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AUSTRALIA DAY 2025



Congratulations Stacy, on receiving the City of Maitland Service Award for your outstanding voluntary service.

Congratulations to the Cessnock High School Interact Club
A huge round of applause to the students of the Cessnock High School Interact Club for being named Young Citizens of the Year 2024. This incredible achievement, earned in just their first year, is a testament to their dedication, leadership, and commitment to making a difference in our community. From their tireless volunteer efforts to their innovative projects, these young leaders embody the true spirit of service above self.
The Rotary Club of Cessnock is immensely proud of you all and can't wait to see how you continue to inspire and create change in the years to come. A Huge thanks to Stacy Jacobs for being the power house behind this marvellous project for not only Cessnock High but for the recipients of their efforts.
Congratulations once again. This is only the beginning of your amazing journey. Best wishes to every student for this New Year effort to come.

AUSTRALIA DAY AT PINDIMAR 2025



A big group of Rotarians and friends and neighbours of John Jowett celebrated Australia Day at his beautiful residence in Pindimar. John had his whole family except for Tina his daughter who had a virus in attendance, including two great great children. We had entertainment and everyone brought along some delicious food which was shared by all. Overall a fantastic way to spend Australia Day



A DAY ON THE GREEN JANUARY 2025



We managed another successful combined Rotary clubs' activity, directing parking for thousands of cars at Bimbadgen Estate for the latest 'Day on the Green' concert, featuring Irish band 'The Script'. We had 16 members from the [Rotary Club of Cessnock](#), [Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri](#) and our own Rotary Club of East Maitland. Our new donation signage proved to work, with early indicators showing a huge difference in donations from the patrons. Thank you to Kurri for supplying the marquee.



Our dedicated Rotary Club of Cessnock team, alongside other local clubs, were working hard as parking attendants to ensure everything runs smoothly for this wonderful event. It's always a pleasure to contribute to our community while enjoying the vibrant energy of a great day out.

EXCHANGE STUDENT PAYTON BURKE RETURNS HOME



My time here in Germany has been absolutely amazing so far, this month has been full of adventure and new experiences. Some of my highlights would be going to my first Bundesliga match, visiting and skiing in Austria, visiting many major towns and City's in Germany and being able to have a German Christmas.

One of Biggest Experiences this month would have to be the Winter tour that our rotary group and three other rotary groups from Australia as well as, south Africa and Brazil. On this tour we went around to a few major towns and City's touring most of Germany for a week, then we would drive down to Austria and go skiing in the alps for three days. We visited places like Nürnberg, München, Esslingen, Köln and Stuttgart. While in these places we visited the Christmas markets every night. Even though they were similar, they were all different and unique still. We would also have guided tours in places like Neuschwanstein castle and the Mercedes-Benz museum. After The Germany side of the tour was finished, we were all ready for the Ski trip in Austria. It was my first time skiing, and it was a little difficult at first but in the end, I think I picked it up pretty quickly. The view from the mountain top is unbeatable and I hope I can go back skiing in Austria in the future.

I honestly think the best parts of the tour was meeting everyone from different countries and making bonds that could last a lifetime. Talking to people from different countries and hearing how different or similar life is in their country. I met a few guys from Australia on the tour and we have already made plans to meet with each other as soon as we get back from Germany.

I went to a Rotary meeting this month as well to see my club and introduce myself to them. I had to get up and introduce myself in front of the club which is about 40 people. After I was done speaking the club president presented me and my host brother with two tickets to see the Bundesliga game between VFB Stuttgart and FC Berlin. This has been one of my bucket list items for coming to Germany. The atmosphere at the game was like none other. Everyone in the stadium was chanting, waving and holding up their scarves to express their pure passion for their team. It was the best sporting event I have been to yet. The match was good as my team won in a great comeback game. I believe that everyone should get to experience it at least once even if you're not really into soccer.

Now the biggest part about December is that it's Christmas time. And here in Germany they celebrate it a little differently. Firstly, Nicholas comes on the sixth of December and put chocolate and other presents in your shoes when you leave them out. One condition though, they have to be really clean otherwise you will get nothing. Next on the twenty fourth the typical German family will go to church and after church has finished then Christmas officially begins so when you get home you will have dinner and then open all your presents. Now on the twenty fifth its Christmas day for us in Australia and here in Germany. Lastly the twenty sixth is pretty much the same as the twenty fifth with eating food and gathering with friends and family.

FIRST UNOFFICIAL MEETING BACK FOR 2025



This meeting was supposed to have been held at the Koncz residence backyard but due to the heavy storms it was held at Marthaville Cottage. We had our guest Hashim Durrani who brought along another member from the Rotary Club of Sydney Geoffrey Little. We had a handing over of their banner which we haven't done for a long time. It used to be just about mandatory when members visited other clubs. It was a fun night as usual to kick off the new second half of our Rotary year

Scone Time is Back – with a Special Event for Valentine’s Day We’re thrilled to announce that Scone Time will recommence Friday, 31st January, at 10am! We’ve missed seeing all our wonderful regulars and can’t wait to welcome some new faces. Join us for a free morning tea, lovingly hosted by the Rotary Club of Cessnock. Special Event Alert! On Friday, 14th February, we’ll be hosting a Valentine’s Day High Tea – a perfect way to celebrate with friends or loved ones! Tickets are just \$20 per



Join Us for Trivia Night! Mark your calendars for a night of fun and friendly competition at the Kearsley Community Centre on 8 March. Gather your team and test your knowledge at our Trivia Night, all in support of Cessnock Rotary’s community initiatives. Enjoy a lively evening filled with challenging questions, prizes, and refreshments, while contributing to a great cause. Bring your friends and family for a chance to win and make a difference in our community. Date: 8 March Time: 6:30 PM Location: Kearsley Community Centre Tickets: \$10 All proceeds will go towards supporting Cessnock Rotary’s local projects. Don’t miss out on the fun,



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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
Except for New Years Day

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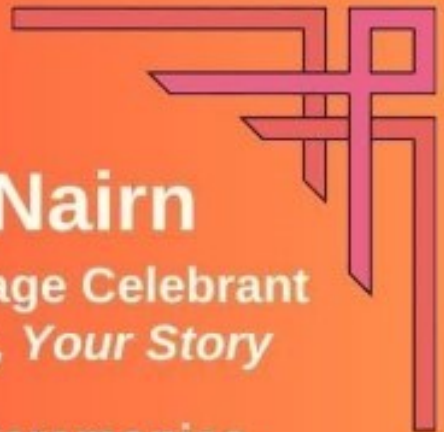
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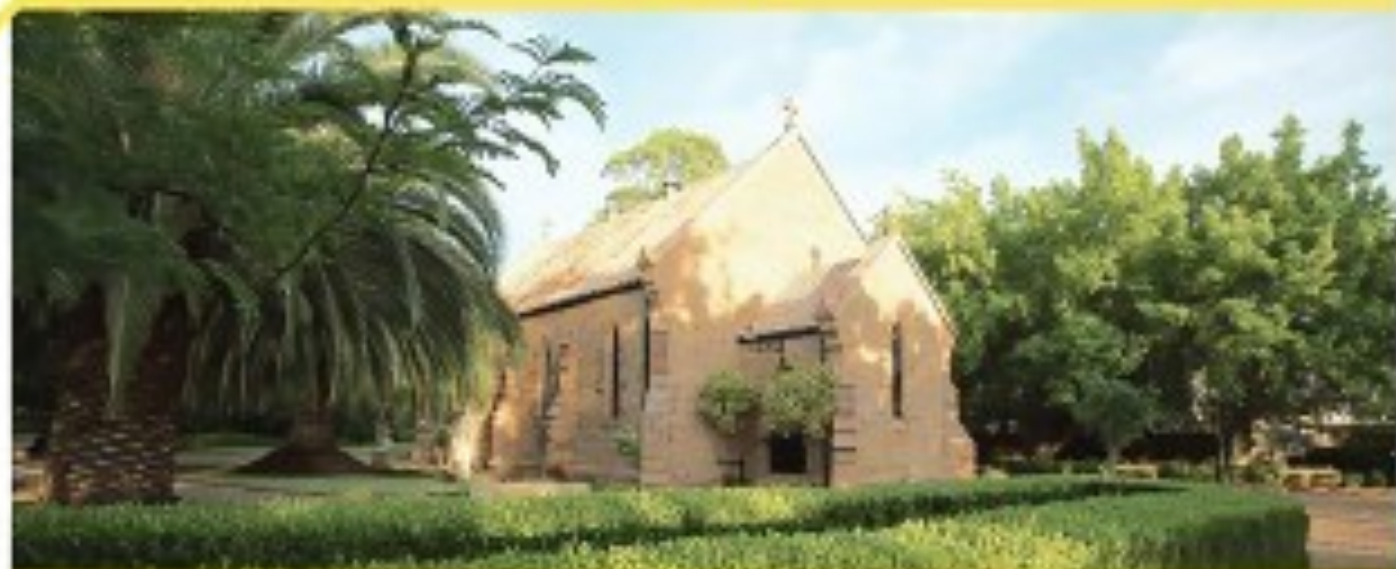
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