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2025 MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Now in its 23rd year, the Mayoral Scholarship Program has awarded 277 local students across the Cessnock Local Government Area with a combined total of \$693,000 since it began in 2002. This year, thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, Council awarded 15 scholarships each valued at \$2,500. We are incredibly proud to provide meaningful financial support to our local students. The Rotary Club of Cessnock is probably the only sponsor that has been supporting the program since it started. This year President Helen and I was proud to present our contribution to this wonderful project yet again.

Ebony Cheal was our scholarship recipient; Ebony is currently studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care at the University of New England, having previously completed a Certificate 3 in Early Education and Care and a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. Ebony has worked for two years as an educator at Weston Community Preschool – having previously worked at Kurri Kurri Early Childhood Centre – and holds the position of Educational Leader at the preschool

TOTAL FIELD DAYS 2025



Established in 1984, Total Field Days is the premier agricultural event in the Hunter, Newcastle and Central Coast Regions.

Held every year on the first weekend in May, our visitors include people on the land who are looking for the latest innovations, hobby farmers and enthusiasts and people just looking for a great day out. Our 370+ exhibitors bring all the latest in farming techniques and technologies, machinery, remote devices, solar energy and award winning livestock. As well as local Good Food & Wine, demonstrations and a boat load of fun.

Total Field Days is a non profit incorporated association with three part-time staff members and an enthusiastic band of volunteers.

This year our Rotary Club didn't cook sausages but instead managed the disabled car parking area. We have been part of this event for quite some time and we all agreed that it was a nice change to all the effort of setting up, cooking and packing up after a hard days effort.

NEW SPONSOR for the MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



President Helen and I was fortunate to have met Patrick at the Mayoral Scholarships at the CPACC last week. Patrick is also our new Major Sponsor for the Railway Hotel. We had a nice chat and he is looking forward to meeting our members when we have a meeting swap at the Railway Hotel on the 29th May. For those of you who haven't been there so far the meals are really great and a choice of Thai or Japanese dishes Patrick is also the owner of the Oishii Restaurant in Pokolbin

Patrick Boonsoong is pictured with our Mayor Dan Watton at the Mayoral Scholarship Awards

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One of our long time Sponsors enjoying her time in front of the camera at the Elegant White Picnic

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Our hard working Rotarians at Gartlemann Wines helping out for the Lovedale Long Lunch on the weekend.



The Lovedale Long Lunch has been a huge success for our area for quite a long time now. The [Rotary Club of Cessnock](#) members are volunteers at the Gartelmann Wines venue. Owner and chef Matt Dillow at the Deck Cafe has been a Sponsor of our club for a number of years, which we are really grateful for. It is a small backpay for all the support that we have had over the years. Yesterday and today is a huge venue at Gartelmann Wines, being part of the Lovedale Long Lunch, but it's a fantastic place to go for a meal any time.





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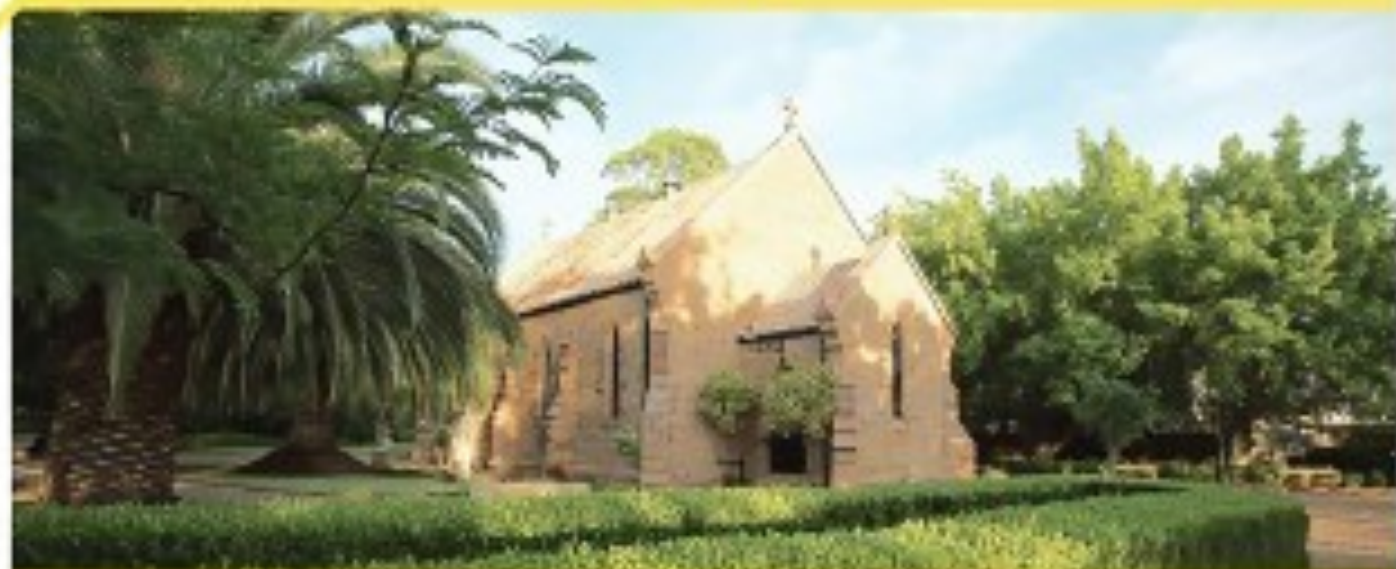
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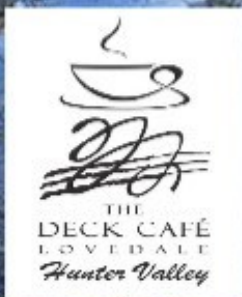
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