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JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK

George joined the Rotary Club of Cessnock 35 years ago and in that time Rotary has had significant changes. Two major changes were the acceptance of female members, which changed the dynamics in all the clubs, for the better. Secondly and sadly the decline in the number of members and volunteers which seems to be a worldwide problem. I have had the privilege of being President three times and my family used to host an exchange student nearly every year. My three children grew up with a new brother or sister every year. When they were in High School, they all went overseas as Rotary Exchange students for a whole year. One of my passions and hobby is photography and I managed to use that skill in creating our Rotary website, Facebook page and weekly newsletters. It is quite rewarding that those platforms are finally finding potential members. Every Rotary club needs new members so that we can continue to serve our community. Every year we raise funds to help local and worldwide charities. I see Rotary as personally satisfying for the friendships we make while benefitting the people that need some assistance in their lives.



Fond memories from the Capricorn Ramble trips with the Inbound Exchange Students

CESSNOCK ROTARY CLUB AT BUSHLAND FESTIVAL



Another fun day with our members and friends at this years Bushland Festival at Poppet Head Park in Kitchener. Always a fun event even though the weather may have contributed to less numbers compared to last year.

The atmosphere and groups of people attending enjoyed the event with lots of stalls and food vans plus music and school groups performing.



NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT OUR BBQ EVENTS

PAST EXCHANGE STUDENT OSSI



The first day at the Washington embassy 🇫🇮 🇺🇸

Ossi Lehtihuhta was our exchange in Cessnock year 2018. Originally from Finland. He has now moved to United States, Washington D.C. to do an internship at the embassy of Finland. In Cessnock, he was 17 years old, but now he has just turned 24 this week! Ossi has fond memories from his time in Cessnock and he remembers participating in many Thursday night Rotary meetings at the Cessnock Leagues Club. Since leaving Australia, Ossi has finished high school, done a compulsory military service as a medic, worked as a journalist for a local newspaper and studied law at Abo Akademi university. Now it is a new chapter in his life and he has moved to Washington D.C. for this semester. Many of the embassy workers have also been on Rotary exchange. Great to hear from you Ossi and all the best wishes for your future, from our club

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Scone Time at Marthaville Cottage

Friday Mornings between 10am - 12pm



TRAVELLING ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND GRAHAM



All holidays must come to an end, so Helen and Graham are probably ready for a bit of a rest. They have seen so many interesting places which we will no doubt hear about. Looks like Graham is bucking to come home and just relax and have a nice Aussie beer.



Four hard workers at the Sobels Wines Markets BBQ. Annette, Elsie, Lorraine and Samantha. Sadly there wasn't a huge crowd at this event due to the St Phillips Fair which was held on the same day.



Llynda Nairn

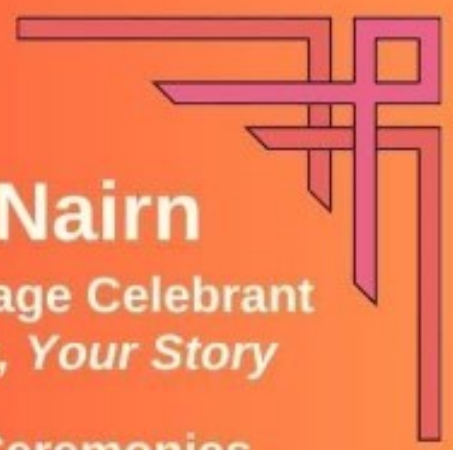
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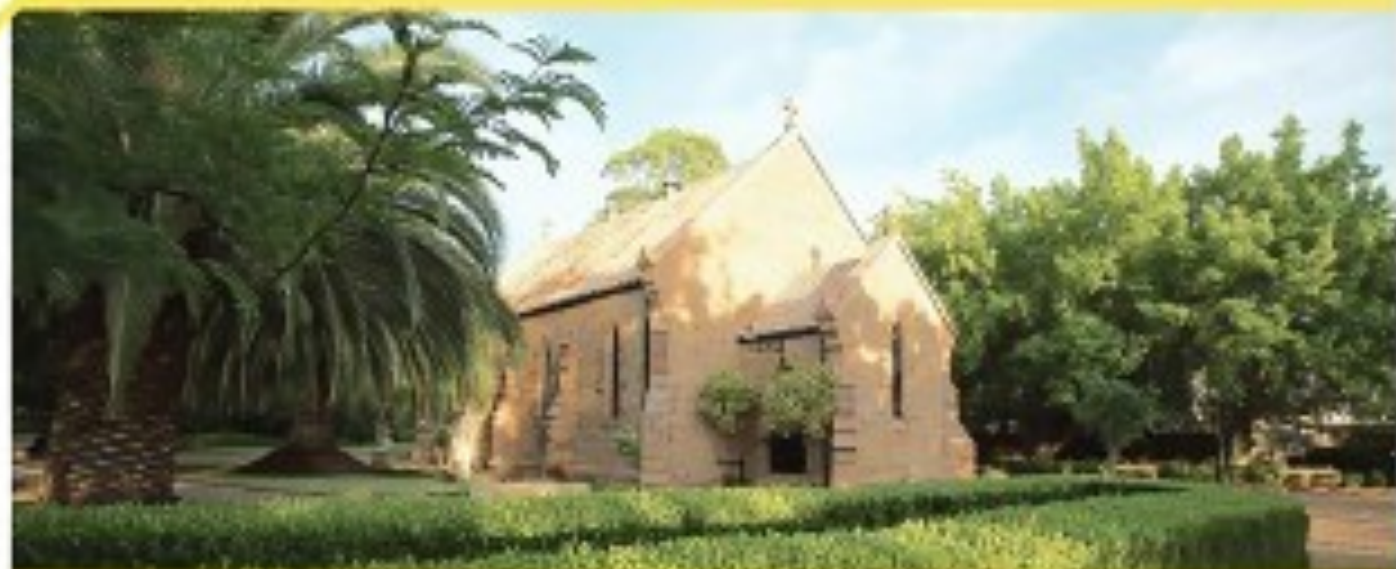
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