



ASCOT ROTARY - HOME OF BRICKTOBER

ASCOT ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN: 2024-2025: Volume 56 Number 17: 25 March 2025

THIS MONTH'S ROTARY THEME: Water and Sanitation

Since 2013 The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$148 million in over 2,000 water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource management initiatives globally.

Water is not just about quenching thirst—it is about health, education and economic prosperity. Through sustainable water projects, sanitation initiatives, and hygiene education Rotary clubs worldwide are providing hope.

CALENDAR—DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Rotamart Dates: Satellite Club is asking for our assistance

- March: 30th
- April: 13 and 27th

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

April

8 April : Breakfast club meeting

15 April: Satellite Club meeting

22 April: No breakfast meeting this week

Next board meeting will be in May.

May

12May: Board meeting

13 May: Breakfast club meeting

20 May: Satellite club meeting

27 May: Breakfast club meeting

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE NEXT MEETING

8 April

International Toast: Ros McLernon—Letter B

Host Chair: Ron Alexander

Guest Speaker: Mia Araminta, Cyber Security

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE MEETING AFTER

13 May

International Toast: Gerry McLernon—Letter C

Host Chair: Hugh Langridge

Guest Speaker: Reps from WA Pedal Prix



From building bore wells in remote villages to installing water filtration systems in schools Rotarians are ensuring communities gain lasting access to safe water.

Water is life. When we provide clean water, we empower communities, create opportunities, improve quality of life and build a healthier world.

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 5 possible meetings so you could pay \$25 and not have to worry about bringing \$5 each week.

◇ Club account: 036-078 494404

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

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

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:

This week our Rotary toast was to the Rotary Club of Ahuriri in Napier, New Zealand

This club was chartered in October of 1968, and sponsored by the Napier Rotary Club (which had been established in 1924). Ahuriri is a Maori word for what they called Napier before white settlement.

The club has provided funds to establish walking and bike pathways, children's playground, seat benches in parks, and raised funds to support the elderly and the needy in their community. They also provide leadership opportunities through sponsorship to the youth.

They meet every Monday evening at 5.30 pm at The West Shore Beach Inn. They are part of District 9930



A DONATION OF BRICKS TO BE MY KOORDA GROUP

It was lovely to spend time this morning with Evelyn who gratefully accepted some bricks for their start up programme in the Bunbury/Busselton area. Evelyn is not new to our Playtubs programme, and has established a new programme down south so came back and asked for more bricks.

We wish her well, and hope to see what her students can create as she promises to be at Bricktober this year.

We ask every Lego Club to get their students to provide a display showing a snapshot of what they are building for us to exhibit at Bricktober in October 2025.



OUR GUEST SPEAKERS THIS MORNING WERE JIM AND JANE FROM UMBRELLAS AND FOOTPRINTS AND THE BROLLY BRIGADE

Jim and Jane are heavily involved in finding ways to assist the homeless and those who just want to find opportunities for social interaction. They provide a mobile shower service, which is often teamed up with other services providing clothes washing facilities, provision of food and even providing hair cuts for those who need it.

Their research suggests that poverty is becoming an ever increasing issue for many more people. Someone on a mean way of \$70,000 per year would be looking at spending 50% of their annual income on housing—when it can be found. Over 100,000 children are poverty stricken, including about 7,000 of those who are homeless.

Their shower truck is often in Victoria Park, Moore Street (near McIver Station); and in Joondalup. It was suggested we go and check them out and see how our Rotary Club can provide further assistance to their programme. Let's do it.



Apologies THIS MORNING:: Ros, Hugh

Wine Raffle Winner: Jodie Sparks

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.

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.

WATCH THIS SPACE

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

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

APRIL 5—DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

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

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

From 8.30 am —2.00 pm

PEDAL PRIX WA EVENT

Our funds will sponsor this event on 18 May so put that date in your diaries. That event will be called "The Ascot Round". We need to be there to show support for our club.

Also on 13 May they will be guest speakers at our club so we can find out a bit more about the event.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

APRIL:

BIRTHDAYS

Stewart Bermann	7 April
Hugh Langridge	25 April
Aidan Wood	30 April

ANNIVERSARIES

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Richardson	32 years
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Through water and sanitation, and hygiene programmes (WASH) Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

We don't just build wells and walk away.

Rotary members integrate water, sanitation and hygiene into education projects.

When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families—expanding our impact as Rotarians.

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

DO YOU HAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES:

15 June—lunchtime—for our Changeover event