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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK

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The Rotary Club of Cessnock A Legacy That Endures

In the vibrant history of Cessnock, a town nestled in the heart of Australia's Hunter Valley, there are countless stories of community, camaraderie, and commitment. One such story began in 1937 with the founding of the Rotary Club of Cessnock. Today, we celebrate not just a photograph from that significant year, but the enduring legacy of service and leadership that continues to thrive within our community.

A Glimpse into the Past

The photograph from 1937 captures a pivotal moment: the formation of the Rotary Club of Cessnock. This image is more than just a collection of faces; it is a testament to the vision and dedication of the club's founding members. At the forefront of this group were Jim Johnson, the club's first President, and Jack Pryor, the first Secretary. Their leadership laid the foundation for what would become a cornerstone of community service in Cessnock.

The Founding Members

- Jim Johnson, First President:

Jim Johnson's commitment to the principles of Rotary and his leadership skills were instrumental in steering the club through its formative years. His vision for a service-oriented community organization set the tone for the Rotary Club of Cessnock's future endeavours.

- Jack Pryor, First Secretary:

Jack Pryor's organisational skills and dedication to service played a crucial role in establishing the administrative and operational framework of the club. His meticulous record-keeping and correspondence ensured that the club ran smoothly and efficiently from the very beginning.

A Legacy of Service

Since its inception, the Rotary Club of Cessnock has been a beacon of service and support within our community. From fundraising efforts to support local initiatives, to providing aid during times of crisis, the club has remained true to its mission of "Service Above Self." The spirit of the founding members lives on in the current members who continue to volunteer their time, energy, and resources to make Cessnock a better place for all.

A Call to the Community

As we celebrate this historical photo and the legacy it represents, we invite you, the members of the Cessnock community, to take a closer look. Do you recognise any of the faces in the photograph? Could one of them be your ancestor? We would love to hear from you and learn more about the individuals who helped shape the Rotary Club of Cessnock. Please reach out to us if you can identify any of the founding members or if you have stories and memories to share about their contributions to our community. Your insights will help us preserve and honour the rich history of our club.

Looking to the Future

The Rotary Club of Cessnock continues to grow and evolve, but our core values remain unchanged. As we look to the future, we are inspired by the dedication of those who came before us. Their legacy of service, leadership, and community spirit guides us as we strive to make a positive impact.

Together, let's celebrate our past, honour the contributions of our founding members, and continue to build a bright future for the Rotary Club of Cessnock. part of our ongoing journey

KALYX BAUTISTA-MONGE

1994 - 1995 CAUTOPEK VERACRUZ MEXICO



Youth Exchange History.

I had a very pleasant surprise yesterday when we had a comment on one of our Cessnock Rotary posts by one of our past Youth Exchange students. Kalyx Bautista Monge was our student 30 years ago from Mexico. From memory Lauri and Norma Murphy were his Councilor and was probably hosted by the Carvers, Beckmores and Jacksons families. The photo on the top is Kalyx with Lauri and Norma and Kalyx giving his farewell speech at the end of his year in Cessnock. The lower photos are at the Rothbury Estate (now Hope Estate) where we held the International night every year in the Cask Hall. Depending on the country of our youth exchange student, we would invite the ambassador of that country to be the guest of the club for that very special International Night, along with other exchange students in our District 9670 at the time. The ambassador of Mexico and his wife are on the bottom left photo. The International Night was probably the highlight of every Rotary year, back in those days. It was always a very formal occasion attended by the local mayor, members of parliament and Rotary District representatives.

It was a very pleasant surprise to hear from Kalyx after 30 years and it sure brought back such wonderful memories of Rotary in a not too distant past.

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY is the theme for 2024 2025 "In every corner of the globe, Rotary brings the magic of hope, compassion, and change. Like magicians of goodwill, Rotarians weave together threads of service, turning dreams into reality and challenges into triumphs. With each project, each act of kindness, we unleash the power of Rotary to create lasting impact and transform lives. Together, let's continue to spread the magic of Rotary, illuminating darkness with light, and making our world shine brighter for generations to come."





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The Australian Light Aircraft Championships

The Australian Light Aircraft Championships (ALACs) are a national competition between member clubs of the RFACA and have been conducted annually for over 60 years.

The championships are conducted over two days at a different location each year, with a scheduled practice day immediately before. This year the event was held at Cessnock Airport and The Rotary Club of Cessnock was there to provide hot breakfasts and hot lunches each day.

The championships are open to non-professional pilots who are members of RFACA member aero clubs, who are licensed and appropriately endorsed. The aircraft utilised are light general aviation aircraft, usually C152s, C172s and Warriors.



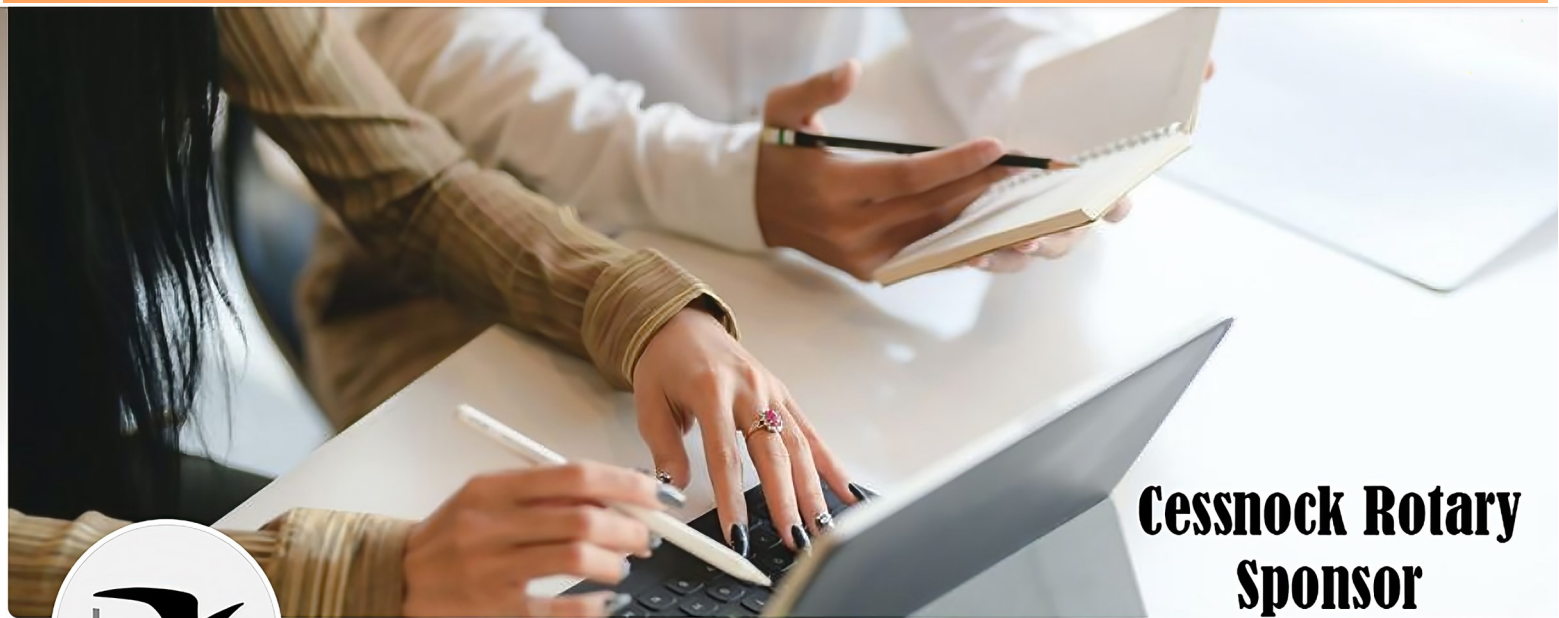
The Rotary Club of Cessnock is always there to help out wherever we can. We might be a small club but we are very dedicated to serving the community. We have so many projects on the go on a continuous basis. We don't just do BBQs even though we do a lot of those. We feed the people that need a bit of a help every Wednesday at the Uniting Church Hall. We provide a Scone and a cuppa every Friday morning at Marthaville Cottage. We help feed the youngsters at the PCYC every Friday night. We receive and repair bikes to donate to people that can't afford one. Plus we have many programs to help our younger students. The Interact Club is running really well again at Cessnock High. As you can see from the photo above, we always do it with a smile on our faces. It's really rewarding to help others. Why not come and join us. We meet at the Supporters Club on Thursdays from 6pm.

The Rotary Club of Cessnock Supports Ampcontrol Origin Legends Charity Golf Day for Westpac Rescue



On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, the Rotary Club of Cessnock proudly participated in the Ampcontrol Origin Legends Charity Golf Day by providing free sausage sandwiches to the golfers. The event is aimed at raising crucial funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopters. This annual event brought together community leaders, sports legends, and enthusiastic golfers for a day of fun and philanthropy at Cypress Lakes one of the region's most picturesque golf courses

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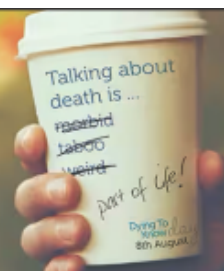
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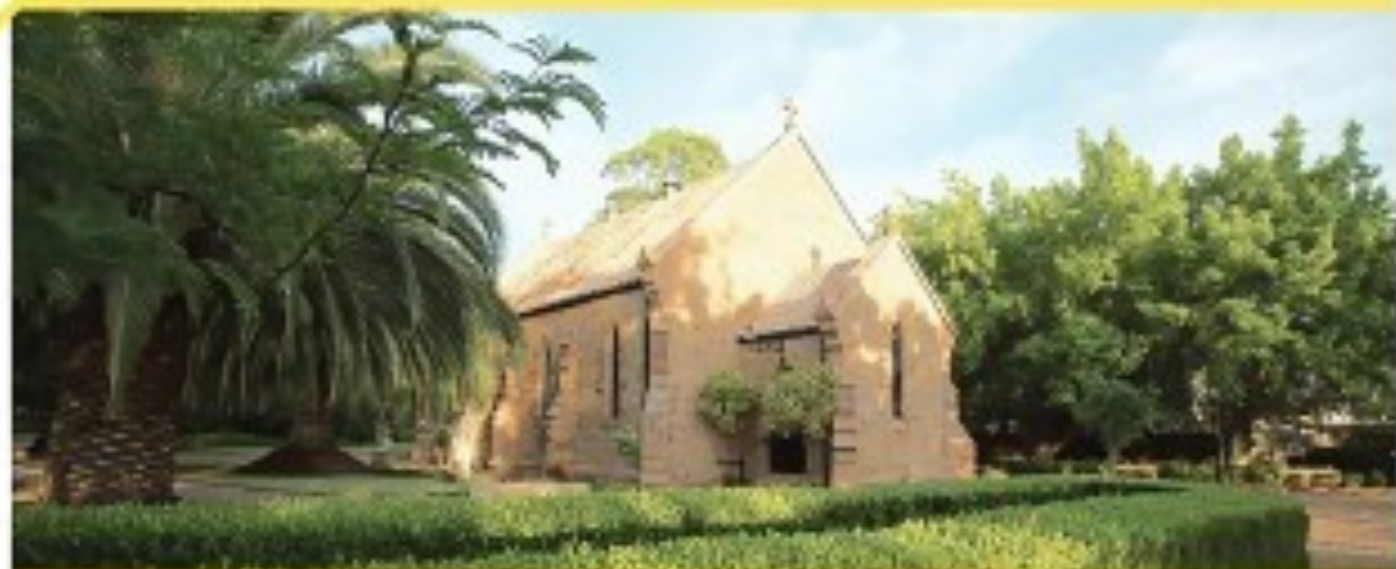
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