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JOINT ROTARY MEETING



The Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri, Rotary Club of Singleton, Umina and Cessnock gathered for a special combined meeting featuring guest speaker Ross Nancarrow. Ross shared the incredible work being done in Nepal to combat sex trafficking, highlighting the powerful impact their efforts are making on vulnerable communities. It's inspiring to see how grassroots initiatives can make a difference in the lives of so many. Thank you, Ross, for shedding light on such an important issue! A famous quote highlighted on the night was "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" by Edmund Burke



Few of our members in attendance along with our friend Hashim Durani who helped organise and gave valuable advise to Ross on the night about getting Rotary Clubs in Nepal and India getting involved with the fight to combat this sex trafficking problem in those countries.

Rotary clubs from Singleton and Umina





Besides the seriousness of the topic at the combined Rotary meeting, there was a lot of friendship and a bit of fun on the night as well. Two past District Governors from our past District 9670 were fundamental in the success of the night. Past DG Greg Bevan , in his usual friendly style, introduced Ross Nancarrow and Past DG Gerrard McMillan thanked Ross for an outstanding effort in fighting this tragic world wide problem.

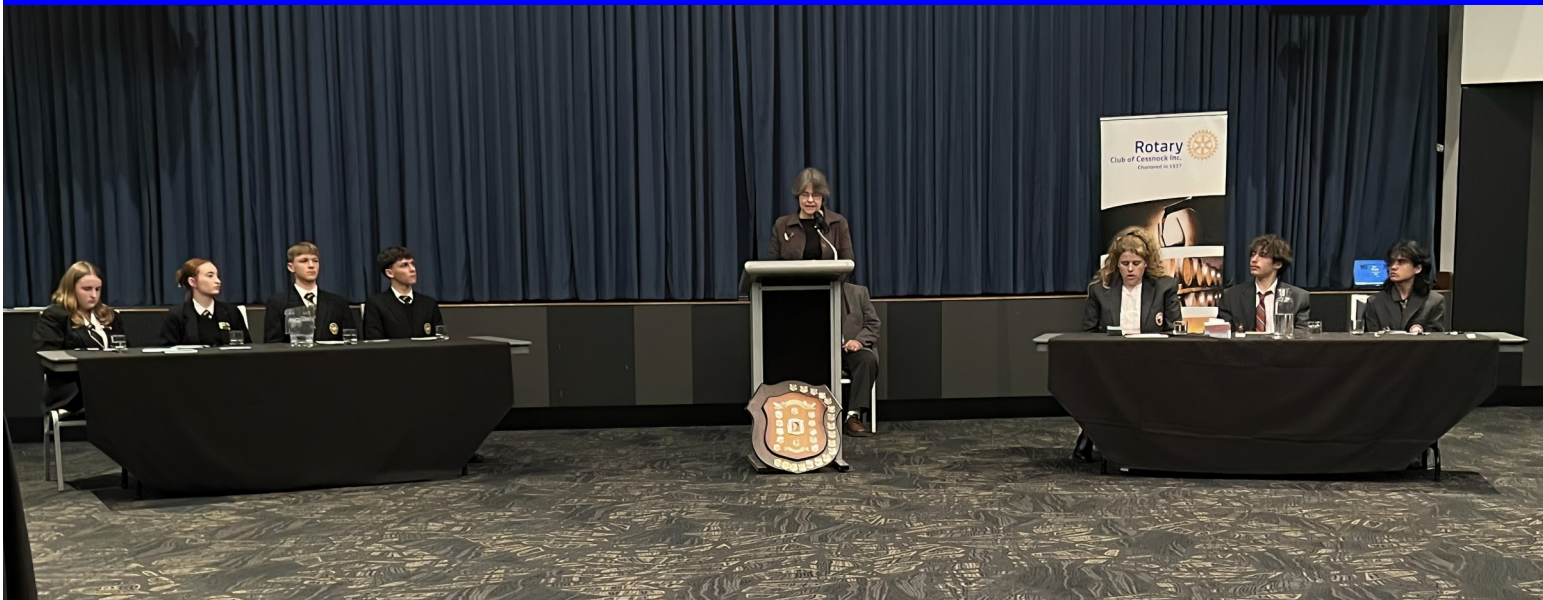
There were some raffle ticket prizes which added to the fun parts of the night and the proceeds went to help fundraising towards Ross's program in Nepal. Our club didn't have too many members in attendance for such an important Target Speaker, but we did makeup for taking out one of the raffle prizes . Our President Elect Vicki Steep was one of the winners.

CESSNOCK LEAGUES CLUB GRANT



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Cessnock, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to [Cessnock Leagues Club](#) for their generous grant. This support will make a tremendous difference in helping us continue our program of feeding the needy and vulnerable in our community. Together, we are making a positive impact!

EFFIE O'NEIL DEBATE 2024



The Rotary Club of Cessnock hosted the Effie O'Neil debate, supporting our focus on education in Rotary's Education and Literacy Month.

Congratulations to [St Philip's Christian College Cessnock](#) and [Mount View High School](#) for their fantastic participation in the Effie O'Neil Debate! It was a close competition, with both teams passionately debating whether children under the age of 16 should be banned from using social media. A special congratulations to St Philips for taking the win!

The Effie O'Neil Debate, which commenced in 1990, has a proud tradition of fostering critical thinking and public speaking skills in our youth. The Rotary Club of Cessnock is proud to support and celebrate our local schools. Well done to all involved!

A big thank you to Greg Bevan who took over and chaired the meeting. Plus a big thank you to Nicole Craft and Judy Clark who helped adjudicate the debate. Plus the parents and teachers who came along to support the students.

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."
Loshini Naidoo

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO



FIRST IS IT THE TRUTH?

SECOND IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

THIRD WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

FOURTH WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



Payton, a Year 9 student at Mount View High School, has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cessnock for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. In November, he will embark on an exciting journey to Göppingen, a small town in Germany. Payton is passionate about sports and loves staying active. During his exchange, he looks forward to fully immersing himself in the culture of his host country by learning the language, traditions, and way of life. He also plans to expand his academic horizons by exploring new subjects.

Peyton will address our club in a meeting to introduce himself.

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The Rotary Club of Cessnock proudly presented Llynda Nairn with a certificate of appreciation for her generous sponsorship of our club. It was a pleasure to catch up with [Llynda Nairn Celebrant - Your Ceremony, Your Story](#) at Scone Time, and we are grateful for her continued support. For those who don't know, Llynda is also a wonderful marriage celebrant, helping couples create memorable and special moments. Thank you, Llynda!



A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Umina for warmly welcoming our President-Elect Vicki and Secretary Penny at your weekly meeting.

It's always inspiring to connect with fellow Rotarians and hear about the great work you're doing!

CESSNOCK INTERACT CLUB IN CESSNOCK HIGH



A Visit to Cessnock High: in their newly built fabulous Hub by Penny McNaughton

Why I Joined Rotary – From Penny, Cessnock Rotary Secretary/Treasurer

Today, I had the pleasure of visiting Cessnock High School to chat with the amazing Interact students about what drew me to Rotary and how it's shaped my life. Spending time with these bright, passionate young leaders was a reminder of the power of service and community, and I wanted to share a bit about that experience with you all.

When I first joined Rotary, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. Like many of you, I knew Rotary was about community service, but I didn't realize just how much it would offer me personally. I talked with the students today about a few key reasons I joined—and why I stay so committed.

1. Rotary Makes a Real Impact

I've always believed in giving back, but Rotary made it possible to do more than I ever imagined. Whether it's working on local projects like providing new books for school libraries or supporting global initiatives like eradicating polio, Rotary creates opportunities to make a tangible difference. I shared with the students how it feels to be part of something that brings lasting change to both our community and the world.

2. Connection is Everything

I told the Interact students that one of the most valuable parts of Rotary is the relationships you build. Whether it's with fellow members, the people you help, or those you work alongside in the community, Rotary connects you with people who care. It's those connections that keep me going, even when challenges arise.

3. You're Never Too Young to Make a Difference

Talking to the Interact students, I could see that they were eager to make their mark on the world. I encouraged them to keep pursuing service, reminding them that age is no barrier to making a difference. Their passion and commitment inspire me, and I wanted them to know they already have the power to change lives—starting right here in Cessnock.

Leaving Cessnock High, I felt even more grateful for the journey Rotary has taken me on. And looking at these young leaders, I'm more confident than ever that the future of service is in good hands.

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



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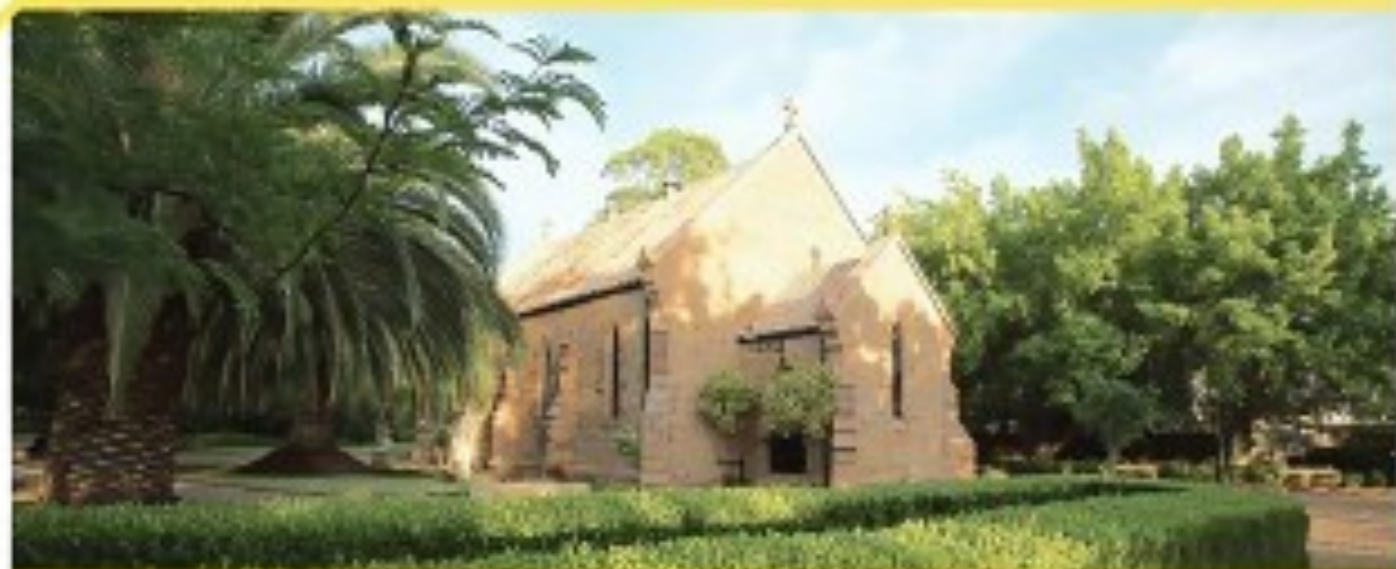
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