booking any hotel through the official channels is asking to spend a lot of money - that's the way it is. The Jacksons have settled on a serviced apartment in Parramatta - given the transport freebies! A convention is a most worthwhile venture, and here in Oz means that costs are a lot lower than going to Lisbon!



Don't forget to book in the 19th December. Its our CHRISTMAS PARTY at POTTERS



How is everyone's Photoshop skills going? Just thought that I would ask again as Past President from our club, Peter McCloy is also interested. The above two photos are just a bit of fun. Kitri on the left is going to Denmark and Jessica is going to Poland. It appears that they are already there but they haven't left Australia yet. HAHA.

BEER MONSTER

This morning I was in luck & able to buy two boxes of Victoria Bitter cheap at the local bottle shop.

I placed the bottles on the front seat & headed back home. I stopped at a service station where a drop dead gorgeous blonde in a short skirt was filling up her car at the next pump.

She glanced at the two slabs of beer, bent over & leaned in my passenger window & said in a sexy voice, "I'm a big believer in barter, handsome. Would you be interested in trading sex for beer?"....

*I thought for a few seconds & asked, "What kind of beer 'ya got?"
(Spoken like a true Aussie)*

An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane. He turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger."

The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly.

"Okay," she said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know crap?"

And then she went back to reading her book.