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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When Franklin Roosevelt contracted polio in 1921, at age thirty-nine, it inspired his interest in medical philanthropy. Hugh G Gallagher wrote "From the first, Roosevelt seemed to understand that rehabilitation of the polio patient was a social problem with medical aspects. It was not a medical problem with social aspects".

We were gifted last Thursday night to listen to the story of a polio survivor who has achieved greatly, when Dr John Tierney OAM told in graphic detail of his journey in life as a polio survivor having contracted polio at birth. We were confronted with the social and the deeply personal issues associated with polio. Who was not moved when confronted with the reality that a polio survivor will never be better than they are today and can only look forward to deterioration in their motor neurone functions? But in spite of this daily reality for him, to have given so much of his life to helping others (and still doing it) is a testament to the qualities of this great man. What a blessing it is to have known this man who has demonstrated the reality of service above self. Thank you John for taking the time to share with us your most significant story.

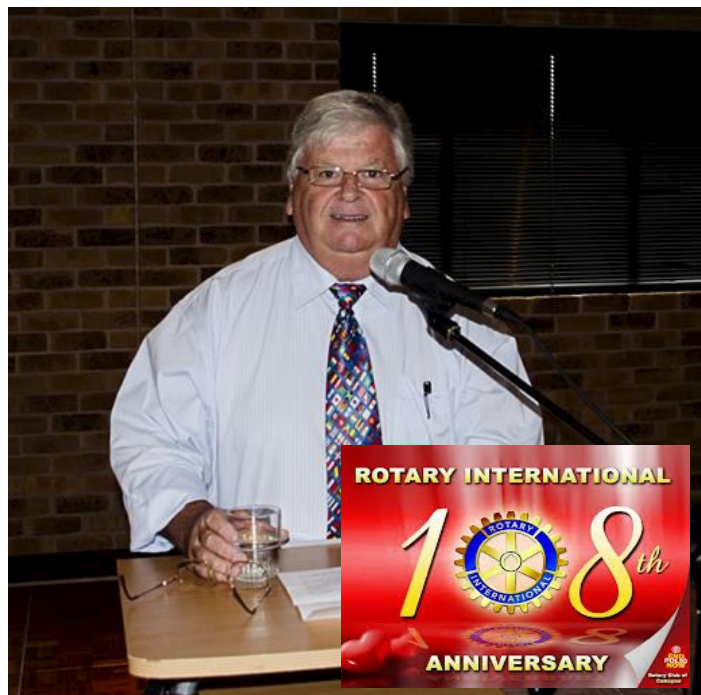
Wouldn't it be great if Rotary International and Polio Australia joined in a genuine partnership to expand the already unparalleled Rotary story of eliminating polio throughout the world with the addition of closing the loop by helping the many polio survivors?

Next week we will be in the Brewery room as the function room is booked and we will be treated to another story in the history of our great Rotary Club of Cessnock by Brian Howe. Please come along and enjoy the evening of fellowship and knowledge. President David.



Dr John Tierney with President David.

We all learned a great deal about Polio last week. John gave us a personal as well as an overall view of the Polio virus. Not many of us realised that it was an ongoing problem that will get worse as they get older. I was amongst those who thought that once you took the vaccine, you were cured. The truth is anything but that. A media campaign is required to inform all the polio sufferers in Australia, as to ongoing treatment in their lives. This will cost a lot but it is vital that this message gets across to the many polio victims in Australia and around the world.



Last week we had Matt's Dad Stephan and his friend Franck as our club guests. We also had past DG Greg giving us the Rotary International Toast to the number one Rotary club in the world, the Rotary Club of Detroit. This was an appropriate toast as we have just celebrated the 108th Rotary Anniversary which started out in the offices of our very first Rotarians in the city of Detroit USA. Thanks Greg for a very appropriate toast plus a brief history of Rotary International.



ROSTER 20th February 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Margaret Maley
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/ S Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Peter Carver
GUEST SPEAKER: John Jowett
VOTE OF THANKS: Brian Howe
FINE SESSION: Gail Thomas
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

27th February

Vicki Steep
Maley/J Jackson
Louise Selmes
David Lennon
Bryce Gibson
Alison Crane
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

6th March - Brian Howe
13th March - Bryce Gibson (LJ Hooker)

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.



Another Rotary Success Story

From last years DG Peter Raynor. Margaret Raynor is presented a cheque for \$23,500 to CEO Julie Hegharty from the Macular Degeneration Foundation being the DG Partner's Project 2012-13.

This money will contribute to research into a cure for Macular Disease.

Well done Marg and well done Rotarians and Clubs of District 9670

Thank you (past DG Peter Raynor)



Steve Jackson had his hands full at the Singleton District 9670 Insurance meeting. Steve will be the District representative for all the Insurance representation after Brian Vidler vacates that position. This is quite an important position and we are all proud of our Cessnock member in achieving this status. Congratulations Steve, we all know you will do a very capable job of it. At the meeting there was a line up of District Governor Brian Atkins, District Governor Elect Gerard McMillan and District Governor Nominee Adrian Roach. (from right to left)
(One minor comment - they need to find a better photographer.)

MARCH ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

JOINED ROTARY: NO JOINERS IN MARCH

BIRTHDAYS: David Lennon 6/3, Irene Flett 21/3, Greg Bavan 20/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Graham & Astrid Lidbury 3/3 ANN





Bunnings in Cessnock is open.

A great crowd turned out for the opening bargains as predicted by Bunnings. We were happy to be part of the opening and we almost underestimated the number of sausages that we were going to sell. First we ran out of bread, then sausages and finally the gas to top it of.

But overall it was a great day and we had lots of happy customers as did Bunnings.

This will hopefully prove to be a big drawing card to bring more people to Cessnock.. The Warehouse is full of many items with a great range and variety of goods, tools, plants and you name it.

The cover over the BarBQ area was a great idea as it looked liked it would rain, plus its handy for covering us as well as the clients. We might have to see if we can pick one of those up to cover our trailer a bit better.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 PRESENTS

THE MARCHING BAND & ENTERTAINMENT *Spectacular*

7.30PM FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2014
HUNTER STADIUM

A great night of family entertainment featuring:

Millennium Band (Sydney) **Marching Koalas** Hunter
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Catherine Britt

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