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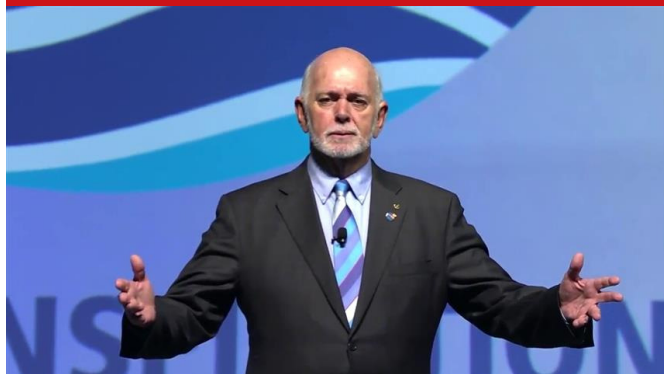
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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

### RI PRESIDENT BARRY RASSIN



Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1st September if no challenging candidates have been suggested. As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find

new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation. A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.



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# DISTRICT 9670 CHANGEOVER



DG Helen Ryan and partner Mike had a great year visiting all the clubs in our district through the year and concluded their year at the Changeover. DG Brian Coffey and partner Carol have taken over and it will no doubt be another fun filled Rotary year. The evening had a lot of highlights and you can readily see just by some of the photos from the changeover that DG Brian will be a big force in the Rotary year ahead of us. Congratulations PDG Helen and Mike for your leadership during last Rotary year and all the best wishes to DG Brian and Carol for this new Rotary year.

ROSTER 12th July 2018		19th July 2010
INTERNATIONAL TOAST	N/A	N/A
THIS IS MY LIFE	N/A	N/A
ROTARY TOAST:	N/A	N/A
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Pres David	TBA
GUEST SPEAKER	AGM	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	N/A	TBA
FINE SESSION:	Graham Lidbury	Graham Lidbury
HEADS & TAILS	Ross Lidbury	Ross Lidbury

## FUTURE EVENTS

12th July - AGM

# ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION



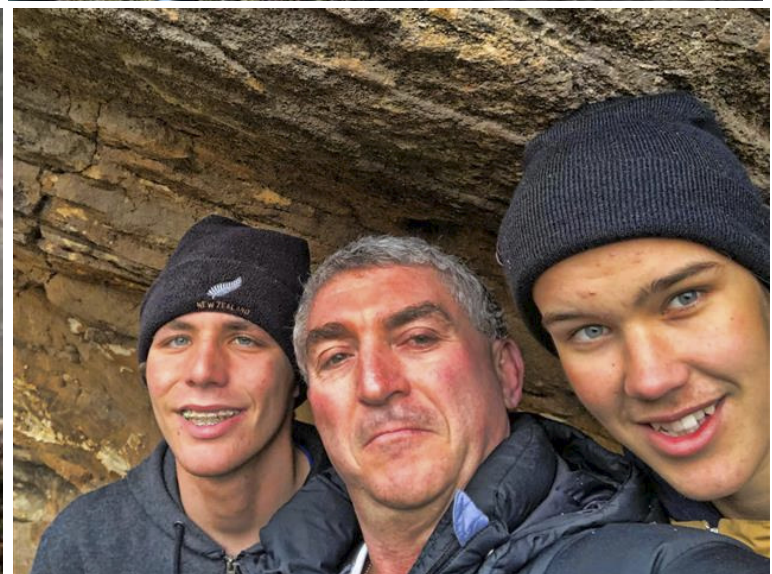
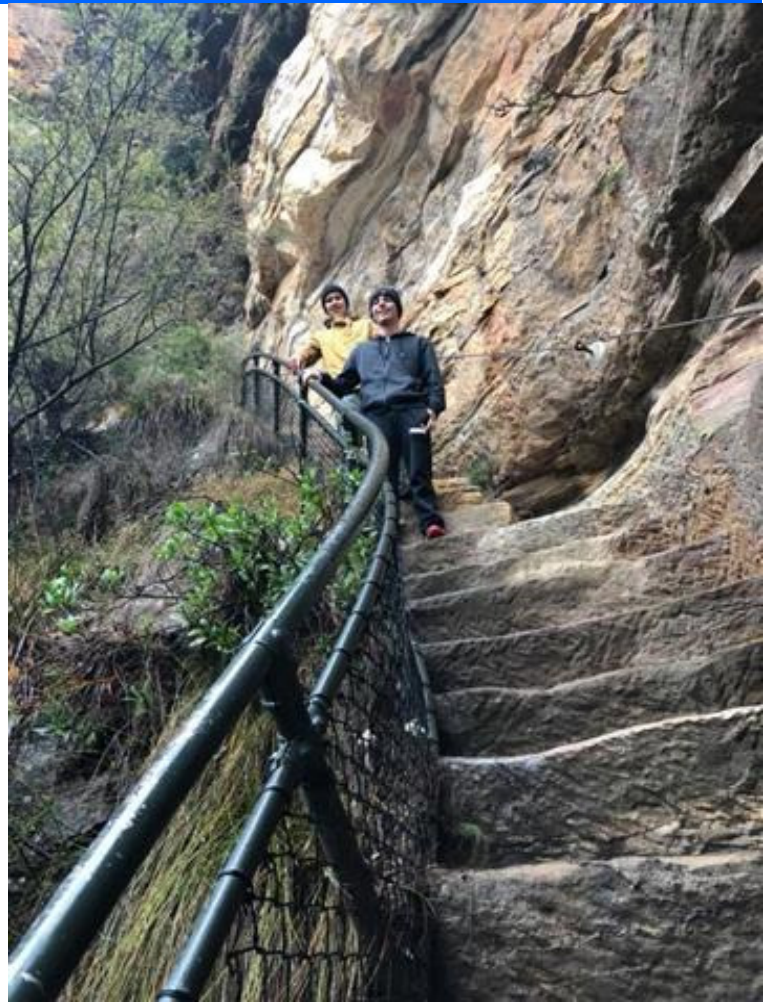
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The logo features a stylized graphic of the Toronto skyline with the CN Tower and a large orange maple leaf integrated into the number '0' of '2018'.

The Rotary International Convention in Toronto is all over. This would have been a real high light in any Rotarians calendar and we actually had the Jacksons and the Bevans in attendance along with DG Elect Graeme Hooper and Sharron Chambers who was our assistant to DG Helen. We will no doubt get a report from our members upon their return home, pity they aren't camera savvy to have sent some photos through for this wonderful world event.



# OSSI'S LAST ADVENTURES



Ossi in Katoomba with the Briedenhann family his last host parents before flying home.

# OSSI BACK HOME IN FINLAND



Ossi has safely returned home to Finland. He was met by his parents and brother at the airport and looks like he is ready to try the big strawberry cake with his brother.

Ossi's last experience was climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge after visiting the beautiful Blue Mountains and Katoomba with the Three Sisters.

Ossi will be remembered by our club as well as the Dubbo club where he was first hosted, as a very friendly and likable young guy full of life and ready to give anything a go. He excelled in sport and simply loved every experience which was thrown at him.

Congratulations Ossi for being a great sport as us Ausies would say.

## GUESTS & FRIENDS AT LAST MEETING



New President David Owens with three guests of the club Sharon Waite, Gai Good and Maggie Johnson.



A huge thank you to Raylene Jackson (a great friend of Cessnock Rotary Club) who took up my challenge at our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration to complete poppies for this years' Remembrance Day display Celebrations to mark the Centenary of the end of WW1.

One Poppy for each year our club has serviced the community of Cessnock. Raylene completed the challenge and provided many more than the 80 required. The poppies will be used in a special installation at the War Memorial in November 2018 as part of the commemoration of the end of World War One (WW1). Each poppy made will represent one Australian life lost in the First World War. Well done Raylene and Thank You. PP Vicki Steep

# RYPEN



We are pleased to confirm that Grace Bennett and Adam Osborne have recently completed the RYPEN 9670 program with the assistance of the Cessnock Rotary Club. As you are aware, this program is sponsored by Clubs such as yours in District 9670 and we can't deliver the program without your support.

This year we are placing a focus on connecting each participant with their sponsoring club. By doing this, we are hoping Clubs get a better understanding of the program; and the participants get an opportunity to meet and greet the people who have sponsored their experience.

To that end, you will find attached a photos of Grace (Group 1 - 2nd from left) and Adam (Group 2 - 1st from right) receiving their Certificates of Completion for the program from Past District Governor Adrian Roach, District Governor Brian Coffey and our RYPEN 9670 Chair, Zoey Kirwan. We encourage you to share these photos with your Club so they can see the results of this amazing Rotary program for youth in our District.

As we are encouraging clubs and participants to get to know each other better, we encourage you to use the details below to make contact with Grace and Adam and get them along to one of your meetings to let you know about their RYPEN experience. If your Participant has already made contact, you are one step ahead to understanding the RYPEN experience.

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Guardian: Noelene Bain

Participant: Adam Osborne  
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Email: [emnpete@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emnpete@yahoo.com.au)  
Guardian: Emma Jayne Davies

Once again the RYPEN 9670 committee thanks you for your support of the program and looks forward to your ongoing support for future participants.

**Kellie Hunt**

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