



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
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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:

The
Rotary
Club of ASCOT (Inc.) 



Christmas Food Hampers – Please start bringing in items of food suitable for inclusion in our Xmas Hampers which will be donated to Starick for needy families in our community. Our Christmas Party is just 5 weeks away so ... don't delay – do it today!

Melbourne Cup Sweeps – The following lucky punters picked up wins last week:

Sweep 1 – 1st Donna Stephenson - \$70

2nd Michael Bermann - \$30

3rd Jill Courtland - \$15

and a Scratchy to Roma Gehringer

Sweep 2 – 1st Michelle Kendall - \$70

2nd Roma Gehringer - \$30

3rd President Ron Alexander - \$15

and a Scratchy to Di Reed

Thanks Gren for running our Ascot Sweeps once again this year.



Gren Courtland

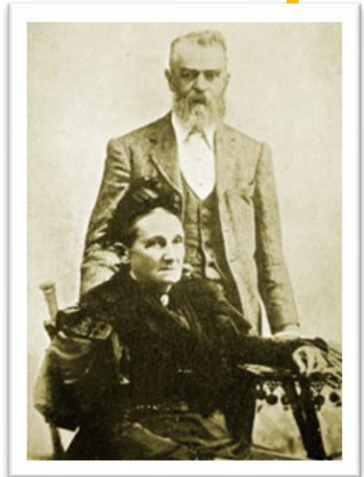
A little bit of Family History

Just six years after the establishment of the Swan River Colony, Gren's great-grand mother, Mary Lucille Burrows, was born near Perth's Victoria Square, to Rachel Burrows, a needlewomen, companion and nursery governess to Lady Stirling. Mary was fathered by Charles Ross Rossmore Norcott who was the Superintendent of the first Mounted Police Force and was credited with saving Governor Stirling's life at the battle for Pinjarra in which his predecessor was killed. However, he died of typhus just months after Mary's birth having returned to England to collect an inheritance.

Mary carried her mother's name and was brought up in the care of the wife of Captain Boyd who lived on the Helena River at Guildford and who had come to the Colony in 1832 with Mary's mother. Mary went on to become one of the first students of the pioneer Sisters of Mercy, led by Sister Ursula Frayne who set up a school in Victoria Square, using packing cases as desks, and which became the first secondary school for girls in Australia and is now Mercedes College, the oldest independent Catholic girls' school in Australia.

At the age of just 14 and some months, Mary was considered sufficiently qualified to take over the Fremantle Catholic School and was paid £50 per annum. It grew from 12 girls in 1850 to 52 boys and girls in 1853 shortly before she officially gave up teaching and married Joseph Thomas Reilly.

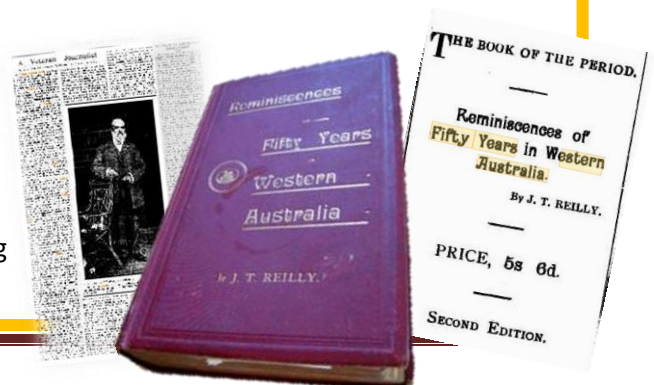
Joseph came to Perth in 1851 at the age of 15 with his parents and started his working life in the printing house of Edmund Stirling which published "The Inquirer", then later the "Perth Gazette" which later became "The West Australian". He went on to become not only a newspaperman, founding papers like the "Northam Advertiser", "Southern Cross Herald" and "The Record", but a businessman who bred horses for the English Army in India, shipped jarrah sleepers to England for the London underground and sandalwood to Japan.



Gren told us he wrote his memoirs in 1903 titled "Reminiscences - Fifty Years – Western Australia" and in it gives an amazing account of the trials and difficulties experienced in the early life and settlement of Western Australia to its rise to solid prosperity. The book is now highly sought after and valued at more than US\$600.

I found an ad for it from 1905, when it sold for 5s 6d, (about \$40 today) which in part read "As a record of facts and figures "Reminiscences of Fifty Years Western Australia" may be regarded as invaluable, and should, therefore be in the hands of every person desirous of becoming acquainted with the early history of Western Australia."

As their youngest daughter Kathleen Lucille married Charles Courtland in Northam in 1897 it is no doubt a treasured heirloom of Courtland family who now want Gren to add his own memoirs. And today we thanked Gren for sharing some of his rich and interesting family history with us.



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
21 November 2017	Stephen Kendall		Mike Bermann	Colin Peacock Europe and Israel
28 November 2017	Colin Peacock Peter Richardson		Aidan Wood	Recent trip to Vietnam
5 December 2017	Mike Bermann Hugh Langridge		Tba	
12 December 2017	Aidan Wood Jeff Stephenson		Michael Evans	Hamper Packing
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
23 January 2018	Glenys Godfrey Joanna Kendall		Roma Gehringer	
30 January 2018	NO BREAKFAST MEETING		SOCIAL MEETING	VENUE TBA

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 December 2017	Last day for "early bird" 9465 Conference Registrations
14-20 January 2018	International Assembly – San Diego, California, USA
31 January 2018	Last day for "early bird" AGFR Golf Tournament Murray Bridge
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

While Peter has been recovering from his recent bout of pneumonia, he's been keeping note of the Powerball's and will reveal all the lucky winners next week!



The Great Reveal!

Next Week

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



The renovations at Belmont Tavern have now been completed but there are now no facilities for media presentations and until we overcome this issue, guest speakers will need to be made aware of this and other arrangements made to accommodate their individual requirements.

There is no projector or screen and as the area is now very open and flooded with light, the quality of projection may also be questionable. As a result, speakers will continue to be kept in-club until this is fully resolved.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

25th November - 10th December

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is a global campaign to raise awareness about violence against women and its impact on a woman's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Human rights cannot be universal without human rights for women.

The 16 Days of Activism begins on 25th November on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10th International Human Rights Day. These two dates highlight that violence against women is a human rights abuse. We invite community members and organisations to coordinate or participate in an event to unite in the struggle to end violence against women.

During the 16 days, activists around the world use the campaign to further raise awareness about the prevalence and devastating impact of gender violence, to celebrate victories gained by the Women's Rights Movement, challenge policy and practice that allow women to be targeted for acts of violence and demand that violence against women be recognized as an abuse of human rights.



This year Starick is actively supporting the campaign to build awareness of and advocate for an end to all forms of violence, with a focus on domestic and family violence against women and children.

The statistics are sobering and violence is now in epidemic proportions. Check out: <https://www.starick.org.au/about-us/about-domestic-violence> and get behind them to make a difference.



**40th Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians
Golf Tournament 2018
Murray Bridge, South Australia
8 to 13 April 2018**

**Registrations now open at
<http://mbagfr.org/register/>**

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