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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings to all and welcome to the 2014 Rotary Year for our Club. May we enjoy much great fellowship and enjoyment as we serve our community in the many ways which will be programmed during the Rotary year.

The year started a little sadly with our highly valued and respected Rotaract Club considering if they have the numbers to continue due to some valued members moving away for work and study.

President Hayley and her team are to be congratulated on their achievements during the past three and a half years. Their combined and individual respect within the community is outstanding.

President Hayley was also presented with an award at the Australia Day ceremony for her significant contribution to the community. Well done and well deserved Hayley and the Rotary Club of Cessnock salutes you.

Our responsibilities with the Hunter Valley Garden lights has ended for this year and I congratulate Vicki for her significant efforts in managing this project. Financially it was a great success for the club and much of this success goes to Gail Thomas and Trish Davies both of whom encouraged patrons to support our Rotary Club. Results have proven they were very persuasive.

Our Exchange student Matt also enjoyed some good times during the break with his father visiting Australia and going to Canberra via Junee with Trish Davies. He outlined other experiences including celebrating his 17th Birthday at John and Meg's Pindimar property. Matt is a very respected and valued member of our club.

Next week we will have a "this is your life" story from one of our two newest members Alison Crane. Do come along and hear Alison's story . President David.



Hayley Doherty at the Australia Day Ceremonies with her Achievement Award for her services at the many community events in which Haley has helped out and performed. Haley sang the National anthem to start the ceremonies and also sang with Elise Mahler to conclude with a fantastic version of "I am Australian"

It was sad not to have had our Cessnock Rotaractors at the morning sessions doing the face painting and helping out as in previous years.



**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



**Photos of our "NEW LOOK" Matt having his hair done.
RSVP to Bill & Irene 0409 986 102 or
David & Val 4990 6221 by 8th Feb 2014.**



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

REGISTER NOW



ROSTER 6th February 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Gail Thomas
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/Drayton
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Steve Crane
GUEST SPEAKER: President David
VOTE OF THANKS: Alison Crane
FINE SESSION: Robyn Drayton
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

13th February

Trish Davies
Maley/S Jackson
Margaret Maley
President David
Rod Doherty
George Koncz
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

6th Feb - This is your Life Alison Crane.
13th Feb - Rod Doherty - LGA Councillor
and member of Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri.

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.

AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONIES IN CESSNOCK



Krystel Keller was the Australia Day Ambassador with Warren Parsons as the Master of Ceremonies. The many volunteers and helping hands in the early morning session plus the formal ceremony of presentations for the Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony proved to be an excellent effort by all participants and it was another wonderful Cessnock community event.

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

DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE

28TH TO 30TH MARCH 2014

Don't miss this exciting weekend of entertainment, fun, "Rotary Highlights" and guest speakers.

**OUR VISION
OUR FUTURE**



**ROTARY 9670 WILL PROUDLY
PRESENT A MARCHING BAND &
ENTERTAINMENT SPECTACULAR**

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING
EVENT FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
2014**



**district9670
AUSTRALIA**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM
7:30PM TO 10:00PM**

LAST MEETING 30TH JANUARY 2014



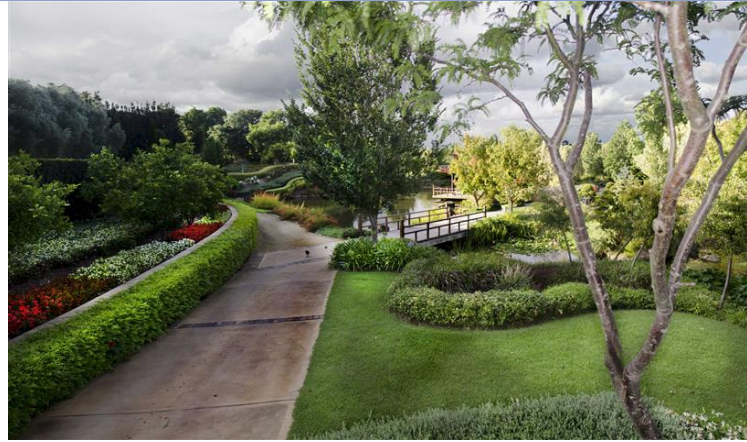
Robyn did the International Toast to the Rotary Club of Angkor in Cambodia, where she plans to travel. The main focus on projects fall under the following categories of Education, Medical and Dental, Hygiene and Sanitation and Agriculture plus Organic Farming.

We had our two Birthday celebrants, Trish and Steve being presented with a lamington each.

President David presented a double Achievement Award to Vicki and Gail for the marvellous effort they both put into the Hunter Valley Garden Light Spectacular.

(PS I got tired of the brick back ground every week in the photos, so I changed it.)

HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR



A big thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this project the success that it turned out to be. We have been doing this for a number of years now and its a rewarding experience as well as being a fun way to boost our funds for the Rotary year.