

CLUB BULLETIN



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ASCOT ROTARY: [Home of Bricktober](#)

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (aka WASH)

This focus highlights Rotary's commitment to improving access to clean water, promoting proper hygiene and providing sanitation facilities to create healthier, more sustainable communities worldwide.

At the 2024 Convention Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organisation spoke about the need for sanitation as it is one of the world's more overlooked, taboo issues.

Interestingly enough the very first service project undertaken by Rotary was to build a public toilet in Chicago in 1907.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

13—15 March: District Conference
17 March: Satellite club meeting
24 March: Breakfast meeting
30 March: Board meeting

APRIL

14 April: Breakfast meeting
21 April: Satellite club meeting
28 April: Breakfast meeting
Date for board meeting: tbc

Can't make it to our meeting?

Send apologies to Attendance Officer, Mike B prior to the meeting please. Apologies for today's meeting: Jodie and Jeanne.

Did you know:

Ascot Rotary has been around since 1969

We were originally sponsored by the Belmont Rotary Club

We have moved a number of times to different venues, and loving being at The Dome as our regular meeting place.

We have worked on a number of different projects over the years, probably our biggest to date has been Bricktober, although renovating a house in Belmont was pretty awesome as well.

We've provided support for families locally, and internationally through our projects

We've helped fund further studies through the Australian Rotary Health Foundation, and Sustainable Cambodia Projects

We may be a small club, but we have a big heart, and want that heart to keep beating for years to come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RON



SNIPPETS FROM THIS WEEK'S CLUB FORUM

Hugh provided us with a summary of our financials—we are doing okay in that area.

He intimated that our club dues for next year will be around \$275 per member to cover RI, District and Magazine costs.

He provided us with some options for discussion regarding moving forward.

We can't rely on Bricktober as our only source of income—we need to consider what else we could do to raise funds—so get your thinking caps on everyone.

We wanted to make it clear that we are here to stay:

Mike moved a motion to keep the club going. This motion was seconded by Kerry and all agreed that this is what we wanted to do.

We know we are a small club

We don't want 'us' to disappear

We do need to find projects to do locally

We all need to be involved and ensure that we can continue to operate

We are willing to work with other clubs if we find the right ones to work with on projects we are interested in.

This is our starting point for the new Rotary year

Do you have ideas for a great guest speaker?

Let Ros know please so she can finalise our speakers list for the year.

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do your best today.

BRICKTOBER

Work needs to be done to see how this can happen this year as several of the previous committee members have indicated that they wish to finish their time on the committee. Thanks are extended to those who have worked hard to see Bricktober happen in the past.

The future is to be decided.

As a small club we can't do everything by ourselves—we may need to 'join' with other clubs to get the required 'manpower'.

Several clubs were suggested as possible clubs we'd like to work with. These included Welshpool, Belmont, Mill Point. There may be others that we'd like to get to know too.

We decided:

To join in at Welshpool's social breakfast meeting to get to know them. Let Pete know by Friday if you can join them at their Thursday 19th March breakfast meeting.

WE NEED IDEAS

If you have an idea for a club project that will help us with an ongoing funding stream—let Hugh know so that he can factor that into his planning for next year.

REQUEST FROM SATELLITE CLUB FOR OUR HELP

If you can help at Belmont Rotamart on any of the following dates, please let Chris Merton know:

15 March	23 March	29 March
12 April	19 April	

If you need Chris's email: chrismerton@hotmail.com

The first one is this Sunday.

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

24 March

International Toast: S—Hugh Langridge

Host Chair: Pete Richo