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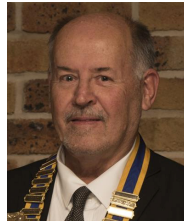
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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Your bulletin editor always manages to catch the President's best side. Plus I am looking forward to a new header for our newsletter to kick us off into another fun filled year.

From the Desk of your Immediate Past President
I thought I would take this opportunity as New President Dave is away (there is no truth in the rumour that he is at Rotary School to see how he can "Inspire" you all)

I hope you all enjoyed our Changeover Evening?

I would just like to say again, that I really have appreciated your support, encouragement, and advice in 2017-18, without it our club would not have had a such a successful year

I had no idea about the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, truly unexpected. Having only been in Rotary for 4 years, I would have thought, more effort, experience and time would have been needed to be awarded such an award. I am very thankful and honoured that this would be bestowed upon me at this time. Please know that it will be treasured

We finish the year I believe '**making a difference**' to many groups and individuals

Following our Members Night, it seems we are likely to have found 4 new Members, Gai, Sharon, Rebecca and Lyndal. What a great achievement. I know you will welcome them into our Club
Also hoping that PCYC might become our first Corporate Member
As I prepare to embark on my trip I also hope that you will embrace our Interact Club and provide support to teachers Lyndal and Rebecca. They are our future

So, for the time being my friends, goodbye, and I look forward to joining you again, with much **Inspiration**

Immediate Past President Graham Farrish



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ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR VICKI STEEP



What an excellent choice for our twice past president Vicki Steep. Vicki most certainly deserves a big thank you from all our members for the countless hours she spends on organising us lot to do what we have to do. Otherwise it wouldn't happen or at least as efficiently as it does. Plus the International Rotary projects which Vicki goes overseas to attend and support.

ROSTER 5th July 2018

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

FUTURE EVENTS

5th July - Board Meeting

CESSNOCK ROTARY DONATION RECIPIENTS



This year the Rotary Club of Cessnock donated \$33,632.00 to various charities and organizations in local, national as well as international projects. We were fortunate at the changeover to have the above recipients in attendance. The Girl Guides from Branxton as well as Cessnock. Wheeling and Able, Bandage Bear, Cessnock Rescue Squad and Vicki Steep with the donation to the Umoja Orphanage in Kenya. Other donations over the year included RYPEN with 3 attendees, Angel Flight, Beyond Church Cessnock, Cessnock High, Mount View High, Cessnock Mayoral Scholarships, Cessnock RSL Sub Branch, Cessnock West Primary School, Dream Cricket, Hunter Melanoma Foundation, The Ellis family, Lord Mayor's Debate, Mark Hughes Foundation, NCCCA Jacaranda Grove, PCYC, Kurri Rotary, Shelter Box, St Phillips College, Rotary Foundation and the Variety Children's Charity. Not a bad effort all round.

OSSI'S LAST MEETING WITH US



It's probably pretty safe to conclude that Ossi loved his exchange in the Land Down Under and will have many happy memories to share back home in Finland. Ossi gave us a quick run down on his year which started in Dubbo and concluded his second half a year in Cessnock. Ossi had two host parents, the Owens and the Brendan family from Abermain. Steve Jackson was Ossi's Councillor.

CESSNOCK CHANGEOVER HIGHLIGHTS



DGE Brian Coffey was our District 9670 Representative, thanks Brian for giving up your 90th mother in laws birthday party just for us. What dedicated Rotarians will do is simply beyond comprehension

The evening was a great success by anyone's standards. PP Ross Lidbury did an outstanding job as the MC for the night. We had Mayor Bob Pynsent with his wife Cathy. Harma Hill received our first membership under our new title of "Friends of Rotary" Plus of course there was the matter of the changeover from President Graham Farrish to our new President David Owens.

GUESTS & FRIENDS AT CHANGEOVER

2018-19 President
Rotary International



BARRY RASSIN
2018-19 President
Rotary International





Some happy faces of guests and members. It sure looks like a top night. Plus of course our best dressed man of the night Mr Terry New.

THE FINALE TO THE CHANGEOVER DINNER



DGE Brian Coffey presented a “PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP” Award to a very deserving member of our club. President Graham Farrish received this award with the backup of all our members. During his year as president, Graham initiated so many new and innovative ideas into our club including fighting so hard for youth programs. If it wasn't for Graham then we probably wouldn't have an exchange student for half a year from Finland nor another one for a full year from Denmark. It is also pretty safe to presume that we wouldn't have an Interact Club at Cessnock High, nor have the link and friendship that we now have with St Phillips College for our continued youth exchange programs. Plus the link to Cessnock Beyond Church group who could be another source for involving the youth of our community. Not to forget the sponsorships towards our club.

Extremely well deserved Mr President.

Last but not least is the line up of the new Board Members for the Rotary year 2018 - 2019.

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