

CLUB BULLETIN



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ASCOT ROTARY: [Home of Bricktober](#)

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and is dedicated to supporting projects and programmes around the world that help make a difference. Donations received by the Foundation are used to fund on-going and future projects within the seven areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development.

A long standing programme is the effort taken to eradicate polio from all countries around the world.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH

DECEMBER

- 1 December: Board meeting
- 9 December: Club AGM Please be there to ensure we have a quorum.
- 23 December: Christmas function

JANUARY 2026

- 13 January: Breakfast meeting

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Our International Toast today was the Letter M and Kerry was leading our toast this morning.

She chose the Rotary Club of Merimbula in New South Wales. The club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings with two of the meetings each month devoted to working bees and social events.

They focus their efforts on improving their local community amenities, assist with special projects in the area such as bushfire recovery and they are also involved with the local schools. Internationally they contribute to such initiatives as Mercy Ships and other individual projects particularly in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.



Welcome to Gerry and Corina, visiting from Canada

I forgot to take a photo of Gerry and Corina who attended our meeting this morning, en route to the airport, so found one I took this week. They are long time friends who are visiting from Canada.

We wish them well on the rest of their journey back east, before they return home to BC.



Can't make it to our meeting?

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

Apologies received this morning : President Jodie Thanks to Mike for chairing the meeting in her absence.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED

Members and friends who helped at the Jacaranda Festival—a big thank you from the club.



TIMOR L'ESTE VISIT

Mike and Ann are heading up to Timor L'Este in May 2026

Anyone interested in joining them, should speak to them soon so arrangements can be made.

Mike is hoping the new toilet block will be ready to use by then.

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

9 December

AGM: Host Chair: Hugh Langridge

International Toast: Letter N—Alan Thomson

23 December

Host Chair: Jodie Sparks

Focus on Christmas

2026

13 January

Host Chair: Jodie Sparks

Guest Speaker: tbc

International toast: Letter O—Ron Alexander

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do your best today.

SNIPPETS FROM THIS WEEK

RYLA APPLICATIONS OPEN

If you know someone who may benefit from being part of RYLA please let Jodie or Kerry know. They need to be 18—28 years old and interested in developing their leadership potential during a week long event in January 2026.

Applications are still open until the end of this month. Please support this programme so it may continue into the future.

POLIO ERADICATION PROJECT

Been an ongoing Rotary International project since 1985. Currently there are 20 cases worldwide—a great improvement on the more than 450,00 cases back in 1985. But . . . We are aiming for 0 cases worldwide for a minimum of 3 years before we can truly say it has been eradicated.

Keep up the good work.

OTHER CLUB NEWS:

Brian Poole— past member of the club is not well. Our thoughts are with him and his family and hope he is on the mend soon.

Condolences to Michelle Kendall's family on her passing.

She was a valued member of our club for many years. Her work as secretary and as coordinator of the Play Tubs programme was much appreciated. Her funeral will be on Monday.



Do you have ideas for a great guest speaker?

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

