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NEWSLETTER: 7TH NOVEMBER

Cessnock Postie Bike races



Rotary Club of Cessnock taking part in this fantastic event last Sunday. It was raining on and off but the crowds were still around. We had bacon and eggs early in the morning and that was even popular later in the day. But the sausages and hamburgers were a popular choice around lunch time.

Australian Postie Bike Grand Prix



The 2023 Cessnock Mitsubishi Australian Postie Bike Grand Prix made a comeback. Having made its debut in 2014 to resounding success, the event continued in 2023. Following the [2022 season](#), the series was unfortunately put on hold for two years due to the global pandemic. However, last year's series shattered attendance records, attracting the largest crowd in its history. Building on this momentum, organizers were determined to deliver more this year, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all attendees. The only Grand Prix [race](#) on suburban streets in Australia, the Postie Bike Grand Prix holds a unique appeal in the Aussie racing scene.

Cessnock Rotary Club at Work



Another great event for the Cessnock Community



Our club has been involved in all the Postie Bike events since 2014

What is The Cessnock STOMP Festival?



Over 700 meters of festival fun....it is the Hunter Valleys BIGGEST Street Party.....**OH.....and it is FREE entry.** What might you see at the festival? With over 600 meters of fun including local businesses, wineries, breweries, distilleries, food, kids rides, grape stomping, markets, local produce, music and other entertainment...it truly is a *stomping grape* time. The Cessnock STOMP Festival is a must-see event themed around Food, Wine and Community that creates an event that engages locals as well as supports local businesses opening their doors to trade on the day, bridging the divide between the Cessnock and Pokolbin regions. The event brings economic benefits to our members and local businesses and showcases what unique offerings we have in the Cessnock Local Government Area. This event often provides support for businesses and delivers an event to recover from external conductions such as COVID, drought, bushfire, and shutdowns?

The Rotary Club only had a small part in this years event collecting cans, but we did have a number of our members attending and enjoying the day. Penny even met the Little Wings mascot.

50 years of Rotary Service 100% Attendance

Richard Turner



It was a special night at Rotary to celebrate Richard Turner, in what must be a rare event for any Rotarian in achieving 50 years of service at 100% attendance. We had number of partners and guests at the meeting.

Richard's daughter Mel spoke about what it was like to have grown up in a Rotary family with a father so intent on being at a meeting every week. Holiday plans, even at overseas destinations, had to be arranged so a make up could be done. Richard is also so committed he once did a makeup in Toronto hospital with a drip still in his arm. Melissa commented on some nice memories of the events she attended growing up with the Rotary members at both Cessnock and then with her kids at Nelson Bay.



PDG Don presented Richard with a special certificate organised by current governor Alyn Miranda, who would have been present, but for unexpected situation at his workplace. Don went through some of the milestones in Richard's time in Rotary.

Inducted to Cessnock Rotary Club
11th of October 1973.
International Chair 75,76,93-97.
Treasurer 77-78 Vice President 83-84 President 84-85
Membership Chairman 86-87
Paul Harris Fellow 95.
27 years 100% attendance.



Inducted Nelson Bay Rotary Club
8th of February 2001.
Membership Chair 2007-2009. Historian 2012 -2019
FAIM trip 2016.
Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire pin 2016
Emeritus Member award 2022.
23 years of 100% attendance.



PDG Greg Bevan spoke on behalf of the Members of Cessnock Rotary Club present. He was able to reflect on some of the names of the past years. He said generally discussions with Richard about Rotary matters were at least 30 minutes long so he needed to sit down and have a coffee ready. He mentioned how Richard was born to be a Rotarian as his father had been a strong member since 1943, as well as a person of note in the community. Richard knew a lot of the founding members in Cessnock Rotary Club as well as knowing many of the originals from Nelson Bay as he visited there to his holiday house.

Richard in reply mentioned the great support he had received from his wife Jenny over the whole period. When he had first joined Rotary there was an expectation to try for a makeup wherever possible. This custom has changed as have many things in the ways of Rotary. Richard commented on some of the marvellous nights he had attended with ambassadors, parliamentarians and VIPS. He thanked also his children and his brother John Turner OAM who had been part of his experience.

SCONE TIME AT MARTHAVILLE COTTAGE



Scone Time every Friday morning at Marthaville Cottage is quite a success lately, not only because of the great scones and the excellent service but you get the chance to have a chat and meet new friends. Come along and spend some time and bring some friends with you.

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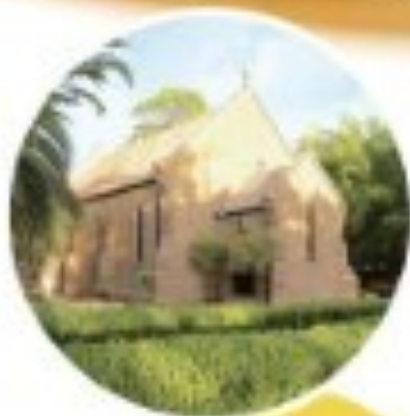


Just in case you didn't recognise Tony Mak and Graham Farish playing around in the top left photo. As usual the BBQs are always a bit of fun and the people enjoyed the day getting dressed up as you can see.

Christmas

MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Saturday 16th December
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We do a lot of BarBQs in many locations in the area. It helps to raise funds so that we can distribute it to the charities that we support. It's always a lot of fun why not come and join us

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