



ASCOT ROTARY - HOME OF BRICKTOBER

ASCOT ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN: 2024-2025: Volume 56 Number 15: 25 February 2025

THIS MONTH'S ROTARY THEME: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Through our service projects, peace fellowships and scholarships our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources.

The Peace Centres aim to 'empower, educate and increase the capacity of peace builders'.

CALENDAR—DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Rotamart Dates: Satellite Club is asking for our assistance

- March: 2, 16 and 30th
- April: 13 and 27th

Here is a link to the roster if you can add your name: <https://bit.ly/4esP3Rm>

10 March—Board meeting

11 March—Breakfast club meeting

18 March—Satellite Club meeting

25 March—Breakfast club meeting

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE NEXT MEETING

11 March

International Toast: Alan Thomson—Y, Z

Handing out play tub to Crystal Disco

Host Chair: Peter Richardson

Guest Speaker: tba

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE MEETING AFTER

25 March

International Toast: Ron Alexander—Letter Y or A

Host Chair: Alan Thomson

Guest Speaker: tba

WATCH THIS SPACE

March/April—Satellite Club's Quiz Night to be advised

August—Satellite Club's Sip and Support Wine Tasting event

Ros shared with us last meeting the idea of running an Art Exhibition as a possible fundraiser. Any ideas on how this could work can be forwarded to Ros via our email: ascotrotarywa@gmail.com

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS YEAR:

Board members:

President: Jodie Sparks
Secretary: Di Reed
Treasurer/President Elect: Mike Bermann
Foundation/Executive Secretary: Hugh Langridge
Vice President: Di Reed
Club Wellness: Ros McLernon
Projects Chair: Kerry Smith

Supported by:

Chris Merton: Satellite Club Chairman
Ron Alexander: Youth Activities
Jodie/Dianne: PR/Media/Bulletin
Dianne: Play Tubs Coordinator
Jodie: Bricktober Chair
Mike: Bricktober Operations Manager

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Ascot: <https://www.facebook.com/AscotRotary>

Ascot Satellite: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081775278820>

Bricktober: <https://www.facebook.com/PerthBricktober>

Websites:

Ascot Webpage: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7992/Page/ShowHomePage>

Bricktober webpage: <https://www.bricktober.au/>

WANT TO PAY YOUR MEETING COSTS AS A LUMP SUM?

Watch this space to see how many meetings we will have this Rotary year—so you can decide to pay up front or on a meeting by meeting basis.

There are 9 possible meetings so you could pay \$45 and not have to worry about bringing \$5 each week.

◇ Club account: 036-078 494404

If you can't make the meeting, can you please send apologies either to President Jodie or Attendance Officer prior to the meeting.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a President Elect for the next Rotary year. Can you do it? Will you be willing to take the job on and be club president in 2026-27?

Please let Jodie know if you can.

DO YOU KNOW ANY POSSIBLE GUEST SPEAKERS?

If you know someone who you think could be a great guest speaker please let Ros or Jodie know so we can set up a great programme for the year

District Conference: has been moved to Margaret River, 28-30 March 2025

June 2025—International Conference—Calgary, Canada



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION

DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE

MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH

BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT

FROM THIS MORNING'S MEETING

OUR INTERNATIONAL TOAST THIS WEEK:

Rotary Club Xanten (Germany)

Their club, in district 1870 was chartered in 2004 and meets twice a month on Tuesday evenings and another twice on Wednesday evenings at a restaurant at Hotel van Bebber in Xanten. They have 42 members. Their club motto is "You can, because you should". Their focus is on friendship, togetherness and the Rotary motto that unites all members: "Those who serve others also win for themselves."

With funds they raise from selling waffles, spekulatius biscuits and popcorn, along with their "Lucky" wooden eggs, they support elementary education in Bely—a rural village in Sierra Leone. More recently they have worked with other organisations to help set up a vocational school in neighbouring Mathen,

Thanks Jodie for that great toast.



GUEST SPEAKER: DIANNE REED

Club member Dianne gave us an interesting insight into her "transition to retirement". Upon nearing retiring age from her Education Department job, she found out that unless teachers have something to do in retirement, they are often dead with 18 months. Having not long been married, she wanted more time with her husband than 18 months so when the opportunity arose for her to become a Thermomix Consultant she quickly snapped it up. She has been consulting for a number of years and a number of machines, including the TM31, TM5 and TM6 and is awaiting the arrival of the latest machine—the TM7 in about August this year.

The role of the consultant is to teach new owners how to get the most out of their Thermomix so they get great value for money when they purchase their machine.

She demonstrated how easy it is to make pizza dough using the TM6 that she brought along with her. By using the machine to make pizza dough it saves you at least 18 minutes over doing it by hand. Several members got to take a piece of the pizza dough home with them so they can have pizza some time this week.

Thermomix is sold by Vorwerk, a Germany based family owned business which has been around since the 1880's. The company's focus on using a direct selling method, so to see what the Thermomix can do you need to contact a consultant. If you don't already have one, talk to Dianne if you are interested to know more about the TM6 or TM7.

It appears that her plans to retire are still in the "transition phase".



Wine Raffle Winner: Di Reed

Apologies THIS MORNING:

From Kerry who is having a great time visiting family and friends over east.

KEYMAN AWARD FOR THIS MONTH

Dianne received the Keyman Award for February for the work she does as Secretary, and the Bulletin and updating social media and website.

ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTURION PROGRAMME

The Centurion Programme is an easy way for us to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. All contributions we make count towards our club's Annual Giving total.

All funds are used to support projects that fit under the umbrella of Areas of Focus—there are no admin fees.

Fifty percent of the funds come back to our District to be used to support our District Grants.

Your donation accrues Paul Harris Fellow points, and is tax deductible.

It is only \$100 AUD for the year.

- Our aim is to have all members be a Centurion— if you can afford it.
- Deposits can be made into our club account any time, please make sure you include your name and Centurian donation on the deposit.

We would love it if all members could become a Centurian this year. Let Hugh know when you have deposited your \$100. No pressure. We traditionally focus on eradicating polio for where the funds go.

APRIL 5—DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Come along and find out more about what is happening in our District. The event will be held in Manning.

Use this link to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1349834>

From 8.30 am —2.00 pm

DO YOU KNOW ANY 14—17 YEAR OLDS

We are wanting to sponsor some 14—17 year olds so they can attend the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) camp to be held in either May or September.

It is a weekend course where the focus is on confidence building and introductory leadership training.

If you know someone who might benefit—please contact the club at our email address: ascotrotarywa@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES NEXT MONTH

MARCH:

BIRTHDAYS

Ros McLernon	March 3
Ron Alexander	March 9
Sue Richardson	March 16
Jeanne Motteram	March 17

ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Robyn Metcalf	24 March 2022
Donna Stephenson	24 March 2022
Stewart Bermann	24 March 2022
Kelly Hanson	24 March 2022

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“What does peace mean?”

Members who attended the Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul recently were asked this question:

- Najoua (70) from Tunisia said “peace is a reversal of perspective, before you can make peace with the world, you must make peace with yourself”
- Suaad (43) from Yemen said “I come from a country full of conflict and I can assure you: peace means life!”
- Bindi (60) from Malaysia said “peace means enabling our next generation to have a secure future so our children can be spared the experience of war”
- Gabriel (32) from Israel said “for me peace means making sacrifices that may be too difficult to bear, but are essential for a common future”.
- Maria (60) from Australia said “peace means respect, kindness and understanding for one another.

What does peace mean to you?

BIG THANK YOU

To Ros for organizing a wonderful lunch for our Birthday celebration.



We enjoyed ourselves so much we forgot to take a photo until we'd almost demolished all the amazing food provided at the Six Senses, Elizabeth Quay. Great to see Roma again, as well as Ros's friend Kia Louise.