



ROTARY CLUB OF ASCOT

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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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Club website: www.ascotrotary.org.au

Club Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/AscotRotary

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www.bricktober.info

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What's happening at Ascot:

The
Rotary 
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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!

School Microscopes Project - The Board has approved funding for the purchase of two microscopes to be donated to Redcliffe Primary School and to St Maria Goretti Catholic School. This is another opportunity for our Arthur Bray Foundation to give a helping hand to the youth of our community.

Bricktober Perth 2018 – Dates have been confirmed for our major event again next year as **6 and 7 October 2018**. Please note this in your diary now as for its success, it's imperative that we have your full commitment.



Colin Peacock

Land of Contrast

Colin and Judy recently returned from a trip to Jordan and Israel but began with an Avalon cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, travelling down the Danube into the Mainz and Rhine Rivers. He told us about the boat they were on and its 3 levels - a lower one which is sometimes submerged to get the boat lower into the water to get under the many low bridges, the main deck and an upper deck which is also sometimes modified because of the bridges. Before setting off, they spent a few days in the capital of Hungary, Budapest where Buda is on one side of the Danube and Pest on the other.

En route down the river they passed many UNESCO listed towns and Colin remarked on the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his return from the Crusades and that his ransom cost the English Crown the equivalent of about one third of their wealth at the time.

Generally travelling at night, the boat tied up during the day so they enjoyed sightseeing tours of each of the places they docked. There were lots of castles dotted along the banks of the river, including Cologne Cathedral which surprisingly was not touched in the WWII Allied bombings of Germany, and the closer they got to Amsterdam the more freight barges they saw.



Their cruise ended in Amsterdam and while there they did a canal boat tour and saw some interesting sights. Many of the old waterfront warehouses have now been converted into apartments and with so many bikes in Amsterdam they now have double and triple decker bike parking bays for them. Interestingly, they also saw a lot of cannabis products on sale including a drink, chocolates, and lollipops.

They then flew via Frankfurt to Oman in Jordan which was bigger than they expected. There was a lot of rubbish around the place and while in Europe everything had been lush and green, here it was a desert. They took a tour with about 45 people, mostly from Perth but a few from the eastern states and USA and went to Petra and saw the Treasury before heading on to Wadi Rum where they ate in a Bedouin Tent and noted the camels seem to be smaller than ours. Colin remarked it seems that the area is now paying the price for decisions made by Lawrence of Arabia and his colleagues in defeating the Ottoman Empire and splitting the region up.

A trip to the area would not be complete without a dip in the Dead Sea where, due to the high salt content, you float very high in the water and Colin found it so difficult to get his feet back down that he needed Judy's help to get him upright again! They also visited Masada which overlooks the Dead Sea. Accessible via a chairlift, Masada is an old fortress on the top of a mesa and the site of an early mass suicide in which 900 Jewish people died rather than be taken by the attacking Romans.



They also went to Jerusalem where they got to see the Wailing Wall which is very sacred to the Jews and visiting men are expected to don the small cap. Once not permitted, a separate women's section has been recently opened. Colin presented a timeline of Israel's history which showed the different groups who had been 'in charge' of these lands including the Romans, Byzantine, Arabs, Crusaders, Mamlocks, Ottomans and the British until in 1948 they became their own nation of Israel.

On a Sea of Galilee tour they saw that the fresh water was being taken from the sea to irrigate the local land, turning the deserts green. Many ruins around the Mediterranean Sea are being dug up to better understand history and this research is proving the old stories of the Bible, with the Old Testament showing the history of the Jewish people.



They also visited the Golan Heights and while in Israel they were surprised to see that the Palestinians and the Jews were actually living and intermingling much more than they had thought. Although they live in zones, they can easily move between these. However Colin did say that the whole area is like a tinderbox with armed army personnel wandering around and even the hotel bellboy had a holstered revolver.

In concluding, Mike Bermann suggested that anyone going to Israel needs different and balanced perspectives of the situation and suggested hiring an Israeli guide one day and a Christian guide the next to which Colin added they had both a Jordanian guide and an Israeli and their bus driver also provided his perspective too.

Thank you Colin, (and Judy) for the lovely photos of your trip and some interesting places to put on our 'bucket lists'!

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
28 November 2017	Colin Peacock Peter Richardson		Aidan Wood	Recent trip to Vietnam
5 December 2017	Mike Bermann Hugh Langridge		Help! Speaker needed – ideas anyone?	
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	Projects Discussion
30 January 2018	NO BREAKFAST MEETING		SOCIAL MEETING	VENUE TBA
13 February 2018	Peter Richardson Bev Poor		Michael Evans	

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



Congrats to all the Winners!

But notice only three families have scooped up all the prizes so far!

And the same numbers keep coming up too! No 15 dropped in Weeks 1 and 9 for Hugh and 41, in 2 and 5 for Michelle.

Winners are Grinners!

Week 1 – Hugh Langridge
Week 2 – Michelle Kendall
Week 3 – Sashaco Morrell
Week 4 – Stephen Kendall
Week 5 – Michelle Kendall
Week 6 – John Morrell
Week 7 – Ian Derbyshire
Week 8 – Michelle Kendall
Week 9 – Hugh Langridge





Special thanks to
Ann Bermann
who brought in
her projector and laptop this
week so we could show Colin's photos.



And more thanks to Dianne for scribing for The Editor once again while she was off gadding about a golf course! Great job Di!

And thumbs up too for Scott Minchin, Jodie Spark's brother, who has been selected as a Rotary Peace Scholar. He didn't get in when he applied last year but he reapplied and has been successful this time - so next year he will be heading to Japan for 2 years with his family. Another fine example of persistence pays! Well done Scott!



**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



Timor-Leste Water Project

Eddie, our man-on-the-ground has sent some photos of the relocation of the Tankstand at Madada, Bakhita and some of the pipe work now completed.

Mike also advised The Rotary Club of Broome have contributed another \$5000 towards this project. Thankyou Broome!



New Meeting Schedule

As discussed and approved back at our Club Forum in September, we will trial a new meeting schedule from January which is intended to reduce our meeting commitments and create a more sociable club by again involving our partners more. Social events are a great way to introduce new members too!

Projects discussion meetings will be more inclusive and help new members better understand our projects and causes.

The rules are simple:

- Week 1 – No Meeting
- Week 2 – Meeting with Guest Speaker *
- Week 3 – A social event – Time and Venue TBA
- Week 4 – Meeting with Projects Discussion *
- Week 5 – Social Meeting (if applicable)

* Interchangeable

Full schedule in Week 11 Bulletin and will be repeated next week. Get your diaries out and pen in the dates!

**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