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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a significant history the Rotary Club of Cessnock has. When our resident historian and longest serving member Brian Howe listed some of the members of our club since its charter in 1937 it was really a list of the "whose who" of our town. Many of the members and past Presidents were household names in Cessnock and highly respected businessmen within our community. In their business life they practiced the values of Rotary and were respected in their private lives similarly. They were true Rotarians. Thank you Brian for another chapter in the proud history of our club. In 2014 our club is still applying the 'service above self' values and whilst the business and social environment has changed, our club still has a significant role to play within our community and within our individual lives. It was also a special treat to have a member of Rotary EClub No.1 at our meeting. Joe Spears form North Carolina was made welcome and shared with us some of the clubs history and achievements. Thanks you also Joe.

Next week we will welcome our Rotary friends from Arizona at Robyn's place and I'm sure we will enjoy the fellowship. Our Mayor and Rotarian Bob Pynsent will welcome the group at a brunch around 1.00pm. Please come along and enjoy this special fellowship night. President David





Brian Howe most certainly gave us a good account of our history in the mines around our region plus some memories of many great, past Rotarians. President David is pictured with our guest Joe.



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST TO ROTARY CLUB OF NORFOLK ISLANDS BY LOUISE SELMES



Norfolk is a unique sub-tropical island in the South Pacific located at latitude 29 02 south and longitude 167 57 east. It is situated 1600km north-east of Sydney, Australia and 1056km north of Auckland, New Zealand. Officially designated as an External Territory of the Commonwealth Government of Australia, the island is 8km long, 5km wide and possesses an equitable climate that remains comfortable all year round. The population consists mainly of Pitcairn descendants (from the infamous Mutiny of the Bounty) expatriate New Zealanders and Australians and a smattering of other nationalities. In 1973, guided by the enthusiasm of its first President Ned Lenthall, Rotary on Norfolk was born and chartered. Ned's efforts in establishing Rotary on Norfolk Island and his subsequent guidance of the club through its formative years were recognised by his nomination and subsequent election to District Governor in 1982-1983. Over the years, the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island has consistently surprised many a mainland club with the level of its activities and achievements within its local community, the 9910 Rotary District and further a field in the wider international community. Some of the more notable projects undertaken by the club have been the building of the local preschool child care centre, a physiotherapy unit and baby clinic at the hospital. The club is famous for its catering expertise and is constantly being asked to cater for various community and fund raising functions. Indeed such is the extent of the catering activities undertaken, the club acquired in 2001 a purpose built mobile catering trailer fully equipped with BBQ and deep fry cooking facilities. Visitors are always welcome to attend and enjoy the fellowship and fun that is Rotary on Norfolk.

#### **ROSTER 5th June 2014**

WELCOME TO GUESTS: INTRODUCE SPEAKER: **GUEST SPEAKER VOTE OF THANKS:** 

FINE SESSION: STEWARDS: All members

#### 12th June 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Arizona Rotarians David Lennon A Crane/Thomas A Crane/ Selmes Robyn Drayton John Jowett President David David Lennon Arizona Rotarians Rosylin Dollisson Vicki Steep

George Koncz

All members

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

5th June - Arizona Rotarians at Robyn Drayton Wines. 12th June - Roslyn Dollisson Author Aging, illness, injury and death. 10th July - Changeover Dinner.

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



The Sydney Rotary Convention starts on the 1st of June and it looks like our club will have six members attending. There will be many highlights no doubt and Sydney has many fantastic events on at the same time. The "Vivid" lights spectacular will be one of those events not to be missed. Robyn and myself are going to try and snap some good shots while we attend that event. Lets hope our photos will do justice for all the effort that Sydney is putting on for us.

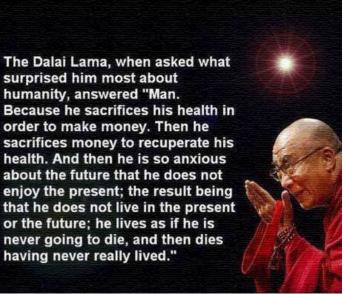






Nigerian friendship exchange visitors from district 9140 farewell dinner looks as it was a lot of fun. Our District Governor Brian Atkins looks as though he had a good time as did some of the exchange students who attended , like our Matt and Taka from Japan









Two more photos from the Capricorn Ramble trip by our Inbound students. Matt's photobook must be coming along pretty well by now.

A young doctor had moved out to a small community to replace a doctor who was retiring. The older doctor suggested the young one accompany him on his rounds so the community could become used to a new doctor. At the first house a woman complained,

"I've been a little sick to my stomach."

The older doctor said, "Well, you've probably been overdoing the fresh fruit. Why don't you cut back on the amount you've been eating and see if that does the trick?"

As they left the younger man said, "You didn't even examine that woman. How'd you come to your diagnosis so quickly?"

"I didn't have to. You noticed I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there? When I bent over to pick it up, I noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash. That was what was probably making her sick."

"Hmmm," the younger doctor said, "Pretty clever. I think I'll try that at the next house." Arriving at the next house, they spent several minutes talking with a younger woman. She complained that she just didn't have the energy she once did.

"I'm feeling terribly run down lately." "You've probably been doing too much extra work for the church," the younger doctor told her. "Perhaps you should cut back a bit and see if that helps." As they left, the elder doc said, Your diagnosis is almost certainly correct, but how did you arrive at it?

"Well, just like you did at the last house, I dropped my stethoscope and when I bent down to retrieve it, I noticed the preacher under the bed."

## A man with no arms walked up to a bar and asked for a beer.

The bartender shoved the foaming glass in front of him.

"Look," said the customer, "I have no arms - would you please hold the glass up to my mouth?"

"Sure", said the bartender, and he did.

"Now," said the customer, "I wonder if you'd be so kind as to get my handkerchief out of my pocket and wipe the foam off my mouth."
"Certainly." And it was done.

"If," said the armless man, "you'd reach in my right hand pants pocket, you'll find the money for the beer." The bartender got it.

"You've been very kind," said the customer. "Just one thing more. Where is the men's room?"

"Out the door," said the bartender, "turn left, walk two blocks, and there's one in a filling station on the corner."