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**NEWSLETTER: 10th October 2013**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Vince Lombardi observed that “leadership is based on a spiritual quality; the power to inspire, the power to inspire others to follow”. In our club we have twelve Past Presidents, two Past District Governors and a number of members with 40 years or more of continuous membership. All of these Rotarians have been inspired by great Rotary and industry leaders and in turn have inspired others by their leadership, spiritual and caring qualities. The club has a proud history of community service and still retains the passion for helping those in need within our community and the international community. This week we were treated to a reflection of some of the proud history of our club by PP Brian Howe. Brian has such a great way of recalling and presenting details of the past and as we saw, some detailed documented history which he shared with us. This was followed by PDG Greg Bevan sharing with us his significant life’s history. A native of Kurri Kurri, commencing as an industrial Chemist at BHP steel works and followed by a distinguished career in the coal industry. It was a Coal Preparation Manager at Pelton Colliery who introduced Greg to Rotary and the rest as they say is history. We are indeed proud of Brian and Greg and their contributions to our club and Rotary. Thank you both for a great night.

President David



**Historian Brian Howe**



**Past DG Greg Bevan**



Vicki Steep did the Rotary International Toast to the Rotary Club of Angkor in Cambodia. The Rotary Club of Angkor believes that the way forward in Cambodia to make a positive change is to focus on the importance of Education. Education holds the key to change on many levels for the Cambodian population. We had the beautiful Meg and the beautiful Beatrice as guests of John. John's granddaughter Beatrice has recently returned from Europe where she was part of a choir that sang at the Westminster Abbey. Our exchange student Matt told us about his recent adventures, including mountain climbing with our past exchange student Ann Burnett. We had Matt over for dinner to have his first taste of kangaroo, which he quite liked. Matt is settling in to the Ausie way of life quite well and its a delight to hear him sing our national anthem at the end of our meetings.

## OCTOBER ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

**JOINED ROTARY:** Janette Jackson 21/10/2001  
**BIRTHDAYS:** Jack Grant 10/10.1929, Brian Howe 20/10/1932  
 Louise Selmes 10th Oct.  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** No October ceremonies ANN



### ROSTER 10th October

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Louise Selmes  
 TELLER: Maley/S Jackson  
 WELCOME TO GUESTS: Trish Davies  
 INTRODUCE SPEAKER: David Lennon  
 GUEST SPEAKER: Renee Hudson  
 VOTE OF THANKS: Gail Thomas  
 FINE SESSION: Peter Carver  
 STEWARDS: All members

### 17th Oct

Margaret Maley  
 Maley/Selmes  
 Robyn Drayton  
 N/A  
 Board Meeting  
 N/A  
 Peter Carver  
 All members

### FUTURE EVENTS

10th Sep - Renee Hudson Manager from the Greater Building Society  
 24th Oct - Des Lawson Rotary Membership  
 31st Oct - Kurri Kurri Inter Club Visit at Robyn Draytons RSVP latest 30th Oct.  
 7th Nov - Sally Coddington

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

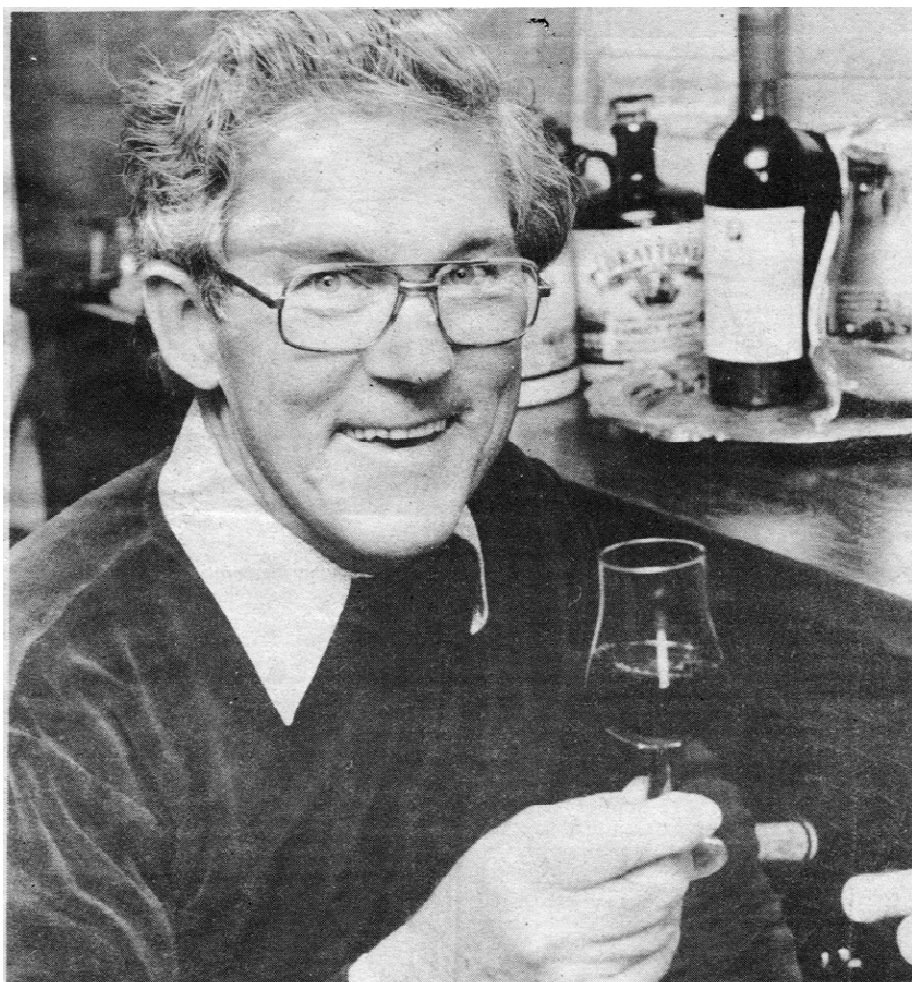
Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**  
 or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

**REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.**



**Robyn Drayton - "To my mum and dad. Even after 19 years I still miss them heaps. To Reg and Pam 2nd October 1994. Dad would have been 81 and mum 77. Xx**

It was a very sad loss to Robyn and her family plus the Rotary Club of Cessnock and our local community to have lost such a wonderful and very much loved couple. Our District still awards the "Reg Drayton Award for Fellowship" at each District 9670 Conference. I was the fortunate president at the time when our club first presented the "Reg Drayton Award" for the first time at Port Macquarie District Conference with District Governor Peter Sivyer. Our club has been awarded that trophy, for Fellowship, since that first presentation and Reg and Pam's contribution to Rotary is still remembered each year, at each presentation.



■ ABOVE: Mr. Reg Drayton toasts to a successful year.

Reg Drayton was the President of the Rotary Club of Cessnock 1983 - 1984.

Some of us longer serving members will remember the fun times which we had at Reg and Pam's residence on many occasions. Fellowship was always foremost in Reg's life and it obviously followed through into his Rotary life.

The photo of Reg and article in the Advertiser toasting to a successful year and above all he "Aims to keep Fellowship High"



**Aims to keep fellowship high**

*Words from the Secretary - 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013.*

Reminder - Club service hours. Please send me your "input" for September before Monday, 7<sup>th</sup>. Only 4 have been sent in so far, and I can think of at least 7 others who have done good things in the name of Rotary.

Pres. David sent me a note re being the Club contact for information for THE Rotary WORLD CONVENTION - SYDNEY! It would be very easy for Steve or me to be the contact, having been to several of these functions over the years, but I wondered if someone else would like to take on that small job. Our District World Convention contact is the one and only PDG Peter Raynor. Please let me know ASAP if you'd like to be the Club Contact.

I have received information about a "monster" raffle (only 3000 tickets, \$50 per ticket) for a Mercedes Vito Van 116CDI. I even have application forms! The raffle is in aid of Disaster Aid Australia.

Another item that has come through is regarding Christmas Puddings, Cakes and Biscuits. I have the prices etc.

And still on Christmas - after mentioning these cards at the Board meeting last week, this week, I have a whole parcel of them! It is a case of "on consignment", and any that are not sold have to be sent back. In view of the fact that our Treasurer is on holidays, I've got a form ready for anyone who want to jump in straight away. Remarkably, the cards are still only \$10.00 per pack of ten. Overprinting of a personal message comes at \$36.00 per hundred.

### *The Importance of Walking*

*Walking can add minutes to your life.. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.*

*My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.*

*I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.*



*A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today.'*

*The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink In fact, this one is on me.' As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'*

*The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.' 'Coming up,' says the bartender.*

*As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.'*

*The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'*

*'Coming right up,' the bartender says. As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'*

*The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'*

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering.

As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.

- Bruce Lee



Tasha Dolhanuk

