

CLUB BULLETIN



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ASCOT ROTARY: [Home of Bricktober](#)

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Peace and conflict resolution month

This area emphasizes actively building peace through dialogue, understanding, and service projects that address root causes of conflict like poverty and inequality.

February 23—is celebrated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

This month highlights that peace is not passive, but built through active, compassionate service.

Can't make it to our meeting?

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

MARCH

- 8 March: Foundation Grants Seminar
- 10 March: Breakfast meeting—Club Forum
- 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



SNIPPETS FROM THIS WEEK'S MEETING

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We picked the Rotary Club of Quebec—Sainte-Foy as our club to toast this morning. They are a younger club (since 1989) but are passionate about what they do.

They meet for breakfast every Tuesday at the Restaurant Pacini, in Quebec City, from 7.30—8.30 am and encourage members to come to network from 7 am. Their “menu” includes: hosting guest speakers, discussing what they can do for their local community and beyond, creating opportunities for vocational exchanges and ensuring they are having lots of fun.

They are part of District 7790 which works with both French and English speaking people. It appears that like us they are a small sized club, but again with a big heart.

The club runs Chic and Glamour events to fundraise, and has also sold Olive oil as a fund raiser. They love handing out money— and there are many photos on their website to show that.

We wish them all the very best for the remainder of this year, and on into the next Rotary year.



ROTARY TURNED 121

There are 1.4 million members in 200 countries. The Rotary Wheel was adopted in 1923 and been adapted to the version we have today.

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.

From President Jodie:

Spent the weekend running the PETS programme for incoming Club Presidents. One of the thoughts from the discussions was the push to build partnerships as the way forward.

NB the District Conference is on in about 2 weeks time.

8 March is the Grants Seminar—at least one member must be present if we want to apply for a grant.

12 April—District Assembly—encourage all members to attend.

Had a request from Mandurah to hire some Lego from us—will investigate further.

Coffee for a Cause—funds available, need a committee to get this going. Who is willing and able? May be able to access Curtin students to do some marketing and assessment of its success.

At the Board meeting we decided we would once again support Pedal Prix and Wright's Trike team.

From Treasurer Mike:

.All fees have been paid, all outstanding accounts have been dealt with.

From East Timor—kitchens and toilets completed despite inclement weather. Will be making a presentation at next Welshpool meeting re the work being done there.

Wine Raffle

Winner this morning was Mike Bermann—second time in a row. Enjoy.

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

10 March

International Toast: S—Hugh Langridge

This will be a club form to help Hugh get started on planning for his year as Club President. Please make an effort to be there to be part of the conversation and planning.

In Jodie's absence Dianne will be chairing the meeting.

Come along with ideas to help Hugh formulate his year so we can have the best one yet.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING: JIM FROM BROLLIE BRIGADE



Our guest speaker this morning was Jim from Brollie Brigade. Unfortunately I forgot to get a photo of Jim at the end of the meeting—I guess we were all discussing ideas about “where to from here” and it slipped my mind.

Jim said he attended Bricktober and was blown away by what he saw there. He also wished us a Happy New Year and thanked us for supporting Brollie Brigade.

They are continually trying to help as many people as they can and they have been successful in finding a secure parking space to keep the truck when it is not out and about. They are still looking for a depot for all their gear to be stored.

They are expanding, but trying to do it in a sustainable way. They are at Vic Park every week now, and fortnightly at Bentley. They also are in Merriwa twice a month providing showers, opportunities for people to wash their clothes, as well as provide other services that they have available at the time. They are also in talks with Swan and the northern suburbs as they see the need is increasing up there.

The Brollie Brigade has also been working in the city, but the area where they currently set up is being developed so they are not able to stay there for the foreseeable future.

He is always concerned that people come to depend on the services, and when it is no longer available it could be a problem. It appears that the issues surrounding homelessness are not overseen by any one government department and he often feels that because of this it not a priority for anyone.

They work collaboratively with some 24 community groups to ensure that they can reach as many people as possible. There are many reasons why people are homeless. It would be good if someone could do some research into this whole area to see what the real need is.

He spoke of a need for the local Aboriginal Elders Group who are trying to find somewhere to meet and have the means to get to the meeting as an example of what work needs to be done in our area.

Jim also mentioned that in Albany they had a day where agencies and people were able to meet and ensure assistance was available to those who required it. Perhaps something like that could be done in our part of the world.

We thank you Jim for filling us in on your work, and hope that we can continue to work with you. For those who want to know more, check out their [Facebook page](#). If you want to provide some financial support check this [website](#) out. Just \$10 will get one shower with a haircut for most of them. \$50 will provide 5 showers and some socks and jocks. We have lots to think about regarding how we can continue to support Jim’s work.