

CLUB BULLETIN



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ASCOT ROTARY: [Home of Bricktober](#)

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Environment

Rotary Clubs worldwide focus on projects that protect natural resources, enhance environmental sustainability and reduce climate change impacts.

Rotarians engage in activities such as planting trees, cleaning up water sources, reducing pollution, promoting recycling and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The seven areas of focus are:

1. Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water, sanitation and hygiene,
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Community economic development
7. **The environment**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

APRIL

21 April: Satellite club meeting

25 April: ANZAC Day

27 April: Social get together

28 April: Breakfast meeting

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11 May: Board meeting

12 May: Breakfast meeting

19 May: Satellite club meeting

26 May Breakfast meeting

Can't make it to our meeting?

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

Apologies for today's meeting: Hugh, Ron and Ros

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

Speaker: Mary Butterworth from Developmental Disability WA

Play Tub Recipient: Aguer Dut from South Coogee Primary School

REGIONALISATION UPDATE:

On our behalf Jodie will be voting for our incoming Community Leader for 2026-27 as discussed at Board meeting.

THANK YOU MIKE

Thank you Mike for finalising last year's District Grant. This means that we are eligible to apply for more funds for a worthy cause.

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

Text Sally to let her know that you are coming so they have enough food to feed you too.

DISTRICT RAWCS PROJECT

Cyclone Narelle has devastated communities across the north of Australia. There is a District Appeal if you can donate (donations are tax deductible) please do.

SNIPPETS FROM THIS WEEK'S CLUB MEETING

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Thunder Bay Rotary Clubs, Ontario Canada, were the focus of our toast this morning. There are three clubs in the area, and it appears that they work really well together.

Fort William RC meets on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 pm

Port Arthur RC meets on Thursdays for lunch at 12.00 noon

Lakehead RC meets every second Thursday at 7.30 am for breakfast.

They recently combined to celebrate 121 years of Rotary; and they also work together on running their 4 Way Test Essay Competition; movie nights, Santa Claus Parade, and other social events that they allow them to raise funds for their Allocations Committees to use to support community members within the Thunder Bay area.



APPLICATIONS FOR RYPEN

May RYPEN camp has been cancelled, but be on the lookout for people who would be interested in going to the Camp in September.

Wine Raffle

Winner this morning was Alan Thompson

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:

19 April

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

Be there by 6.15 am and should be all finished by 10.15 am



WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING/s:

28 April

International Toast: U: Jodie Sparks

Host Chair: Ros McLernon

12 May

International Toast: V: Kerry Smith

Host Chair: Mike Bermann

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.

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.

GRAB AND GO BAGS

The Board approved the purchase of 20 Bags to be sourced and left at the Royal Flying Doctor Service head office in Jandakot for families who have had to leave at a moment's notice because of a medical emergency and arrive in Perth with nothing but the clothes they are currently wearing.



GUEST SPEAKER: Mary Butterworth
TOPIC: Developmental Disabilities WA

Mary has spent time with us previously so it was good to see her return to update us on the current work they are involved in. They have 3 arms to their work: Advocacy, Knowledge and Community. Their services are provided free of charge for those in need.

They advocate for families, teach them their rights and help them prepare for a future where changes may need to be made. They run weekend training sessions and camps to help families in need. They also provide NDIS support coordination to assist some 400 + families navigate the complex system.

They are also training others who communicate with those in need to simplify their documentation so that these people can understand what is required of them. Another area that they are hoping to get into if they can get the required funding is to provide 'talking forms' where they can say the answers to the form's questions rather than having to fill in the forms.

It was a very informative talk, and Mary indicated that they are always looking for donations—so if anyone can help in any way, please let them know. More information can be found on their website: www.ddwa.org.au



As a thank you, we will be providing a donation to End Polio Now on Mary's behalf

We love handing out Lego Play Tubs

This week we were able to pass on to South Coogee Primary School's chaplain Aguer a tub of bricks for the Lego Play Group he is setting up for their students.

He has a plan to enable the students to make connections, develop their social skills and explore their learnings over the coming months.

Aguer is seen here with our Projects Chair, Kerry, collecting the tub of Lego on behalf of the school.

We wish him well and hope to see photos of how the students are using the Lego in the coming months.



MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- * **Club event 27 April**—details on the last page
- * ClubRunner zoom training—during May—if interested in knowing how to navigate Clubrunner let Dianne know and she will forward the links for you to register
- * 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 will be working on our Club's budget, soon.

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:

- 26 May:** Host Chair: Jodie Sparks
Toast: W: Alan Thomson
- 9 June:** Host Chair: Alan Thomson
Toast: XYZ: Ron Alexander
- 23 June:** Host Chair: Kerry Smith
Toast: A: Mike Bermann

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.



ANZAC DAY

April 25

Lest We Forget

CAN YOU NAME ALL 7 AREAS OF FOCUS?

This month's focus is The Environment

What are 3 things you can do this month that will help us sustain and/or improve the environment we live in?

ROTARY'S 7 AREAS OF FOCUS:



CLUB SUNDOWNER

All invited to come and join in some fun and fellowship

Bring partners and friends if they'd like to join us too

Location: At Ros and Gerry's

(Ros will give you her address when you register)

When: Monday 27 April

Time: From 4 pm

Cost: \$15 per person, plus BYO Drinks

RSVP: by Wednesday 22 April to Ros: 0412 512 122

Hope to see you there

