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Rotary International 2024



 [Rotary is an organization that transcends boundaries, welcoming people of all backgrounds, regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, or political preference¹.](#) Let's take a moment to appreciate the remarkable journey of Rotary:

Founding: The very first Rotary Club was established when attorney **Paul P. Harris** convened a meeting with three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago on February 23, 1905. [This gathering took place in the office of his friend Gustave E. Loehr in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street².](#)

Peace and Conflict Resolution: In honour of this milestone anniversary, Rotary emphasizes one of its fundamental pillars: **Peace**. February is also recognized as **Peace and Conflict Resolution Month** within the Rotary community. [Let us celebrate the spirit of peace and the commitment to making positive changes in our world¹.](#)

Rotary connects over **1.4 million members** across **more than 200 countries and geographical areas**, impacting lives both locally and globally. [Together, they dedicate their time and talents to address some of humanity's most pressing challenges³.](#)

CESSNOCK ROTARY CLUB'S NEW MEMBER



President Graham Rose inducted our new member Elsie Grace. Elsie is pictured with President Graham and her sponsor Helen Rose. Welcome to the club Elsie.



Just a quick update from Stacy Jacobs regarding Cessnock Rotary Interact Club
We had our elections today and have elected Mayghan and Liam as our co-presidents (sitting at the front) Sarah and Elizabeth as our co-treasurers Dominic and TJ as our co-secretaries
We of course have leaders for a range of other areas and the secretaries will be writing a letter to communicate all things Cessnock High Interact over the next week
At present we have 39 members and we handed out our badges today to those who were able to attend the meeting

Feeding the people in need



Every Wednesday at the Uniting Church Hall our Rotary members and friends of Rotary provide a fantastic meals including breakfast now as well. We are so fortunate to have Graham Farish and Vicki Steep put an enormous effort and so many hours of preparation, to be able to provide such outstanding healthy meals.

But they were both away this week But the show must go on as they say. We had a great team to provide the food and serving. The morning started out a bit slow and then we were all busy all of a sudden. At the end of the day there wasn't much left to pack away. We had some regulars come in plus a few new faces. We had Carol and George from Rotary plus Greg , Jenny, Glen, Liz and Debbie who are great Friends of Rotary

Membership chairman on holidays in Bali

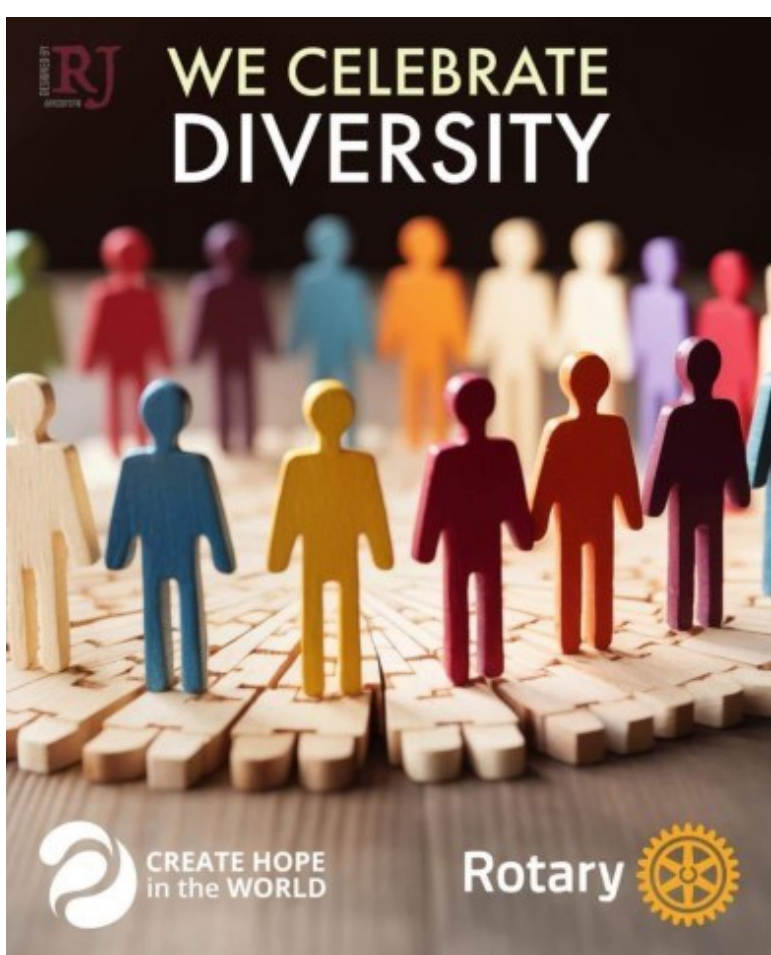
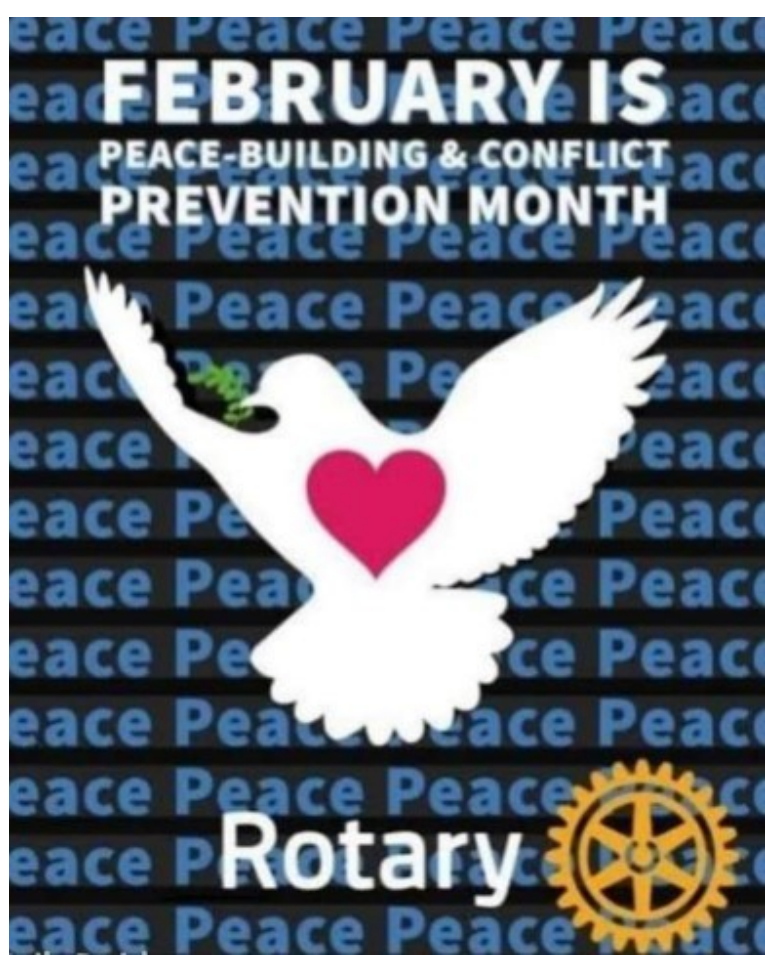


Graham Farish is on a well earned rest in Bali. Graham is one of main forces behind the Wednesday breakfast and lunches at the Uniting Church Hall, for the feeding the vulnerable. He must have been thinking of us yesterday because he hasn't missed a Wednesday for ages. Plus he took quite a few photos of food in Bali, maybe some new inspiration for when he is back. Bali is a fantastic place to visit wit a culture that is quite different to what we have in Australia. If you are following Graham on Facebook then you will see the photos which he is posting. Plus it's great to have some of our members sharing hotos which I am then able to share in our newsletter./

MEMBER EVENTS



Vicki Steep before her shoulder surgery relaxing with a colourful art work. We all wish you a speedy recovery Vicky.
It wouldn't be Valentine's day at the McNaughton residence if it wasn't pink.
We have had Jenny and Glen Rozynski at a few meetings and they have been helping out at a few Rotary functions as well.



Scone Time every Friday morning is very popular, at Marthasville Cottage You can have a scone with a cuppa and have a chat to pass a pleasant Friday morning. Not only do you have a choice but now Vicki usually has a choice of three types of scones. It's a conversation starter to see who likes which type of scone. The answers vary but in my humble opinion it's pretty hard to beat the apricot scone. Thanks to Vicki and some of our members plus our Friends of Rotary, this event has become a Friday morning ritual.



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