



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.



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<https://www.rotary.org>

What's happening at Ascot:



Christmas Food Hampers - Michael Evans advised we will again be putting together Food Hampers for needy families in our community. He is looking for your help and asks everyone to start bringing in food items suitable for hampers.

Melbourne Cup Meeting next week - 7 November - This meeting is traditionally one to bring along your partners and invite visitors to. **PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE AND LET HER KNOW WHO IS COMING ALONG** so that we can ensure adequate catering.

Gren is selling tickets in \$5 Sweeps so have your money ready.



Vocational Service – Due to work and family commitments Max has requested some time out and as a result, President Ron is now seeking your assistance and is looking for someone to take over as Chairman for this committee.

Life on the Road

Michael Metcalf

Michael and Robyn brought their “home-away-from-home” to our meeting this morning to show us why they are so passionate about travelling Australia in their Bailey caravan.



Michael told us they had recently returned from their fourth trip east and unlike some of their previous trips, this one went “swimmingly”. He has previously told us all about their past trips so today said he felt like Elizabeth Taylor’s sixth husband he knew what was expected of him but wasn’t sure how he was going to make it interesting and different! But in true Michael style, he did just that.

While Robyn was comfortable to drive on country roads in WA and SA, once they hit New South Wales, she was happy to hand over to Michael as sole driver. With that in mind, he told us he’s finally found the answer to the after-lunch fatigue. He now takes a 45 minute nap and once refreshed he’s then happy to head off again for a few hours but said he’s now got two women telling him where to go – one that speaks out of a machine!

Michael said he’s now crossed the Nullarbor 12 times including his first riding shot-gun in a truck in the 1990’s that was arranged for him by our past member Kevin Welch. But he said, while the road has changed, the roadhouses haven’t. However, he and Robyn are more than comfortable in their van and don’t even need to use the ablution blocks. The van is light and roomy and it’s good to be able to transfer their holiday home anywhere with them.

Their trip covered a total of 16,449 kilometres and centred on visiting their daughter Clare and her family in Sydney’s leafy north shore where they stayed in caravan park nearby and remained in Sydney, on and off, for a total of 41 days. Michael said that even modest bungalow style homes in the area sell for a whopping \$2.5 million and you could add another \$1 million if they’d been renovated. During their stay in Sydney they loved spending time with their grandkids including watching them play soccer with their local Lindfield Soccer Club which had some 15,000 members.

While away they also headed to Brisbane to attend an Inner Wheel Changeover and Michael said those ladies sure know how to let their grey hair down and have fun – at least until 10:30pm when they all head off to bed! Other highlights were an extended stay at Renmark on the Murray, a trip to Melbourne to visit friends, tobogganing near Canberra, the National Holden Museum at Echuca and a trip to once of their favourite spots, Stockton Beach near Newcastle.

Michael proudly boasted they were travellers and not just tourists who sit in the car and let Australia pass them by. He said caravanning simplifies life and teaches you to make do with less. They get so much pleasure from their very comfortable van and love that they can escape the cold weather or escape the hot weather and leave all their worries behind while they head off to fall in love with our country.

Their van is certainly comfy – there’s plenty of room on the lounge and even Stephen could fit comfortably in the shower!



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
7 November 2017	Max Morrell Joanna Kendall			Melbourne Cup
14 November 2017	Bev Poor Colin Peacock		Gren Courtland	History Lessons
21 November 2017	Stephen Kendall		Joanna Kendall	
28 November 2017	Colin Peacock Peter Richardson		Aidan Wood	Vietnam trip
5 December 2017	Mike Bermann Hugh Langridge		Colin Peacock	
12 December 2017	Aidan Wood Jeff Stephenson		Mike Bermann	
19 December 2017	Michelle Kendall		Peter Richardson	Christmas Party Special Guest
9 January 2018	Ros McLernon Michael Evans		Bev Poor	
16 January 2018	NO BREAKFAST MEETING		Instead an evening at Handicamp	Handicamp Dinner Point Walter Recreation Centre

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 November 017	End Polio Movie Night – Hoyts Carousel
31 December 2017	Last day for “early bird” 9465 Conference Registrations
14-20 January 2018	International Assembly – San Diego, California, USA
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

Book early for
Conference – it's
likely the same
weekend as the
Leeuwin Estate
Concert!

MEMBERS IN FOCUS



BIRTHDAYS:

Donna Stephenson	2 November
Marlene Poole	10 November
Alan Thomson	30 November

If you haven't got
your MOVIE tickets
yet –
buy them on-line at
trybooking.com
or see Hugh if paying
by cash.

**Just a few
numbers
left!**



ON SALE NOW!

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



The final figures are now out for Bricktober 2017 and they show it was again a most successful venture for our club.

Firstly, financially viable, our profit this year was just a little under \$30,000.

A total of 7,386 paying ticket holders visited Bricktober this year and I'd say I saw smiles on every one of those faces. These numbers are about 200 up on last year.

One again, **Congratulations** to everyone involved. Well done ASCOT!

And on a Lighter Note:

One British General famously said after the Charge "Trust the Australian Army to charge into a town with Beer in its name"!

But Jim's brother preferred another version of the legend that the Australians rode at speed to take the town of Beersheba because they misheard it as "beer" and "sheilas"!

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

LEST WE FORGET

31 October 1917

One hundred years ago today, eight hundred heroic young Australians achieved the impossible when against overwhelming odds, they charged across 4 miles of desert and directly at Turkish machine guns to take the town of Beersheba and access its all-important water wells. In less than an hour, they achieved what the British had unsuccessfully tried all day to do. With bayonets held aloft, the Aussies were a part of the last great cavalry charge in history, bigger and more successful than the more well-known British cavalry's Charge of The Light Brigade back in 1854.

Among those brave lads was my Grandmother's 24 year old cousin, **Trooper James Murray Kilpatrick**, No 339 of the 12th Australian Light Horse. He was one of the 31 Australians who lost their lives that day in the Battle for Beersheba.

Jim, who had survived two and a half years of war already, at Gallipoli then in other Sinai campaigns, was one of the first to fall and died from shot wounds as he rode on the left flank of the charge across the face of the Turk's redoubt and while he was initially buried where he died 2 miles from Beersheba, he was reinterred in the Beersheba Cemetery in 1920.

R.I.P.

