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JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK

Become part of a global network dedicated to making a difference in your local community and beyond. Each week, we'll be featuring the reasons why our members chose to be a part of this incredible organisation.

This Week's Feature: Meet our President Elect; Vicki Steep

Highlights; Teaching English in New Guinea, Volunteering at Umoja Orphanage South Africa and assisting children at Deaf School Sindhuli Nepal

I joined Rotary in 2011 when a friend I met on holiday in Egypt asked if I would like to be part of a RAWCS project teaching lesson planning to teachers in New Guinea. This was the beginning of many trips to New Guinea followed by volunteering on Rotary Projects in South Africa and Nepal. Rotary opens the door to travel the world not only volunteering on its many projects but joining in meetings in almost any country. Wearing the badge lets everyone know you are a Rotarian and can be helpful in starting a conversation.

Have I enjoyed my Rotary Journey?

It was one of the best decisions I have made to join the Rotary Club of Cessnock.

Over the years it has given me the confidence to lead the club in my 3 terms as President, set up projects and lead a team of volunteers in fundraising efforts which have made it possible to support many areas of need locally, nationally and internationally.

Our club is not all work and no play, we have many social events throughout the year outside our regular club meetings which always commence with social interaction prior to the main meeting. Some of our social events include a BBQ in the park, themed dinners including Christmas in July, St Patricks Day etc. Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights is the highlight of the year, watching the faces of the little ones as they discover a new world. I value the friendship I have formed within our club and with members of other clubs.

Interested in becoming a friend of Rotary, joining or learning more? Reach out to us at 0421 038 175 or visit our website at <https://www.cessnockrotary.com>

We can't wait to welcome you to the Rotary Club of Cessnock!



Vicky Steep has been President of our club three times already and is the current President Elect.

Cessnock Rotary Club Celebrates 87th Changeover

This story is a little bit old but it was published in the HUNTER RIVER TIMES Newspaper



The Rotary Club of Cessnock made history at its 87th Changeover event at the Cessnock Leagues Club, where outgoing President Graham Rose passed the leadership to his wife, Helen Rose.

Under Graham's leadership, despite being a small club, the Rotary Club of Cessnock made a substantial difference by donating almost \$30,000 to local community initiatives and Rotary International programs. They sponsored an Interact Club at Cessnock High School, promoted youth leadership through the Rotary Youth Enrichment Program (RYPEN) and Rotary Youth Exchange in Germany, and supported educational scholarships for local students.

The club also provided weekly sausage sizzles at PCYC, free meals to vulnerable community members at the Uniting Church, including a hot breakfast and three-course lunch every Wednesday, and hosted "Scone Time" at Marthaville to combat loneliness and isolation.

The Rotary Club of Cessnock thanks sponsors Creightons Funeral Service, The Deck, CPR Pest Management Services, Jurds Real Estate, Optimum Health, Hulin Chadwick Lawyers, Weekenda, Llynda Narin, and Oswald Plumbing for their unwavering support. Together, they exemplify Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self and community betterment.

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH



SEPTEMBER IS



"Educate a boy, and you educate an individual. Educate a girl, and you educate a community."

Adelaide Hoodless



The BBQ at Sobels Wines Markets with Vicki taking the photo of Samantha, Lorraine and Elsie

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

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Scone Time at Marthaville Cottage

Friday Mornings between 10am - 12pm



8th Sept Bushland Festival
Poppethead Park Rotary BBQ
Please check your roster with
Vicky

TRAVELLING ADVENTURES BY PENNY



Penny sure has had an adventurous trip from Victoria BC, Vancouver, Banff, Alaska and is in Hawaii now. I am sure that I have left out quite a few places but we will no doubt get a full story and hopefully a photo book of her travels when she gets home.

TRAVELLING ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND GRAHAM



Another interesting trip of a life time. From Elvis to Utah and walking the same track as Forest Gump. But I thought that Forest ran on that road not walk, anyway I am sure that Helen and Graham will have heaps of stories to tell. Thanks for posting so many great shots.



Vicky Steep attending Cessnock High Interact Club meeting. Vicky spoke to the group of students and informed them about our club and why she joined Rotary. Her speech was well received and hopefully we may have future Rotarians in this group after leaving school.

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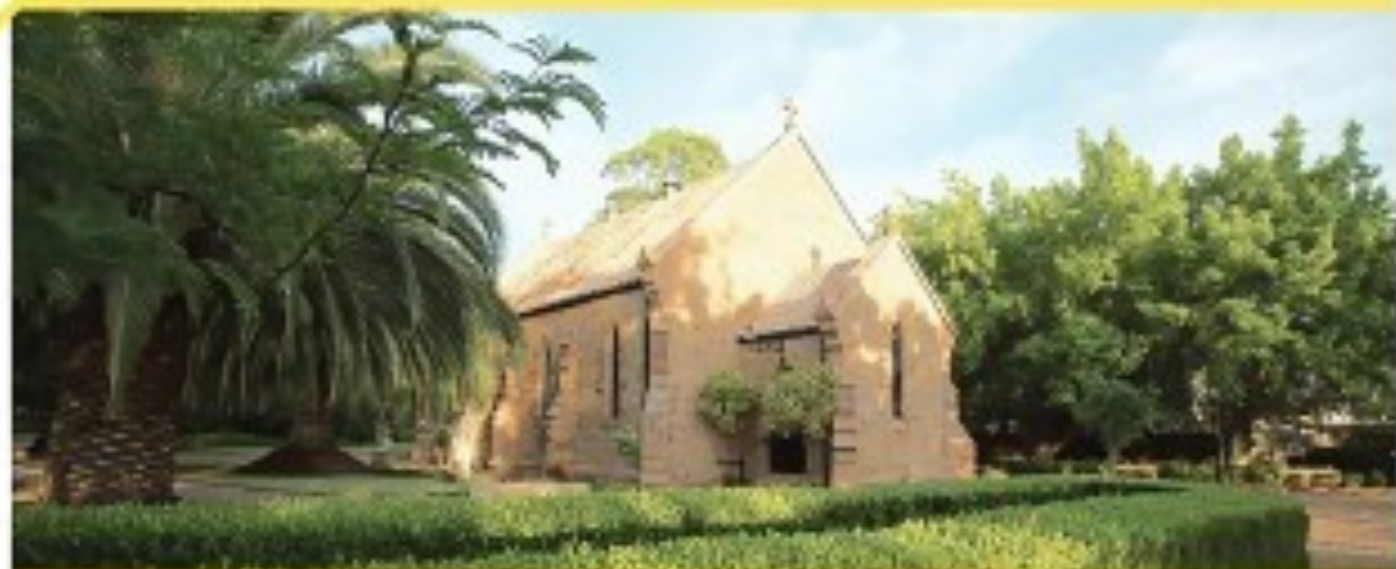
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