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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Christmas is celebrated throughout the world in different ways but all with the message of 'Peace and Goodwill to all men'. As we concluded our Rotary year with a Christmas Party on Thursday night to the iconic music of Peter and Kaye Carver, the mood was that of Peace and Good Will and the fellowship was great. Matt's gingerbread house and his cookies made an impact on all not just to show how creative and skilful he is but because of his conviction that the project of the YEP students was providing basic life survival equipment for those who do not enjoy Peace and Goodwill in their homeland. Well done Matt - this is very much the Rotary way of "Peace through Goodwill" as throughout the world there are so many today who know only hunger and war. How blessed we are in Cessnock and Australia.

I wish for all a happy, peaceful and health Christmas. President David.



Our Christmas Party was a special occasion with Matt putting in an enormous effort in making the ginger bread house and cookies. The auction proved a success in Matt raising funds for the District 9670 Youth Exchange challenge. Kay and Peter Carver set the mood for the joyous atmosphere shared by members joining in the carols and trivia. The clubs thanks go to Peter, Kay, Matt and President David for an enjoyable conclusion to our Rotary year. Plus to John and Meg for winning the main raffle prize.



# 2013 CESSNOCK ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY



**2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
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## ROSTER 9th January 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TELLER: Steve Jackson

WELCOME TO GUESTS:

INTRODUCE SPEAKER:

GUEST SPEAKER

Jacksons Dinner

VOTE OF THANKS:

FINE SESSION:

STEWARDS:

All members

## 30th January 2014

TBA

All members

## FUTURE EVENTS

9th Jan - Informal Dinner at the Jacksons

30th Jan - First meeting back at Potters.

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.**









Vicki would like to remind us all that we still have a commitment from 10th - 26th Jan 2014 At the Hunter Valley Gardens Lights.



HUNTER VALLEY  
**Gardens**

*Volunteers & Your Immediate Families*

*Thank You BBQ*

At Hunter Valley Gardens Amphitheatre

Sunday 26th January 2014  
From 5 - 6.30pm

(Please note that after the BBQ you are welcome to view the Christmas Lights with your family)

RSVP to Anita [anitao@hvg.com.au](mailto:anitao@hvg.com.au)  
by 14th January

It occurred to me (JJ) that from our last meeting (this week), and our next proper one (30<sup>th</sup> January), it would be a good idea to have an informal get-together, apart from the celebrations for Matt's BD/ New Year. I reckon that the day before we start at HVG Lights would be good – so that means Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January. Venue – the Jackson's, 310 Lovedale Road; Time – 6 for 6.30pm;

Cost – normal Rotary costs - \$25 per person (except for little people), all food included (nibbles, mains, even some sweets!) Who – Club members, partners, families, friends; BYO liquid refreshments. All very informal, except please let me (or Steve) know about attendance and numbers.

E-mail or use the phone, just let us know!

Steve & Janette Jackson.



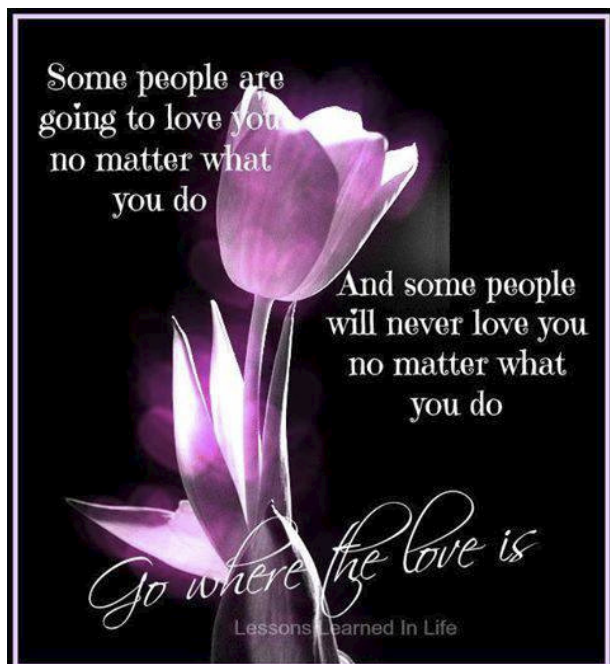
# ROTARACT CLUB OF CESSNOCK



Our Rotaractors may soon be forced to fold if they don't increase their membership. Most members are moving to different locations and hence it will be too difficult to have the club fully functional. Charter President Sebastian Koncz, current President Hayley Doherty, Secretary Christiana McDonald Spicer, Emma Kirk and Kendall Towers have been trying hard to increase membership but it hasn't happened to date. There are a few other members who attend some times, but not often enough to keep the club viable at present. This small group of dedicated Rotaractors have managed to raise over \$15,000.00 since their charter. They have held a number of functions, assisted at many community events and donated to local charities and organisations in the past three years. The club will discuss the future at a meeting at Cessnock Leagues Club which will be at 6.30 pm Thursday 16th January 2014.

In the mean time you could start thinking of friends who are 18 - 30 year olds and who would like to attend that meeting with the view of increasing the membership.

If you have any suggestions then please contact the club by Email at [cessnock.rotaract@hotmail.com](mailto:cessnock.rotaract@hotmail.com) or check out their Facebook page for more information.







I would like to thank everyone for supporting the “Spoke” and our new Rotary Website. This is also a great opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Look forward to seeing you all next year to conclude yet another successful Rotary year.

### NEW YEARS EVE



ALL INVITED TO MEG & JOHN JOWETTS AT PINDIMAR

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE.....ALSO HELP OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT MATT CELEBRATE HIS 17<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY IN FINE STYLE

ARRIVE MID TO LATE AFTERNOON, BRING OWN BBQ OR PICNIC, DRINKS & CHAIRS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO SWIM OR FISH IN THE DAM.....BRING GEAR. PLEASE WEAR SHOES AND SOCKS NOT THONGS AND SANDALS.

FIREWORKS ACROSS THE BAY AT 9.00PM AND MIDNIGHT

LIMITED ACCOMODATION (CONTACT MEG AND JOHN) OR BRING OWN VAN IF INTENDING TO STAY OVER NIGHT