



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

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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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Our Arthur Bray Foundation has this month awarded a \$750 sponsorship to Gracean Alago, aged 8, who attends Notre Dame Catholic School and studies at South Perth SEMAS Academy. Grace has been selected to represent Australia in the International Abacus Math championship to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 1 October where she will compete at level 10 against kids from 14 other countries and today she demonstrated her skills.



Grace visited with her Mum Brenda who explained that the abacus, which has been used for centuries, helps to improve children's arithmetic ability and other skills like memorisation and concentration. Grace first used the abacus, and then without it, just by picturing the abacus in her head, was able to quickly and accurately calculate $79+46+59-88+57$ (given to her at the speed you just read this) faster than we could using our calculators!



All NEW, CHANGED and MUST-READ items will appear in GOLD boxes so check them all out each week!

Paul Daly

Youth Exchange

Paul, a Police Officer for 21 years (and twice awarded Police Officer of the Year) and a member of Rotary Club of Willetton gave us an insight into his personal experience on Youth Exchange to Seattle, USA 26 years ago. It is an experience he said that shaped his life.

As a 17 year old at Como Senior High, it was his Mum who convinced Paul that Youth Exchange was an experience he shouldn't miss. He was a keen basketballer with a few friends already heading to USA so it sounded like a good idea but little did he realise the opportunities it would provide and the changes it would make in his life.

Paul's Host Club had previously experienced a troublesome student and host families were hard to find. They were a mixed bag from a single Host Dad in his 70's, a single male Doctor with an 8year old, an "All American Family" with their own troubles to finally, a couple he still calls Mum and Dad. Without a Dad of his own on the scene, Paul found this family to be the guiding light in his life and he vowed to take up every opportunity on offer.

Paul recalled some of the opportunities he's pleased he didn't miss, like while watching a game of Basketball starring Michael Jordon, he was asked to dress for dinner - for a Retired Navy League Dinner. While he groaned, he did turn the TV off. Later when one of the guests found Paul was from Perth, he recounted his splendid days in Fremantle and only after it was obvious he was the Guest Speaker did Paul learn that he was the Captain of USS "Nimitz", USA's supercarrier and the largest in their fleet of aircraft carriers. He invited Paul aboard ship and to the Officers Mess for lunch.

Another chance meeting with a Boy Scout Leader lead him to camping atop snow-capped Mt Rainier, USA's tallest mainland mountain where Paul, a boy from Perth who had never even seen snow before, spent 4 days building igloos and snow caves. Another saw him drive along the coast all the way up to Alaska where he went salmon fishing by float plane and enjoyed seeing brown bears fishing and catching his own 43 lb monster. Paul also experienced Hurricane "Andrew" which hit Miami in 1992 while he was on a trip to Disneyland celebrating his and his host brother's graduation. Paul said however, it wasn't important to have kids at home and he enjoyed most those families without as they spent more quality time with him. And age was not a barrier either.



Paul again said he enjoyed his childless and retired host families as there was no competition for attention and he suggested we shouldn't fear taking in a student again just because we don't have any kids. He proposed we also look for Non Rotary families through our schools if we have a short fall.

Paul welcomed the idea that we may take on another student but also reminded us not to lose sight of our outbound students as they are our real future assets.

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
18 July 2017	Peter Richardson Christine Goss	Michael Evans	Bev Poor	Tanya Manzi Royal Automobile Club of WA (Inc.)
25 July 2017	Stephen Kendall Hugh Landridge		Pres Ron Alexander	District Governor Bruce Lynch
1 August 2017	Aidan Wood Bev Poor		Pres Ron Alexander	Club Director's Vision for 2017/18
8 August 2017	Glenys Godfrey Michael Evans		Joanna Kendall	Christine Goss Trip to Thailand
15 August 2017	Michelle Kendall Mike Bermann	Roma Gehringer	Colin Peacock	
22 August 2017	Dianne Reed Jeff Stephenson		Max Morrell	
29 August 2017	Ros McLernon Gren Courtland		Peter Richardson	
5 September 2017	Joanna Kendall Max Morrell		Mike Bermann	
12 September 2017	Michael Metcalf Roma Gehringer		Michael Evans	

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 July 2017	Ascot Board Meeting - 6:00pm - Hugh's Office
25 July 2017	District Governor Bruce Lynch's Visit - 7:00am for 7:30am start - Belmont Tavern
6 August 2017	Network '18 Membership and Club Building Seminar - 9:00am - 1:00pm Perth and country
19 August 2017	Rotary WA 47 th Ladies Seminar & Luncheon - 8:30am - 3:30pm - Hyatt Regency, Perth
7 - 8 October 2017	BRICKTOBER 2017 - Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley
16 - 18 March 2018	2017/2018 District Conference - Quality Inn, Margaret River

MEMBERS IN FOCUS

BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Stephenson	7 July
Gerry McLernon	7 July
Michael Metcalf	8 July
Glenys Godfrey	19 July
Robyn Metcalf	29 July

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Joanna Kendall	17 years - 1 July 2000
Hugh Langridge	26 years - 1 July 1991



Week 6 Winner



Michael Evans

Congratulations!

\$30 for 10 weeks followed by \$300
to one lucky winner!

GOOD LUCK!



District Governor Bruce Lynch

Our new District Governor, and his wife Glenda, will visit our club in a few weeks for his official visit so here's an opportunity to get to know a little about him beforehand.

Bruce spent his early years in Perth before a work transfer saw him move south where he's spent the last 34 years. Bruce and Glenda live and work out of Bunbury as they have a passion for the lifestyle of the southwest.

A member and Past President of the Rotary Club of South Bunbury, Bruce has held most positions in his club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bruce has also had many years of service with the Bunbury Jaycees / Junior Chamber International, a community organisation based on a Self-Development philosophy. Because of his service to JCI, he was privileged with a Junior Chamber International Senator, the highest award from this worldwide organisation and also awarded JCI Australia Ambassador on top of a life member of the local Jaycee Club.

Bruce has a hands-on approach and has been involved in the successful running of small to medium businesses for 25 years which included all aspects of those businesses from overseeing the accounts to implementing their strategies so he's well suited for his latest job as District Governor.

He's been an active Justice of the Peace and has gained firsthand knowledge of the judicial system and, on behalf of the local magistrate, presided in court to officiate over traffic, drug and violence restraining orders, bail applications and other matters that front the courts.

Bruce was instrumental in gaining support for the Bunbury Men's Shed and for the Treendale Rotary Charity Home. As a member of the Bunbury Jaycee committee he participated in the decision to introduce Australia Day celebrations into Bunbury and its fireworks nearly 30 years ago.

Prior to retiring, Bruce was a Registered Builder and Compliance Officer for South West Building & Construction P/L which specialises in building sheds for the domestic, rural, industrial and equine market across the South west of Western Australia.

**District Governor's Visit
Tuesday 25 July 2017
Belmont Tavern, Cloverdale
7:00am for 7:30am Breakfast Meeting
Partners very welcome**

Letters from our Mailbox

President Ron received a lovely letter from some very thankful kids at Southwell Primary School who are enjoying their Lego Tubs.



To Mr President
and Rotary club.
THANK-YOU
for our lego. It is
so much fun, we get
to build lots of things
with it.
It fills our hearts
with happiness
every day.



LQ-100
Lots of Thanks
Southwell Pre-primary
John
Samuel
Caden
Caden
Shakeeda

*Education is not the learning of facts,
But the training of the mind to think.*
Albert Einstein

You should have received your **Rotary Down Under** this week. **Check out Page 11 "The Klingensmith Challenge"**.
Do we need to change what we are doing?



President Ron Alexander and Mike and Ann Bermann are heading off to Timor Leste to visit our latest pipes and tanks project and will be away from 30 July to 5 August. We look forward to hearing about it on their return. Host Chairs please note!

Best wishes to those on our sick list – to Gren and to Roma who is recovering from an operation. Get Well Soon! We miss you!

Joanna became the latest "Bond Girl" when she cozied up to James last week at the opening of "Becoming Bond", the story of our very own Aussie Bond, George Lazenby.



Stephen's been invited back to Legoland in Denmark for the Grand Opening of Lego House on 28 September. Wow! Need someone to carry Mr Brick, Stephen?

Great to see Fred with us again this morning after his trip to New Zealand.

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



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INTERPLAST OBSERVER

Having donated sufficient funds to send an **Interplast** Team overseas, the Rotary Club of Ascot now has an opportunity to send an observer away with that team.

The Observer's role is to observe the **Interplast** team at work so they are able to see firsthand how lives are changed through the work of **Interplast** and upon their return play a proactive role in raising awareness and support for **Interplast**. It's a unique, rewarding, often challenging but overall very special opportunity as the observer will see many things not otherwise possible.

If you are interested in applying, please email Mike Bermann or Christine Goss for the an application form and the program's Observer Guidelines.

Bricktober: "Built by our Community - for our Community!"

YOUR PROJECT – YOUR HELP NEEDED!

As the time nears for our premium club project, Bricktober, your assistance will be required soon to fill many rolls. We'd love your full support and to make the event successful, we **NEED** your full support.

Here's a few ways that you can help right now:

- Spread the word that we are **looking for Volunteers to assist at the event.**
- Spread the word that **sales are now open and Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com**
Our target is 10,000 and it won't happen without your help.
- Collect Brochures and Cards and place them in prominent locations around your community.
- If you are on Facebook, share our Bricktober Facebook pages. www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth

