



ROTARY CLUB OF ASCOT

Chartered 26 February 1969

District 9465

We meet at **Belmont Tavern**

174 Wright Street, **Cloverdale**, Western Australia, 6105

On **Tuesday's** at **7:00 am** for **7:30 am** start and finished by 8:30 am.



BOARD MEMBERS 2017-18

President: Ron Alexander
Vice Pres.: Mike Bermann
Pres. Elect: Aidan Wood
Secretary: Roma Gehringer
Treasurer: Joanna Kendall
Foundation: Hugh Langridge
Exec Secretary: Hugh Langridge

Membership: Michael Evans
Club Service: Peter Richardson
International: Mike Bermann
Youth: Marg Fraser
Vocational: Max Morrell
Community: Stephen Kendall
Public Relations: Christine Goss
Attendance: Gren Courtland

WEB LINKS:

Club website: www.ascotrotary.org.au

Club Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/AscotRotary

Bricktober website:

www.bricktober.info

Bricktober Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth

District 9465: <http://rotary9465.org.au>

Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org>

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What's happening at Ascot this month:

Bricktober Promo at Belmont Forum



We'll be at the shopping centre on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September to promote Bricktober and hand out brochures.

Bricktober - Now just a bit over 3 weeks away!

And it's all hands on deck on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October.

Please complete your Volunteer's Form at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/friendsofbricktobervolunteers>

Ann has advised that the glitch that stopped more than one form being completed from the same device has now been fixed.

Bricktober Briefing – Tuesday 26 September

It's important all Rotarians attend this briefing session to learn what they will be doing and it's a chance to ask any questions.

Bricktober has attracted overseas and interstate interest!

Tickets are slower at this point than in previous years but so far we have sold tickets as far away as Singapore and Melbourne!

Within Western Australia, tickets have been bought in Karratha, Geraldton and Gin Gin, Boulder, York, Esperance, Busselton and Bunbury. But of course, most sales are from Perth so please keep putting out our Bricktober posters and brochures.

Club Forum

In order to remain a vibrant, viable club we need to attract new members to rein in our falling membership. Our club is aging with many members now over the age of 70 and more than half are retired and frequently away travelling. Health issues have played a factor too. Membership currently stands at 25 but we have seen as few as 9 attending some recent meetings. For a number of reasons, social events and committee meetings have also fallen off too suggesting our current meeting schedule is onerous in today's hectic world, even to our current members.

It's been long identified that a barrier to attracting younger members is the commitment to 4-5 weekly meetings per month and then having additional meetings for Board and project / committee members. As a result, a proposal was put forward by the Club Services Committee for discussion to trial a reduced schedule of meetings for a four month period from January until April 2018.

The proposal was for Meetings to be reduced to two Club meetings per month and one social meeting, with no meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month as these often follow a public holiday which results in low attendance anyway.

- 1st Tuesday - No Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday - Club Meeting at Belmont Forum
- 3rd Tuesday - Social Meeting
- 4th Tuesday - Club Meeting at Belmont Forum
- 5th Tuesday (if applicable) - Social Meeting



The importance of social interaction and the involvement of our partners are so important to the health of any club so it was proposed that social events be clearly scheduled and not just ad hoc. Joanna suggested a Facebook "Event" could be created to attract young prospective members so they can get to know us in a more relaxed environment. Mike suggested social meetings may also be used as "working" events. This could include physically doing something in or for our community like packing bags or planting trees etc.

Glenys spoke of the importance of everyone being involved in our major events and that new members need to be made more aware of what is required of them. The success of any event requires 100% commitment and we can't just assume everyone knows what is going on, particularly new members.

It was suggested we have only one guest speaker each month and the other meeting be dedicated to a general discussion of the topic of the day, like the Club's current major project so that everyone can become meaningfully involved and Gren suggested projects should be spaced out with no overlapping.

Discussions also included how future Club meetings should be run, by whom and what they would include. This involved whether we still eat breakfast, have the traditional toasts to Queen and Country or a Sergeants session etc. Gren felt strongly that the President should continue to run the meetings and Colin said he'd like to retain the traditional meetings format but that we need to do things better. Further discussions will take place over future months as ideas and agreements evolve.

A show of hands resulted in the Club's overwhelming support for the proposed trial and the schedule will be:

	Week	Date	Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule
January	1	02-Jan	No Club meeting (Day after New Year Day)
	2	09-Jan	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
	3	16-Jan	Handicamp Dinner
	4	23-Jan	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
	5	30-Jan	Social Meeting
February	1	06-Feb	No Club meeting
	2	13-Feb	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern (Valentines Meeting)
	3	20-Feb	Social Meeting (for Club birthday ??)
	4	27-Feb	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
March	1	06-Mar	No Club meeting (Day after Public Holiday)
	2	13-Mar	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
		16-18 Mar	District Conference - Margaret River
	3	20-Mar	Social Meeting
	4	27-Mar	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
April	1	03-Apr	No Club Meeting (Day after Easter)
	2	10-Apr	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern
	3	17-Apr	Social Meeting
	4	24-Apr	Club Meeting Belmont Tavern

PROGRAM 2017-2018 - CLUB ROSTER

Please note the following dates and advise Christine Goss of details of your Guest Speaker and Topic or advise promptly if the dates are unsuitable.

Date	Welcoming	Informer	Host Chair	Speaker and Topic
19 September 2017	Colin Peacock	Mike Bermann	Dianne Reed	Dianne and Bev Braving Atlanta
26 September 2017	Christine Goss Peter Richardson		Hugh Landridge Peter Richardson	Bricktober 2017 Discussion / Briefing
3 October 2017	Stephen Kendall Aidan Wood		Michelle Kendall	Stephen Kendall Lego House Opening
10 October 2017	Hugh Langridge Michael Evans		Jeff Stephenson	
17 October 2017	Michael Bermann Glenys Godfrey	Colin Peacock	Hugh Langridge	Debrief Bricktober 2017
24 October 2017	Michelle Kendall Dianne Reed		Ros McLernon	
31 October 2017	Jeff Stephenson Ros McLernon		Aidan Wood	
7 November 2017	Max Morrell Joanna Kendall		Glenys Godfrey	
14 November 2017	Bev Poor Colin Peacock		Gren Courtland	

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15-16 September 2017	Bricktober Promo at Belmont Forum, Belmont
7 - 8 October 2017	BRICKTOBER 2017 - Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley
31 December 2017	Last day for "early bird" 9465 Conference Registrations
23 February 2018	"Wear your Rotary Club Shirt" Day
16 - 18 March 2018	2017/2018 District Conference - Quality Inn, Margaret River
24-27 June 2018	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Bricktober needs YOUR commitment.

MEMBERS IN FOCUS



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephen and Joanna Kendall
15 years – 27 Sep 2002

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephen Kendall 15 years – 14 Sep 2002



Just 3 and a bit weeks until



Just a few numbers left!



ON SALE NOW!

\$20 per number
Prizes \$30 for 10 weeks
and \$300 for 11th week



BRICKTOBER 2017



Saturday 7 October and Sunday 8 October

Bricktober is an annual exhibition celebrating all things LEGO® run by The Rotary Club of Ascot, to raise funds to support young children in our local community and support other Rotary Projects. It's a family friendly event that showcases models built by the LEGO® fans in our Community, and it's an opportunity for us to connect with our local community and give its families a special day out at a low cost and we promote our Club and Rotary while doing so.

Tickets are sold in timed entry slots to assist with crowd management and ensure smooth flow through of the exhibition. Once inside, ticket holders can STAY, PLAY AND LOOK for as long as they like.

Show starts at 9am, doors closed at 4:15pm each day.

TICKETS

Single tickets are \$10

Family of 4 tickets are \$30

Tickets must be booked through [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=294568>

Or via our Bricktober's website www.bricktober.info

TryBooking is proud to sponsor this event and will donate back all booking fees.

VENUE

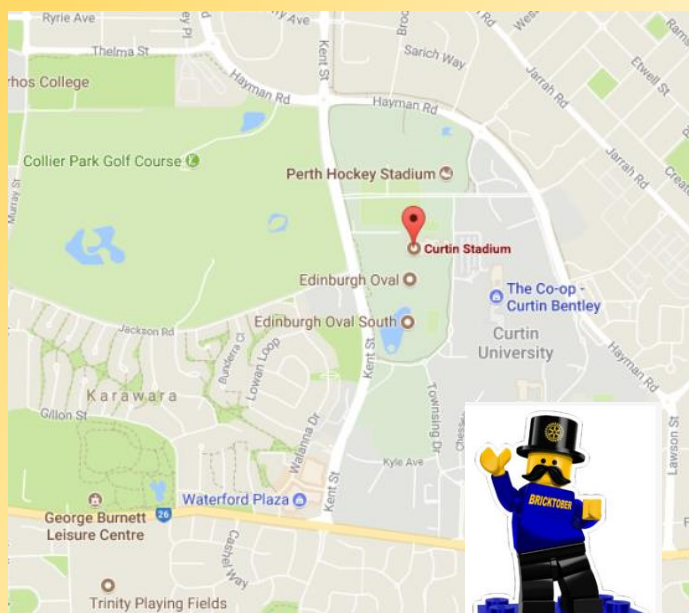
We have a new venue this year and its bigger and better!

Curtin Stadium

Kent St, Bentley WA 6102

Located on the grounds of Curtin University.

Parking and access is off Kent Street.



MASCOT

Mr Brick is the mascot of Bricktober. Long-time Lego® enthusiasts, and Ascot Rotarians, Stephen and Joanna Kendall have a passion for all things LEGO® and their love of those little bricks prompted them to put their energies towards the inception of Bricktober. In 2014 they displayed their own creations at Belmont Senior High but they soon realised it had the potential to be so much bigger. You'll therefore note Mr Brick bares a striking resemblance to Stephen!

WHY DO WE DO IT?

Not only do we have the pleasure of seeing the joy on the faces of so many children, young and old, but the funds we raise go to great causes that include

Funding LEGO® Play Experience clubs for kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

We've donated Play Tubs full of bricks to numerous metro and country schools for structured behavioural learning and play.

Our Club's Arthur Bray Foundation assists youth in participating in leadership and development programs. We support The Rotary Foundation that funds and develops programs around the world, helping to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.



Letters from our Mailbox

Eddie De Pina, the coordinator for our Timor Leste Water Project, has advised the costs to relocate the water tank at Madade, and some additional improvements, will amount to approx US\$1500.



As a result, Mike is seeking external sponsorship but in the event he is unsuccessful, he asked for the clubs support for a further injection of funds to enable this work to be done. The Club's approval was duly granted.



Congratulations to our past member, and Past District Governor, Jodie Sparks who will be jetting off to San Diego in January to assist with the training of next year's incoming DG's from all around the world. Well done Jodie!

Sending our thoughts and best wishes to Michael Evans and hope we see him back with us soon.

Rotary



Top 5 Reasons People Join a Rotary Club

- 1. Friendship / Fellowship / Community:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary ensures continuing growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership is all about learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club helps develop better community citizens. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT:

BSB: 036-078 ACCOUNT NO: 494404

COMMUNITY BANK ACCOUNT:

BSB: 036-078 ACCOUNT NO: 494420

CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNT:

BSB: 036-046 ACCOUNT NO: 156996

DISTRICT GOVERNORS WHO HAVE COME FROM ASCOT ROTARY CLUB:

Norm Bell	1970 – 1971
Hugh Langridge	2004 – 2005
Paul Gianatti	2006 – 2007
Jodie Sparks	2011 – 2012