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DG VISIT in year of the dragon



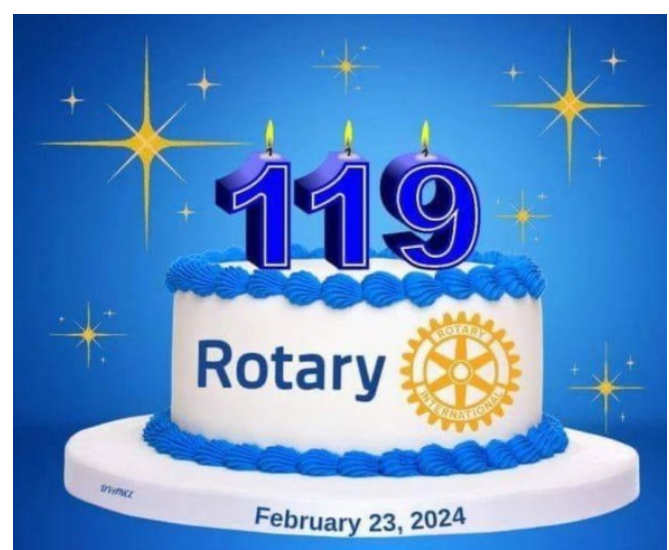
MESSAGE FROM DG ALYN MIRANDA

Alyn's homeless program feeds the homeless in the evenings. Youngest was 5 with his brother of 7.

Think about organising events that the community gets involved with when supporting those impacted by fire, draught, or floods. Don't keep fund raising just within your club. It amazing how much can be achieved when you ask others to assist example: CWA or PCYC,

Alyn provided us with an overview of his background and the diversity within Rotary. He reminded us that Rotary is in its 119th year.

At Alyn's request some of the members at the meeting told their personal stories of why they joined Rotary and what Rotary has meant to them and what they enjoy most about being a Rotarian



DG Visit with our members, Area Governer and the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri



President Paul Hughes from the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri outlined the many programs his club is involved in, including the Carols at Christmas times and feeding the fire workers recently

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AREA GOVERNOR CHRISTINE WALMSLEY OUTLINED A FEW DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

District conference from 16 March in Mudgee. Fantastic speakers organised.

Information has been circulated for the youth programs. RYPEN in May 2024 \$350 per student & RYLER June 2024 \$1,400 per student.

Short term Youth exchange to Germany for 3 months for year 9, 10 or 11. Student only goes to one host family.

Also asking for families to host or sponsor. 5 Maitland clubs plus Rotaract are running a combined golf day to support Health stays accommodation

Cessnock High Rotary Interact Club up and running again.

Stacy Jacobs who works at Cessnock high school and is a member of East Maitland Rotary. She was the one in charge at the school when we had a very successful Interact Club. Sadly the program folded even after such a successful start. Now Interact has relaunched this year at Cessnock High and has 32 members. The students have a plan to collect cans to fulfil the environmental component and will run a food and clothing drive. The children have decided to sponsor the build of a house in Cambodia. They need to raise \$3k this year. Great to see that the program has re started. Lets put in an effort to go along to their meetings so that they have a Cessnock Rotary presence at all their meetings

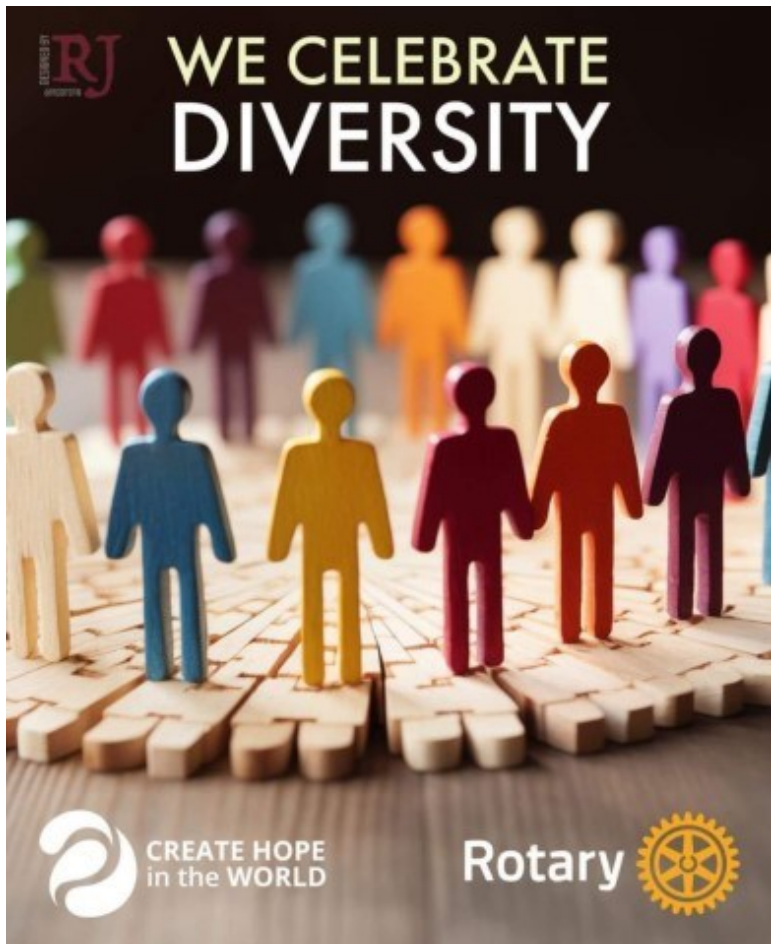
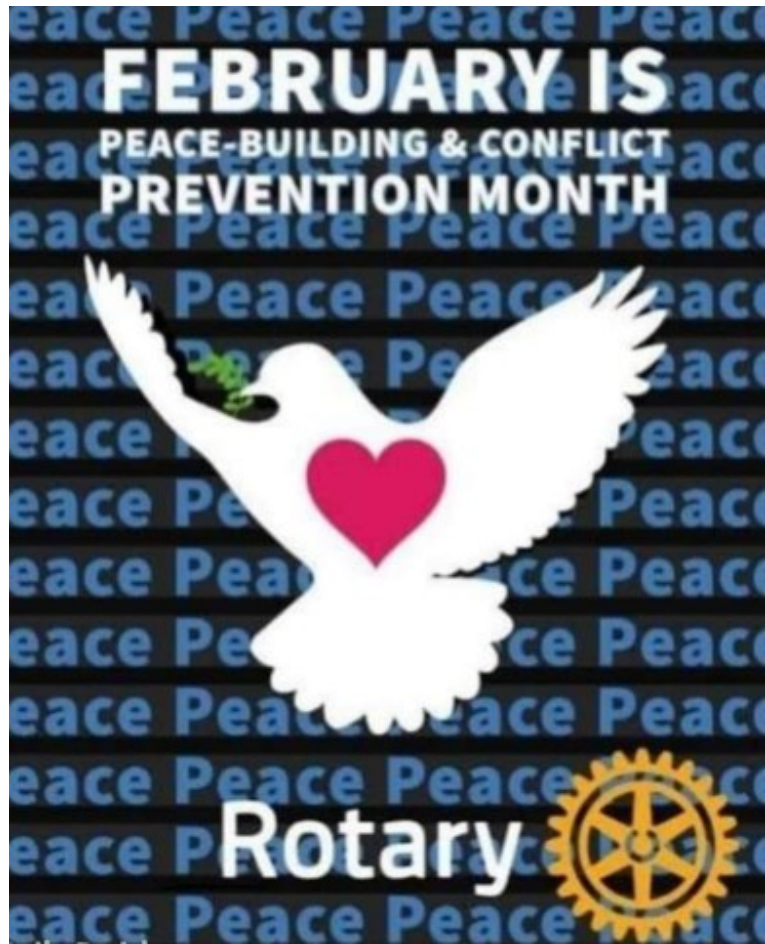
Our President to go on the Kokoda Track



President Graham has been building up his muscles and he will be walking the Kokoda track in aid of Shelter box and has raised \$1,870 to date We definitely wish him the best of health and luck. No doubt he will have a few stories to tell on his return. Our Past President Vicki Steep has done the trip so maybe Graham can get a few tips before he goes.



The bike program is quite a success and really only driven by our President Graham. The program has helped so many people in our community who couldn't have had a bike for one reason or another. We have been very fortunate that people have donated bikes that they no longer use. To date our bike project has serviced, repaired and donated more than 60 bikes. Thank you Graham for all the hours you put into this roject.



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.

Feeding the people in need



Every Wednesday at the Uniting Church Hall our Rotary members and friends of Rotary provide a fantastic meal 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. Plus we have quite a few Friends of Rotary who gladly volunteer their time to help make this day a success every week. The people who come along are very appreciative for the effort that is put into this and the wonderful healthy food which they have now on a regular basis. The presentation and quality of the meals are just outstanding, restaurant quality.

4th Istanbul Suadiye Rotary Club International Photo Contest



Thanks to President Graham he talked me into entering this competition. I did see it but never thought that I would enter it. So I guess I owe Graham a thank you for pushing me into entering. There are four photo categories, colour, black and white, nature and Women's Creations. I entered the first three with four allowable photos in each category. These four are in the Colour category. The Balloons festival in the Hunter is always very spectacular and the other two are from the Hunter Lights, while we were very busy . Just managed to take a few shots.

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Our Cessnock Rotary Website is now live. Please check it out @ cessnockrotary.com Penny showed the website at our last meeting . I previously asked for feedback and received a few that will improve the website. It's not too late to help us improve on it even further. So look at it critically and please let me know if you have any suggestions. It did take me a while and it sure was a learning curve but we actually now have quite a good website, so look it up now and then as it helps in the logarithm or something like that. Plus I will add newsletters and albums regularly.



Our member John Jowett met up with one of our past Exchange students from Canada Anne Burnett, in Sydney. Anne is a regular visitor with her old host parents. Her birthday is coming up, as well as her becoming a dinky die Ausie. I am not aware of any other past Rotary exchange students who actually adopted us in such a way. Congratulations Anne for becoming one of us.



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