

# CLUB BULLETIN



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## ASCOT ROTARY: [Home of Bricktober](#)

### FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

#### YOUTH

Rotary is committed to supporting the next generation through its various youth programmes. These include but not limited to:

- Interact
- Rotaract
- RYLA
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Short Term Exchanges

The Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark initiated the first international youth exchange in 1927 during their school holidays; and then over time evolved into the official Rotary International programme in 1975. The initial exchanges were short term, but by 1958 they moved to being year-long exchanges with the first being between students in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Grand Lake, Colorado USA and Myrtleford, Australia.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

#### MAY

- 19 May: Satellite club meeting
- 26 May Breakfast meeting

#### JUNE

- 9 June: Breakfast meeting
- 9 June: Board meeting 6 pm
- 13—17 June RI Conference, Taipei
- 16 June: Satellite Club meeting
- 23 June: Breakfast meeting
- 27 June: Handover event, evening

### Can't make it to our meeting?

Send apologies to Attendance Officer, Mike B prior to the meeting please.

Apologies for today's meeting: Ros

### SATELLITE CLUB—NEW MEMBER

A BIG welcome to Laurinda who has joined our Satellite Club. She enjoys 'paying it forward' and is looking forward to getting involved in any way she can.

Welcome Laurinda.

### INVITATION TO JOIN IN WELSHPOOL'S MEETINGS

**Held: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7.00 for 7.30 am start**

**First (full breakfast \$25) Third (continental \$15)**

At Belmont Sports and Rec Centre, Cloverdale

If you want Sally's email to let her know that you are coming let me know and I can forward it to you—so they have enough food for you when you get there.

### PEDAL PRIX WA IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR

We are providing sponsorship for the race and for Jude's vehicles. He has 2 teams entered this year.

The first race was in Bunbury, and then there are 2 more races in Perth—13 June at Yanchep and 26 July at Perth Motoplex.



## SNIPPETS FROM THIS WEEK'S CLUB MEETING

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Rotary Club of Vancouver was the focus for our toast this week. They have over 100 members and the club was founded in 1913—the second oldest club in Canada and the first in British Columbia. They meet weekly on Tuesdays at noon at the Terminal City Club. They run their own Foundation and distribute funds to support charitable institutions within BC. They also administer their Hearing Fund which supports the Hearing and Balance Centre at St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver as well as a Hearing Centre at UBC (University of BC) and other Hearing and Speech centres within BC. To raise funds for it they hold an annual biking event which has been well supported over the years. They also provide scholarships for students at the local Secondary School. Ascot Rotary members at our meeting toasted the work of the Rotary Club of Vancouver.



### FINDING OUT WHAT OUR MEMBERS DO

As we didn't have a guest speaker this morning, we were all challenged to provide us with a quick overview of what we all got up to when not doing Rotary 'stuff'. It seems that many of us are busy with helping children, and their children. Some of us are still working—either full time or part time. Some are involved with other support groups—such as Memory Café, Mackie St Choir, Get Scrubbed. One member is attempting to write their own life story after being encouraged by what his wife had written about her story. Some look out for friends who are not as mobile as they'd like. I think we all love catching up with family and friends whenever there is an opportunity and some enjoy watching a football game or two. What a great idea, and we all learned something about each other.

### Wine Raffle

Winner this morning was Peter Richo

### WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING/s:

26 May

**International Toast: W - Alan Thomson**

**Host Chair: Jodie Sparks**

9 June

**International Toast: X, Y or Z: Ron Alexander**

**Host Chair: Alan Thomson**



Put these dates in your calendar:

**10 and 11 October**

We will all need to be there so we can make sure the event runs as well as possible. It is a whole club project and everyone is needed to help during the planning phase as well as over the weekend. Watch this space for how you can help.

### Do you have ideas for a great guest speaker?

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

### COME JOIN US ON SATURDAY JUNE 27

As we celebrate Rotary at our Club Handover.

Breakfast club members and Satellite Club members invited to share an evening meal and acknowledge the work of both our clubs.

Put that date in your diaries and be part of the fun and fellowship. Further details to come.

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- \* Rotary Convention: Taipei 13—17 June
- \* Ascot Changeover: 27 June—evening event
- \* Four Way Speaking Contest—Club heats—Late June/Early July—date to be confirmed
- \* District Changeover: 11 July
- \* 2027 **100 Years Anniversary of Rotary in WA** 15—18 April
- \* Rotary Convention June 2027—location has changed to Barcelona

### I told you we wanted your money!

The District Budget has been approved so Club Treasurer Mike says that our budget for next year is being finalised..

We are hoping to keep our fees similar to previous year's but we will be letting you know what they are soon.



### CLUB ROSTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR:

- 9 June:** Host Chair: Alan Thomson  
Toast: XYZ: Ron Alexander
- 23 June:** Host Chair: Kerry Smith  
Toast: A: Mike Bermann

### ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Voting for this award will be happening at our next meeting so that we have time to collate votes before Handover.  
Please make sure you vote.

### WE WANT YOUR MONEY

#### IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO GIVE IT

The Rotary Centurion Programme is an initiative in Australia and New Zealand where individuals donate at least \$100 AUD annually to The Rotary Foundation.



Our Club has been involved in this programme for many years and we are hoping that we can once again get as many members as possible to donate \$100 towards The Rotary Foundation via the Centurion Programme. Remember that 50% of our contributions come back in 3 years time to help fund local and international projects.

Simply pay \$100 into our club account and know that you are helping fund future projects that our club will be involved in. Make sure identify the donation as your name and Centurion contribution.

You don't have to be a Rotarian to donate, so if you have family or friends who might be interested—pass the word on to them.

**Hugh would appreciate it if you got your contributions in before the end of May if possible so he can get the paperwork sorted and in, in time for the end of the Rotary year.**

Let me know if you need our club account details (Ed.)

### CAN YOU NAME ALL 7 AREAS OF FOCUS?

This month's focus is on Youth

What are 3 things you can do this month that will help us engage or re-engage with Youth?

# ROTARY'S 7 AREAS OF FOCUS:

