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IN MEMORY OF OUR PAST MEMBER BEVERLEY HANNAY



It is a sad time in the Rotary Club of Cessnock to announce the passing of one of our former members. Bev Hannay was inducted into our club on the 15th June 2017 by the then President David Clark. Bev served as our Treasurer for a number of years. Bev made lots of friends in our small group and contributed her time to many of our functions over the years while she was a member. Sadly Bev was diagnosed with cancer and she put up a long battle to overcome her condition. Due to this she resigned as treasurer and reluctantly resigned from our club as well on the 30th June 2023.

It was just last year when a number of us, including Bev went to Sydney for the VIVID lights. John Jowett, Graham Farish and Vicki Steep helped her with a lot of her gardening needs maintenance, going for walks etc, after she left our club. Bev's Celebration of Life will be held at her home address at 5 Oliver Street Cessnock 28th May between 1.30 - 3.30. Her request was that if you attend, is to wear colour (No black) Bev will be sadly missed by a lot of local people who knew her as a happy and friendly person in our community.



Name: Bev Hannay

Age: 58

Position Currently Held at Rotary: Treasurer

How long have you been a Rotarian: 3 yrs

Why did you become a Rotarian: wanted to contribute to the community

What is the proudest thing you have been involved in as a Rotarian: Organising the right people to contact within the local council. This was in relation to planting and protecting David Clark's memorial tree and the support from Rotary Cessnock to conduct a BBQ at the now yearly Bio Blitz which brings awareness to local flora and fauna at Poppethead Park, Kitchener.

Favorite food: tropical fruit; pineapple, mango and paw paw

Favorite game: Jenga

Special talent: helping people recognise their strengths

Favorite band/song: the Bee Gees/Saturday Night Fever

Who do you admire: Students of Cessnock High Interact because, so early in their lives, they are compassionately helping others in amazingly productive ways.

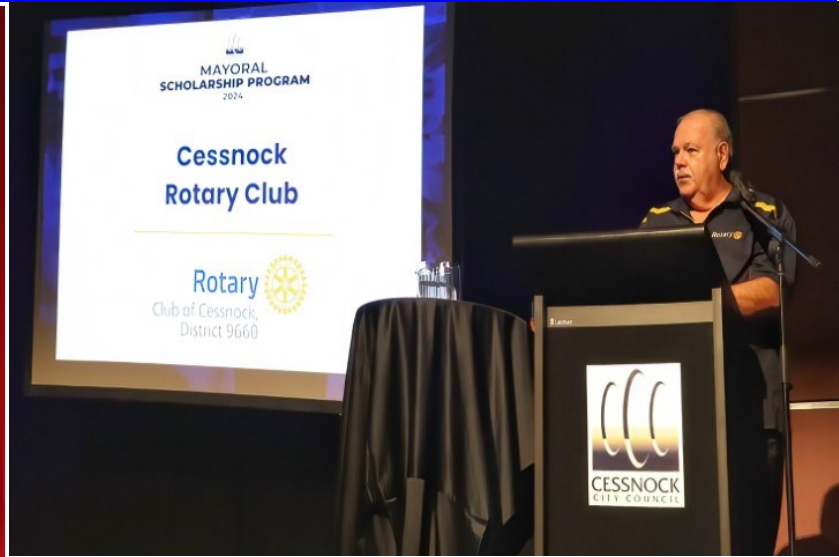
Advice for young people: Focus on and use the fantastic talents that you **already** have. They are talents that you will find easy and fun to express in a way that helps others.

Lovedale long lunch



A Delightful Day at the Lovedale Long Lunch. Our secretary Penny recently attended the Lovedale Long Lunch, an annual celebration of local food, wine, and culture in the heart of Hunter Valley. During the event, our secretary had the pleasure of visiting The Deck, one of our major sponsors. The Deck, renowned for its stunning views and exceptional hospitality, truly outdid themselves. Guests were treated to a variety of delectable dishes, expertly paired with their finest wines, showcasing the best of what the region has to offer. We extend our heartfelt thanks to The Deck for their continued support and for making the Lovedale Long Lunch such a memorable experience. We look forward to many more events like this that highlight the incredible partnerships within our community

MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2024



Rotary Club of Cessnock has been proud sponsors of the Mayoral Scholarships since it started. We sponsor many Youth programs including this one. We are very happy to see that the Rotaract Club in Cessnock High is up and running again, with record number of students being involved. They also run their own programs to raise funds so that they can donate to their own chosen charities. I guess that most service clubs are known these days as doing BBQs, but there is so much more behind each club.

We have initiated the Feed the People in Need program every Wednesday at the Uniting Church Hall. People can come along and have a free breakfast and lunch, which is prepared by our members. We have Friends of Rotary to help serving the meals. Most days are well attended.

We have also initiated Scone Time at Marthaville Cottage every Friday morning. The idea is that anyone can come along and have a scone and a cuppa and have a chat and make new friends. It is also free unless you want to make a donation. We have many regulars now coming every Friday morning and again we have Friends of Rotary to help preparing and serving.

We also have a new program to renovate and donate bikes to people who can't afford to buy one. We are only a small club but we do so many BBQs and functions all with a smile on our faces. We meet every Thursday night at the Supporters Club, so please feel free to come along and see what Rotary is all about.

Total Donations and scholarships donated by the Rotary Club of Cessnock in this Rotary year is over \$29,000. I would like to think that that is quite an achievement for such a small club as ours. We only have about 14 members. The recipient of our award went to Olivia McDonald who couldn't be there on the day but was received by her Mum

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CHANGE OVER PROGRAMME
BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024



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Rotary theme

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BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Penny arranged a table for 10 ladies at the Biggest Morning Tea at Wandin Vineyard's chandelier-lit Cricket Pavilion. They savoured a delicious assortment of cakes, pastries, and healthy treats before the lucky door prizes and raffles began. Many ladies left with beautiful prizes, and the event successfully raised over \$22,000. Penny is pictured with Matt Dillow on the left who is our Major Sponsor from the Deck Café and with friends from the Vintage.

My daughter Claudia is thinking of doing a similar function for Breast Cancer Awareness in October. So put your thinking caps on to see how we could make that a great new fundraiser.



Rotary Club of Cessnock was providing breakfast and lunch for the Australian Light Aircraft Championships at the Cessnock Aerodrome. The events are aerobatics, formation, and streamer cutting, as well as two precision circuit events – the spot landing and forced landing competitions. They are safe and easy to fly for pilots within a wide range of experience and proficiency, but harder to fly accurately! A qualified flight instructor occupies the right-hand seat as an air judge in the landing and streamer cutting events.



Our Guest Speaker at the last meeting was Susan Davey from the Cessnock Library. She informed us about so many things that you can look up on the library website. It's most certainly not just about borrowing books. There are categories of just about anything and everything if you want to research a certain topic or look up magazines, music, history, etc. An example of two photos depicting the history of some of the pubs for example. It can get quite addictive once you start researching the local history of our area.. As Susan said in her talk, the photos are provided by anyone that wants to share some history and then it is accessible to all to see..



Another example of an article from the Cessnock Library. I found a large painting by one of our Rotary members back in the 1950s, Charles Reisbeck. He drew portraits at the club meetings of guest speakers and District Governors, as shown above. I went into the library to enquire if there was any information about this person and ended up with all his sketches. The above is just a small example of some of his works.

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