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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin a French philosopher and geologist once wrote 'The world is round so that friendship may encircle it'. This was evident on Thursday night when we enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of our Rotary friends from Kurri Kurri and with our Rotary exchange students from Austria and Germany. The fellowship was great and the food – well who can say no to proper fish and chips particularly when washed down with some local wine. Thank you Robyn again for allowing us to enjoy the night at your beautiful winery location and to all who attended, the harmony of Rotarians was in abundance. I would encourage all members to please keep up to date with the JJ Calendar as with the Christmas season imminent, there are many activities planned and involving much membership involvement. It is a time for being involved.

President David



There was quite a scene just outside of Robyn's Verandah while everyone was having their fish and chips. Lucky I went outside to observe the beauty of the night sky.

COMBINED FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH KURRI KURRI



President David welcomed our friends from Kurri Kurri and it was fitting that Paul Hughes, President of Kurri Kurri Rotary club, won the decanter of Robyn's Hunter Classic Verdello Liquor. Our two exchange students Matt and Pauline also enjoyed the group fellowship along with Ross Lidbury who should just about become one of our members, since he is with us so often, plus Steve and Alison Crane. It is always a great atmosphere out in the Vineyards and the fish and chips night was something just out of the ordinary, washed down with some of Robyn's fine wine and beer selections. Thanks again Robyn for hosting a great night.

ROSTER 7th November

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Margaret Maley
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/Thomas
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Vicki Steep
GUEST SPEAKER: Trish Davies
VOTE OF THANKS: Sally Coddington
FINE SESSION: Steve Jackson
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

14th November

Steve Jackson
Maley/Davies
Gail Thomas
George Koncz
Andrew Rae
Janette Jackson
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

7th Nov - Sally Coddington
Hunter Life Education
8th Nov - Brekky BarBQ at Crowne Plaza
14th Nov - Andrew Rae + HAT DAY
(PARTNERS NIGHT)

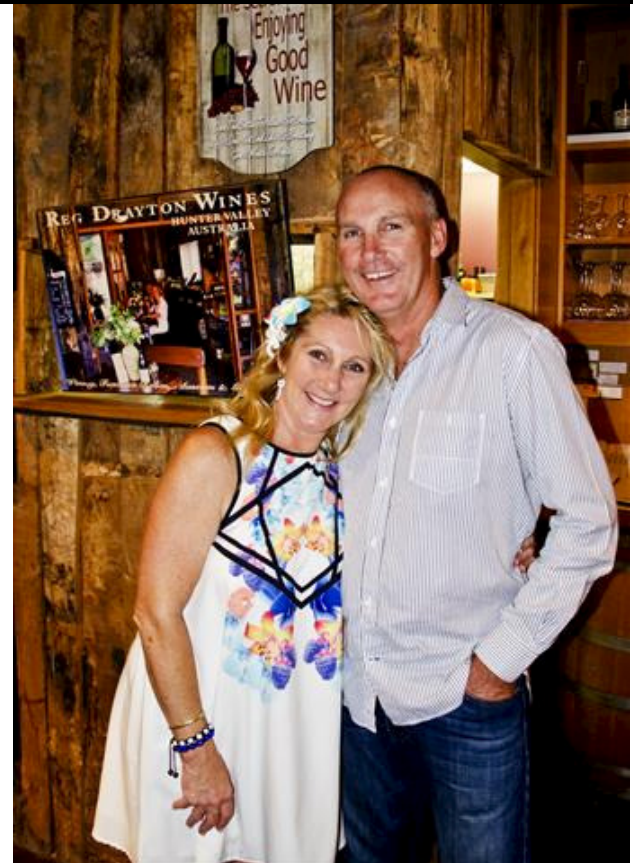
Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

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.

FISH AND CHIP NIGHT AT ROBYN DRAYTONS



We can definitely see that happy glow in Robyn's face again and its probably not just because we swapped our meeting to her fine establishment.

7 November 2013 Guest Speaker- Sally Coddington: Hunter Life Education

Sally contacted Cessnock Rotary Club to address our meeting regarding the work carried out by Life Education. This important work involves visiting schools in the Hunter to inform children of life skills regarding a variety of issues, including drug and alcohol, healthy eating etc. this service is brought to the schools in a van/bus and is shown to the children in a non threatening and fun way. Children of all ages can participate in the program. Hunter Life Education requires assistance with funds, so is asking many service clubs to help out with Fundraising events.

Please support Sally by coming along on 7 November to hear what she has to say.

Thanks David Lennon

14th November 2013 Guest Speaker - Andrew Rae.

Andrew Rae was raised and did his schooling at Maitland (Vice Captain MHS 1983) and after commencing training as an accountant joined the Police Force in 1986. In 2007 Andrew was medically discharged suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Andrew's presentation is a fascinating account of that major disruption to his life and the means by which he has largely overcome his disability by writing a fiction novel "Beneath the Cap", drawing on his medical trauma and its causes and on anecdotal events encountered by police colleagues and himself. He says that his therapy is now complete and the result is a good yarn; an educational tool on PTSD; a tribute to the Police Force, particularly behind the scenes policing; and a release of his own emotions. He hopes to stir the emotions of his readers and go a little way to changing adverse Police impressions."



**Beneath
The
Cap**

One Day in a Veteran Police Officer's Shoes

ANDREW RAE



This is the Newcastle University Choir in Christ Church Cathedral, where they recorded their first CD - it will be out just in time for Christmas. Looks like quite a large choir, see if you can spot our past President Peter McCloy

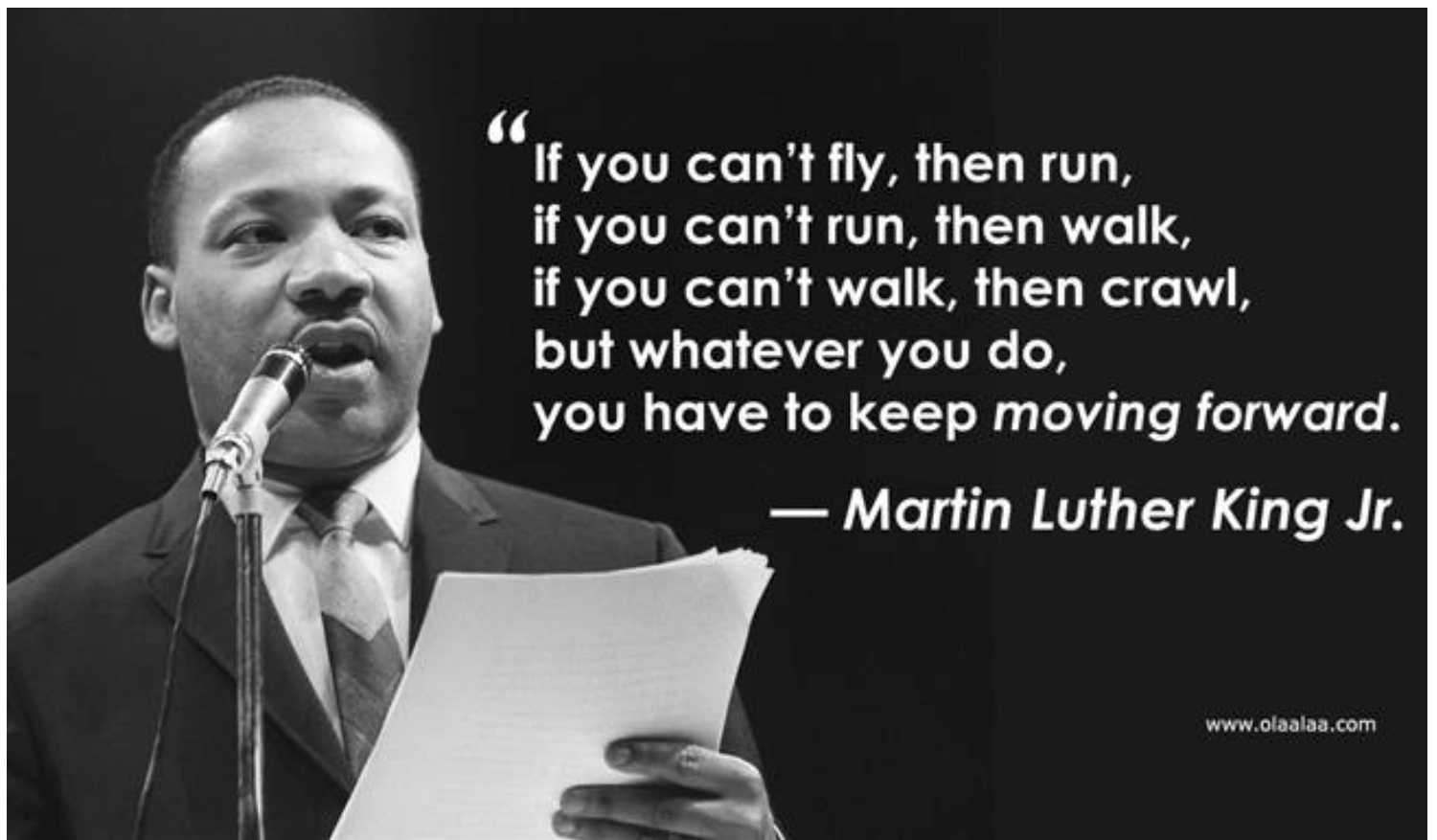
Words from the Secretary - 1st Nov, 2013. The Club has received approval from Council to operate the food trailer, so it means that we're legal when doing good deeds. And talking food - I heard from Lyn Hughes (wife of KK Pres. Paul) that her firm did not get a Guernsey to have a stall at the Lights this year, and she's heard that the Gardens are doing most of the catering themselves. I guess a question to be asked on our induction night (Wednesday next!)

Our inter-Club visit with our Kurri Kurri friends (and the odd bloke from Rutherford-Telarah) was a good night of fellowship, and thanks again to Robyn for being the instigator. I hear that Robyn's generosity of donating the port and glasses raised about \$175, which was shared with Kurri Kurri.

And my great appreciation for the sales of goodies for Australian Rotary Health, which has seen \$103 was banked this morning, with both Kurri Kurri and ourselves shown as the contributors.

Reminder - please send in hours spent in community service for October to Janette by 9th Nov.

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.
- Bob Hope



Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

- Alex Levine



After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said:

"Let me see if I've got this right.

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behaviour, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages and instil in them a love for learning.

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a chequebook, and apply for a job.

You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behaviour, and ensure that they all pass their final exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card.

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

You want me to do all this, and then you tell me.....

I CAN'T PRAY or wear a little cross or say "Happy Christmas" because **someone** might take offence? "

MAKES YOU THINK, DON'T IT????

It was mealtime during an airline flight.

'Would you like dinner?', the flight attendant asked John, seated in front.

'What are my choices?' John asked.

'Yes or no,' she replied.

A lawyer defending a man accused of burglary tried this creative defense:

"My client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. His arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offence committed by his limb." "Well put," the judge replied. "Using your logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses." The defendant smiled. With his lawyer's assistance he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out.