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## CAROLS IN THE PARK A MAGICAL EVENING IN CESSNOCK



Carols in the Park Cessnock was a huge success, so many people enjoying the event. Being part of Rotary is such a rewarding experience, especially when volunteering at special events like Christmas Carols and the Hunter Valley Christmas Lights .

Seeing the pure joy and excitement on children's faces reminds us of the magic of community and the **difference we can make by coming together.**

The night ended with a spectacular fireworks display, lighting up the sky and bringing the perfect festive finish to a magical evening. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to celebrate the season and share in the joy. A big thank you to everyone who made the event possible – it's what community is all about!

# HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR 2024 - 2025



Hunter Valley Lights Spectacular is always a fun event for the family. Rotary Club of Cessnock helped out as volunteers. There were about 5,750 people there this Saturday. Being part of Rotary is such a rewarding experience, especially when volunteering at special events like Christmas Carols and the Hunter Valley Christmas Lights. Seeing the pure joy and excitement on children's faces reminds us of the magic of community and the difference we can make by coming together.



# UPDATE FROM PAYTON BURKE



Payton seems to have fit into his exchange in Germany with no problems. His first report back.

Germany has been an amazing experience so far and would definitely encourage young people to partake in this program. I have done lots of new things ranging from trying new foods and enjoying the difference of school as well.

On my journey so far I have done many things. Some being, visiting the Porsche museum in Stuttgart, going to see Europa park for the day (which is one of the biggest roller coaster parks in Europe), been on some hikes through the woods, had a look through some massive markets for Christmas, and etc.

Settling in wasn't hard for me as I had felt excepted by my host family right away. Same goes for school, I have made many new friends that I talk to everyday and hang out with on the weekends.

DECEMBER IS

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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

Cessnock Rotary Volunteers at A Day on the Green – A Memorable Day!



Members of the Rotary Club of Cessnock had the privilege of volunteering as parking attendants at A Day on the Green at Bimbagen, featuring the iconic band Take That. It was a fantastic day filled with great music, good vibes, and community spirit. One of the highlights for our team was Rotarian Annette's excitement when she had the opportunity to meet and chat with Take That's lead singer, Gary Barlow! Annette was thrilled to share a moment with the music legend, making the day even more memorable for everyone involved. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. It's always a pleasure to support events that bring so much joy to the community.

Pictured Annette and President Helen at the car parking station that led to an unexpected story



A fun day at John Jowett's magnificent property at Pindimar. John hosted the day with some Rotary members and friends attending. John did his signature dish of roast lamb and everyone had a great time. Remember that John will be hosting Australia Day at his property again.

# A Beacon of Hope: Cessnock Rotary's Transformative Meals Program

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**Scone Time at Marthaville Cottage**  
Friday Mornings between 10am - 12pm



Please NOTE that Scone Time will have a short break  
The last morning this year will be the 20th Dec 2024  
Will Re start 31st January

Breakfast and lunches will continue  
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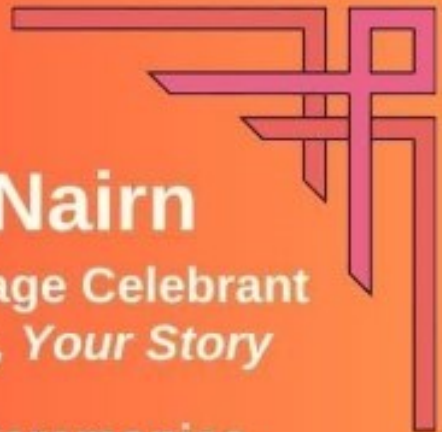
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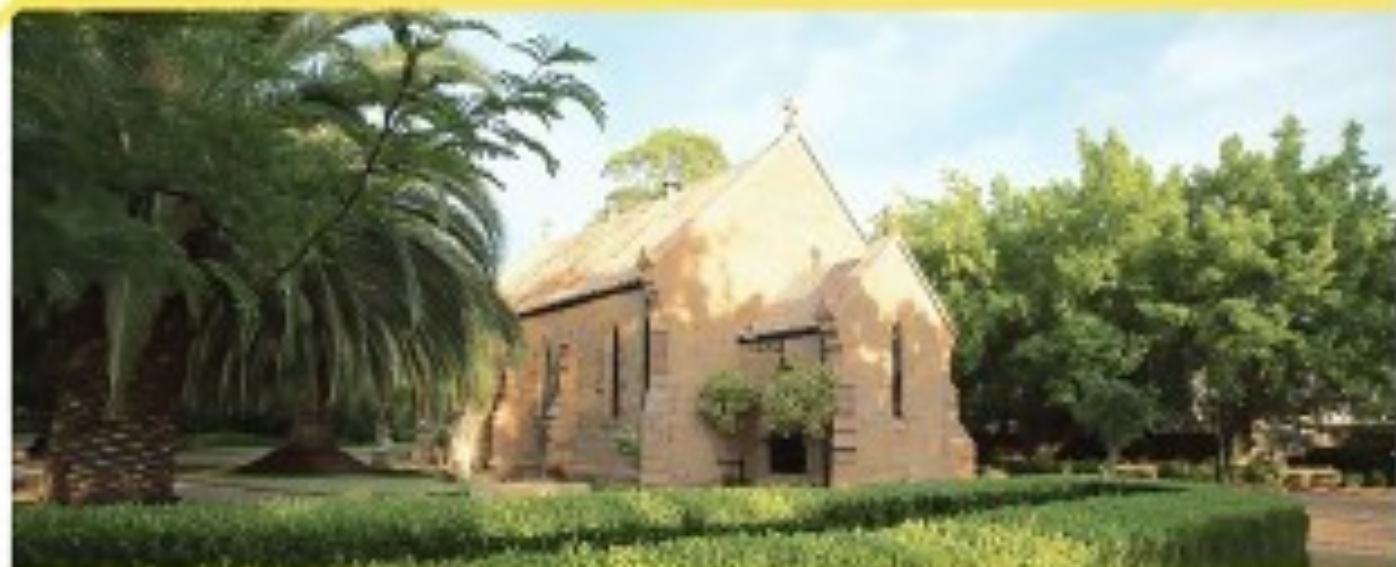
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