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## ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

### OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT EMIL



Emil gave us a thorough outline of his family, country and friends. We have had a number of students from Finland and they all seemed to have had the same desire to visit the Land Down Under. Emil's older sister was an exchange student in Queensland and since then it was always Emil's wish to do likewise. He has fit so well into his new home and his host family in Abermain. Rebecca and Matt Price love having Emil and the feeling is mutual for Emil. Our club is really thankful that we have such loving and fantastic host parents. Just look at the smiles on Emil, host Dad Matt and his adoring little host sister Emerson. Emil has also made friends at his new school at St Phillips and has just attended the Tocal weekend briefing session where he caught up with the other exchange students here in our District 9670.

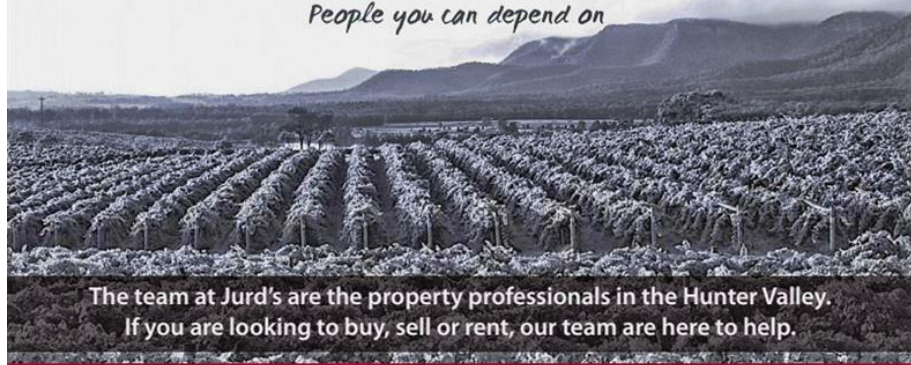


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# LAST FEW MEETINGS & BBQS



The Jacksons are back home after a very long holiday all over Europe, just in time for Janette to claim yet another Rotary pin from the District.. Emil is doing well in winning a bottle for his host parents and for picking the right numbers as well. He will have to explain the photo on the left at the next meeting. We have also had a few barBQs with a lot of fun thrown in as well. We are missing quite a number of our members lately, Ross Lidbury on holidays and David Lennon recovering at his new home after selling the farm.





## **WELCOME ABOARD: The Rotary Club of Cessnock's newest members**

**Janette Owens, Sharon Waite, Gai Good and Maggie Johnson.**

## **Women now outnumber men at Cessnock Rotary**

The once male dominated domain of the Rotary Club of Cessnock club now has a decidedly feminine touch. For the first time since the club was founded back in 1937, men are now outnumbered by women after welcoming its newest members Janette Owens, Sharon Waite, Gai Good and Maggie Johnson.

Cessnock Rotary publicity officer George Koncz said that the female contingent of the 20-plus member club have proved a boon to the organisation.

"To be honest the women tend to be harder workers than a lot of the guys," he said. Mr Koncz said that the organisation's open-door policy had been a boon to the club with female members often the first to put their hands up.

"It's really great to see that we have more female members because they are always ready to put in the effort and are always keen to nominate themselves for things. They're definitely catching up to us men."

The international service organisation, which was founded in the US 1905, was once only open to men, but began accepting women in 1989. Mr Koncz added that the club was always on the lookout for new members, both male and female, and encouraged anyone interested to visit the club's website at [www.cessnockrotary.org](http://www.cessnockrotary.org), or the Facebook page (search Rotary Club of Cessnock) for more information.

The Rotary Club of Cessnock meets each Thursday at Cessnock Leagues Club (1 Darwin Street, Cessnock) from 6.00pm

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# HVG CRUIZE IN 2018







Once again we were helped out by the Cessnock Girl Guides and of course our exchange student Emil. We are well and truly making use of our new and fantastic trailer. There were many stalls around our new show piece plus lots of vintage cars, combies, bikes and even hearses of every description. It is a wonderful event for the Hunter and we have been involved with it for a number of years now. It gets bigger every year.





## AN UPDATE ON A FEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Jutta Salonen from Finland 2005 - 2006 was married with Steve and Janette Jackson in attendance.



Magdalina Palmgren from Sweden 2001 - 2002 has just had her second child, so she has a boy and a girl.



Kati Horvai from Hungary 2002 -2003 with her daughter they named Levente.





The Jacksons were fortunate to have met up with quite a few of our past exchange students.  
 Stephanie Arnould was from Belgium 1992 - 1993.  
 Benny Momparler was from France 2004 - 2005.  
 Irene Barroso Huber was from Spain 2007 - 2008.  
 Plus Ossi Lehtihuhta from Finland last year with his Australian flag and tee shirt.



Ilpo Verhoja was from Finland 1985 - 1986.  
 Kati Horvai from Hungary 2002 -2003  
 Fanny Ori from Hungary 2012 -2013.

It must have been wonderful to catch up with so many exchange students in one trip.



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