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88TH CHANGEOVER

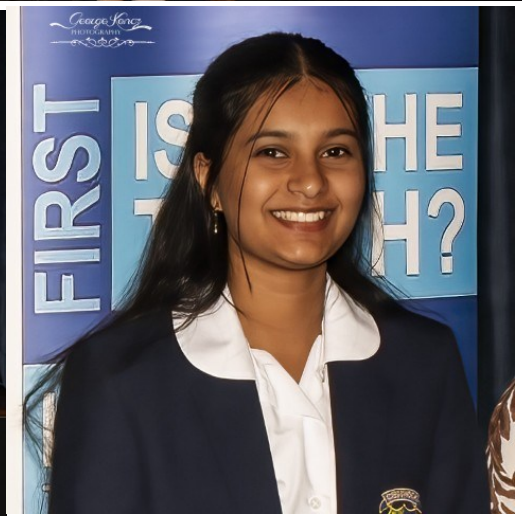


We were honoured to welcome **District Governor Bruce George**, who delivered an inspirational talk and shared his personal Rotary journey, a powerful reminder of the impact we can all make.

We were also delighted to have an estimated 50 guests in attendance, including **Federal Member Dan Repacholi**, **State Member Clayton Barr**, and **Cessnock City Council Mayor Daniel Watton**, whose presence made the night even more meaningful.

Congratulations to Vicki Steep, who was officially inducted as our President for 2025–2026. We wish her every success in the year ahead!

A MEMORABLE CHANGEOVER NIGHT



Incoming President Vicki inducted the new board under her inspiring theme “Unite For Good”:

- **Immediate Past President: Helen Rose**
 - **President Elect: George Koncz**
- **Secretary & Treasurer: Penny McNaughton**
 - **Foundation Chair: Samantha Chibanda**
- **Public Image & Membership Chair: George Koncz**
 - **Community Chair: John Jowett**
 - **Youth Director: Annette D’Adam**

PRESENTATIONS



President Helen received a thank you bunch of flowers from the club and presented by Master of Ceremonies Greg. The David Clark award went to Elsie who has been such a great member since joining the club, always volunteering to help out at the various functions. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to our newest sponsor, Patrick of The Railway Hotel. thank you for your generous support A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to George Koncz for his many years of service as Media Chair, thank you, George, for your dedication and creativity in promoting Rotary's message. A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of a **\$4,000 donation to ShelterBox**. Katherine Guiton graciously accepted the donation on behalf of the organisation, thanking the club for their ongoing support of disaster relief efforts around the world.



We had around 50 guests and it was one of the most memorable Changeover Celebrations that I have witnessed in my 36 years of membership. It was probably the only Changeover, that I can remember where we had the Federal Member, State Member, Local Member and the District Governor at a Cessnock Rotary Changeover. Plus we had so many friends of Rotary to witness the induction of three new members at a Changeover, which is also a first for our club. Overall I can confidently say that this Changeover will be pretty hard to beat, so President Vicki and I will have to come up with something special for the next Changeover Celebrations.

CESSNOCK INTERACT CLUB



A special moment was shared with four incredible students from the **Cessnock Interact Club**, who were presented with a custom pull-up banner in recognition of their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Cessnock Rotary are really looking forward to hearing all about your RYPEN experience at our meeting on the 10th of July. We're so proud of your journey and can't wait to see how it's inspired each of you.

Wonderful to hear you've arrived home safely, and with six excited young people full of new knowledge.

Plus don't forget the INTERACT Dinner Invitation on the 17th June at 6pm at Cessnock High

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MEETING



A fantastic and very informative meeting was held by the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri, with three other Rotary clubs being present. The group of four Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation were also present last night at the presentation of The Rotary Foundation. Mark Anderson is the Senior Coordinator, International Fund Development at Rotary International, representing the Australia and New Zealand section.

To become a Major Donor means that each of those Rotarians commits to donating \$1,000 US each year which makes them a Paul Harris Society member.

Each of these four Rotarians have donated more than \$10,000 US at this point which automatically makes them a Major Donors. Frank Climaco received his award last night from Mark Anderson. If a member donates \$250,000 they become a Arch Clump Society member. Arch Clump was International President in 1917 and he founded the Foundation which is now referred as the Rotary Foundation.

SYDNEY VIVID FESTIVAL



Five of us went down for the VIVID Sydney Festival again, since we have been going for a number of years now. It was fun and exciting as usual. We did the ferry ride and visited various sites under the Harbour Bridge, Luna Park and Pyrmont Bridge as well. Caught the fantastic light displays and ended up in The Rocks where we had dinner. This is a must event to go to if you haven't seen it Before, maybe come and join in next year.



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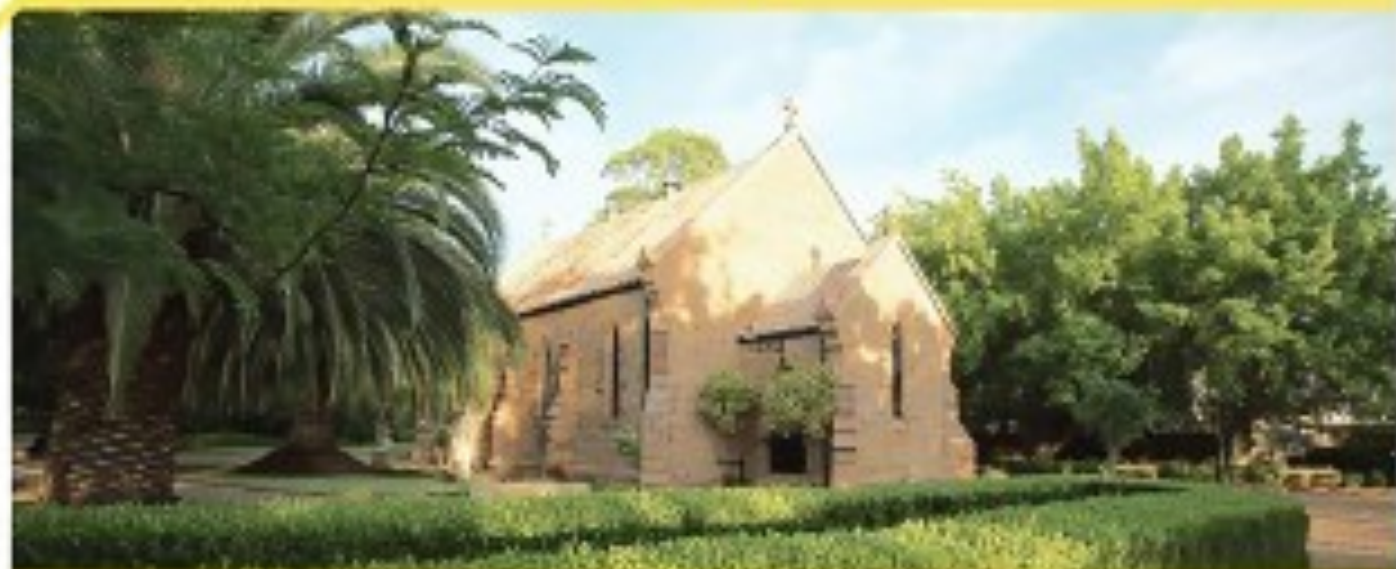
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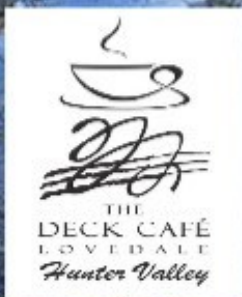
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