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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK**  
**DISTRICT 9670**  
**SPOKE**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

With a smaller number than usual at the meeting this week it was good see Peter with us again. The raffle this week was won by David Lennon and Alison Crane who donated her bottle to Peter.

David presented the International Toast to the Rotary Club of Santo in Vanuatu, thank you David for a great presentation into the life of a rather small club who is grateful for any assistance for their community large or small.

The invitation to the Rotary Club of Morisset High School dinner has been issued and all interested should reply to Morisset, this is a very popular event so get in early or you might miss out.

David Gail and I attended the Girl Guide's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, the night was well presented and we were entertained by an enthusiastic group guides of all ages before enjoying pizza, pavlova and punch.

Next week we have Maryka Gibson as our guest speaker, please come along to hear what Maryka has to say about her work as the Project Office for the Community Visitors Scheme.

Next week we also have a BBQ at Bunnings, I will forward the roster for those who have volunteered to help out.

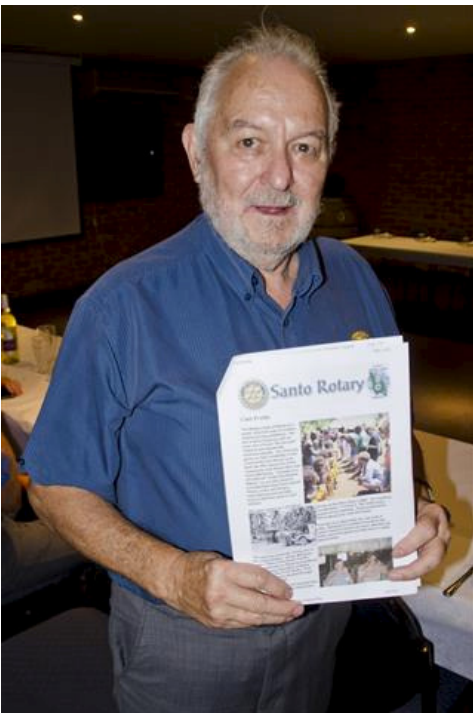
There have been a few hick ups getting the "Golf Ball Drop" day off the ground so I have decided to meet with the golf club next week to finalise the day and postpone it until September. This will give more time for advertising and selling of the tickets, maybe even a gold day to encourage a captive audience for the day. Hopefully there will be more to report on this next week.







# Santo Rotary



The Rotary Club of Santo is dedicated to serving the people of Northern Vanuatu. We are dedicated to identifying needs in our area and working within our community and with outside support to provide the most effective solutions to these needs. David Clark did the International Toast to this Rotary Club and was impressed by their mission statement and the help that came from Australia. The Maryborough Club provided funding to purchase a water tank, roofing and gutters. Valuhi village is one of the most remote villages accessible by road on Espiritu Santo. They spent over 3 hours on unsealed roads crossing 2 rivers and travelling the last hour on a road rarely used by vehicles. The village was very enthusiastic about their water tank and they posed with Phillip ( a missionary on the island) to say a "Bigfala Tanku Tumas" (Big Fella Thank You Very Much) to the Rotary Club of Maryborough Victoria for their generous donation. Such a small gift can mean so much.



## ROSTER 9th April

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TELLER:

WELCOME TO GUESTS:

INTRODUCE SPEAKER:

GUEST SPEAKER

VOTE OF THANKS:

FINE SESSION:

STEWARDS:

Janette Jackson

Margaret Maley

Alison Crane

David Lennon

Maryka Gibson

Steve Crane

Graham Lidbury

All members

## 16th April

Louise Selmes

Margaret Maley

George Koncz

Graham Lidbury

All members

## FUTURE EVENTS

9th April - Maryka Gibson Project Officer-  
Community Visitors Centre

11th April - Bunnings BarBQ

16th April - Board Meeting

18th April - BarBQ at Jowett's Pindimar

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](mailto:lids@westnet.com.au)

**REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.**



# Capricorn Ramble Continues



An old cliché but the photos tell the story. It sure appears that all the students are having the best possible Safari. A lot of the times it depends on the whole team especially the leaders.

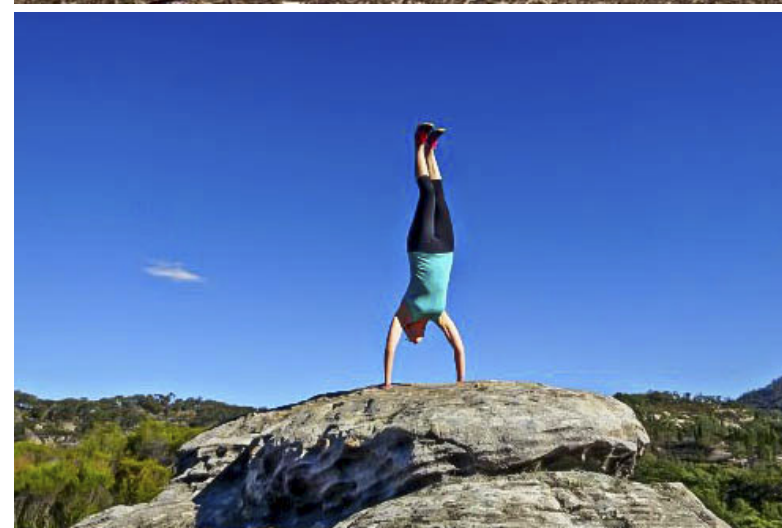
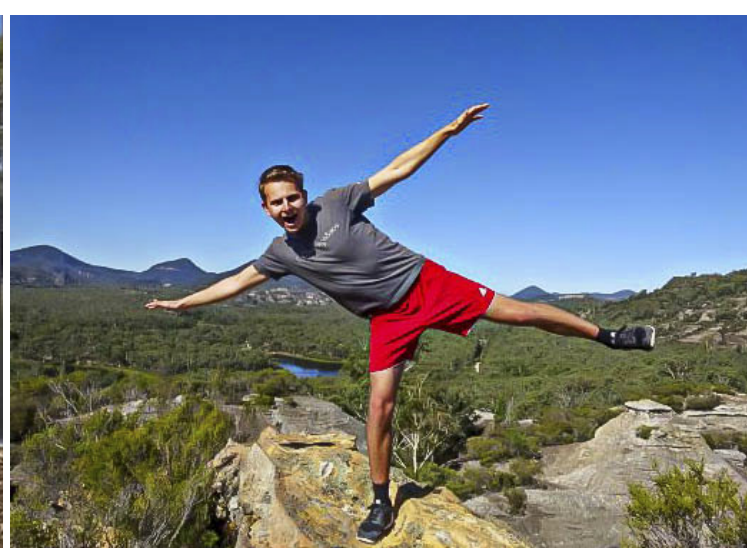


## GERMAN GSE TOUR FROM DISTRICT 1900 IS OVER



Karl Raab (group leader), Felix Harms, Kerstin Schroder, Anna Schewe and Jana Haase will leave a lasting memory in our District for years to come as being a fantastic and full of life GSE Team from Germany. They have gained valuable information in their chosen fields while in Australia and many of us who met them will remember this team who captured our hearts from the first time we met them. Since their Cessnock stay they have travelled through many parts of our district and they were warmly welcomed everywhere and their fun loving characters will continue in our memory for a long time in the future.





Some members in District 9670 would have followed the team on their Facebook page which was titled Group Study Exchange 2015 Germany meets Australia. But as we know not too many of us are able or willing to look these up. Therefore I have included these photos from those updates for those members who haven't been following their progress. It also is a huge advantage that one of the members on the team is a keen photographer and I would like to thank Jana for that.

Some of us who went to the District 9670 Conference in Forster would have met our own GSE team who are travelling to District 1900 Germany. The district includes areas in the Rhur - Rhine region such as Essen and Dortmund. The area has a long history with industrial activity, stemming from steel works established more than a century ago. The two groups met and were introduced at the conference and no doubt will catch up in Germany when our group travels their district. There are so many advantages in being part of a GSE team, whether you are a Rotarian or a team member. We were lucky this year in Cessnock to have been part of the hosting but we can be also involved in the future by suggesting candidates from our town to take part in this fantastic programme. The 4 week program keeps team members on their toes with social, cultural and vocational commitments whilst in the host country, in addition to home hosting. It provides a unique opportunity to engage on a level not experienced by other visitors.





Some of our members attended the farewell dinner in Singleton for the German GSE team. They are pictured with DG Gerrard and his partner Yvonne.

Please consider the Invitation below to the Mayoral Academic Awards. Numbers to David Clark.

Mayor of the City of Cessnock, Councillor Bob Pynsent, cordially invites you to the VIP Function for the

## 2015 Mayoral Scholarships Presentation

Tuesday 21 April 2015

From 6.30pm

Official presentation to follow at 7.30pm

Cessnock Performing Arts Centre  
Cnr Vincent St & Aberdare Rd Cessnock  
Dress: Smart casual

RSVP: Tuesday 14 April 2015 to Gina Radford on 02 4993 4210  
or [gina.radford@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gina.radford@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)

*We appreciate  
your ongoing support  
and hope you can join  
us to congratulate the  
outstanding talent  
of our local  
students*

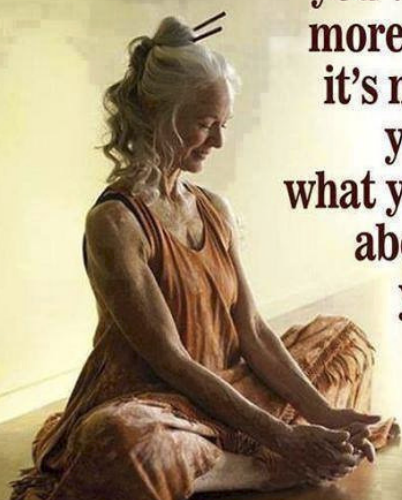




# Happy Easter

May the day that God has resurrected  
bring you delightful, love and joy.  
Have a fulfilling and joyful Easter

As you get older  
you will understand  
more and more that  
it's not about what  
you look like or  
what you own, it's all  
about the person  
you've become.



**The happiest mouse in the world**



**TRUE COWBOYS  
HAVE NO FEAR**







President Vicki, David Clark and Gail Thomas attended the Girl Guide's Annual General Meeting last Tuesday, the night was well presented and they were entertained by an enthusiastic group of girl guides of all ages before enjoying pizza, pavlova and punch. It looks like a great meeting, thanks to our members for their attendance.

