



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:

The
Rotary 
Club of ASCOT (Inc.)

Christmas is fast approaching!

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST – Please advise Peter of any guests you are bringing along to our Christmas Party meeting on 19th December. Santa will be looking forward to seeing lots of kids, so if you don't have any, borrow some and bring them along for a treat!

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS – Please bring along some non-perishable **food items next week for our Xmas Hampers** which will be donated to Starick for needy families in our community. Any questions, contact Michael Evans.



And for those at our meeting this morning -

STOP LOOKING! Santa has found his clothes.
They were right where he left them last year!



Aidan Wood

Recent trip to Vietnam

Aidan and his wife Tania recently completed a 14 day tour of Vietnam and found it to be one of the most friendly countries in Asia. Aidan said that despite it being in parts, a 3rd world country that is now becoming quite commercialised, it is very picturesque and much cleaner than most other countries of Asia.

Their travels started in Hanoi where he said the real estate in the old town is twice the price of that in New York. Consequently, houses are built on narrow blocks and are built up to accommodate growing families of often 3 or 4 generations. The city is busy and loud, highly populated and, as in much of Asia, bikes and scooters dominate the roads. Their experiences in the capital included a visit to see the Water Puppets, a visual show that incorporated many of the cultural stories of Vietnam.

Ha Long Bay is a scenic World Heritage site that covers 1500sq klms with thousands of limestone islets and is very popular with tourists. As many as 300-400 tourist-filled boats can be on the water at one time but Aidan said they are well coordinated, comfortable and the food is good so they enjoyed an overnight cruise that allowed them to experience the spectacular views the bay offers.



An overnight “sleeper” bus then took them to Sa Pa in the mountains to the north-west. Aidan said the coach had a row of bunk beds, two high, on each side of the bus that accommodated about 40 people. He said it was “the” way to travel but although very comfortable, Aidan didn’t sleep so was able to enjoy the scenery of rugged mountains and very green fields of what he thought looked like marijuana. Once there, their tour guide, who accompanied them on the first of two half-day treks, confirmed the crop was indeed hemp but it was mainly used for making clothing. The area is mountainous and culturally diverse and the newer part of Sa Pa town didn’t exist ten years ago but has been built to cater for tourists who flock to the “alps of Vietnam” to trek. Aidan said their second trek, of 13 klms, was down through spectacular scenery to the village of Cat Cat where they were introduced to subsistence farming, hemp growing and cloth making, rice harvesting and local dances and added that the many ethnic groups, the H’mong being the largest, appear to live in harmony and are happy to stick to their village life.



Their experience of an overnight train trip from Hanoi to Da Nang in a “sleeper” carriage was quite different to the overnight bus trip to Sa Pa and back as there were three changes of passengers in the other two beds in their compartment during the night! However, their next destination of the ancient city of Hoi An was one of Aidan’s favourites of their trip. The UNESCO World Heritage village dates back to the 15th century and is a blend of many cultures and home to well-preserved buildings and historic bridges. Aidan and Tania enjoyed several days exploring the old town on foot, checking out its local food markets, eating the local food and riding bikes through paddy fields and little villages away from the tourists.

They also visited the former capital, Hue on the “Perfume River” and Aidan noted that with its warm and humid conditions he was pleased to find Vietnam, perhaps because it was cleaner, was not generally as “perfumed” as most of Asia. Finally a visit to Ho Chi Minh City left Aidan’s head spinning as it was just so busy and he said there were people everywhere! Thanks Aidan for sharing some of your travel experiences 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
5 December 2017	Mike Bermann Hugh Langridge		Timothy Green	Proposed event
12 December 2017	Aidan Wood Jeff Stephenson		Michael Evans	Hamper Packing
19 December 2017	Michael Metcalf Dianne Reed		Peter Richardson	Christmas Party Special Guest
9 January 2018	Ros McLernon Michael Evans		Bev Poor	
16 January 2018	HANDICAMP DINNER		Handicamp Dinner	At Point Walter Recreation Centre
23 January 2018	Glenys Godfrey Joanna Kendall		Roma Gehringer	Projects Discussion
30 January 2018	NO BREAKFAST MEETING		SOCIAL EVENT	VENUE TBA
13 February 2018	Peter Richardson Bev Poor		Michael Evans	
20 February 2018	CLUB BIRTHDAY		SOCIAL MEETING	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

Pres Ron and Sue
have some
accommodation
available for
Conference if you
are interested.

MEMBERS IN FOCUS

BIRTHDAYS:

Alan Thomson	30 November
Scott Fraser	2 December
Gren Courtland	25 December



ANNIVERSARIES:

Ros and Gerry McLernon	21 December
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ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Mike Bermann	24 Years	1 December 1993
Roma Gehringer	14 Years +	16 December 2003
Glenis Stephenson	20 Years	31 December 1997



Congratulations!

Week 10 – Dianne Reed



The **"BIG"** ball drops tonight!

One lucky winner will find themselves \$300 richer next week!

GOOD LUCK!

Do you know of any young people who would benefit from the following Rotary Youth Projects? But be quick – applications close very soon.

HANDICAMP

14-20 January 2018



Handicamp provides an opportunity for young people with a disability to team up with a "buddy" for a week of fun and adventure. It's a live-in camp open to people between the ages of 18-35.

For more information and an application forms <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50113/sitepage/new-generations/handicamp>

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

13 -20 January 2018



RYLA is an intensive eight-day program designed for 18-28 year olds with leadership potential and a commitment to community service. The program is a unique opportunity aimed to challenge participants, while actively using and building on their existing skills and knowledge.

For more information and an application forms <https://www.facebook.com/ryla9465>

Ride against Domestic Violence



This cycling event leaves Busselton on Saturday May 27 and finishes in Perth on May 28. Along the way the group will be raising money to help the victims of domestic violence in the region and heightening public awareness.

All net profits from the Ride will go to seven women's refuges on the path of the bike ride including Starick Services.

Interested? - <http://rideagainstdomesticviolence.com/>

NOMINATIONS - FOR POSITIONS 2018-2019

Incoming President Aidan is seeking nominations to fill positions for next year. **Hands Up everyone!** Elections will be in mid-January.

Briefly, here's what each position does ...

President: Preside over club and board meetings

Vice Pres.: Support and nurture President

Pres. Elect: President-in-training for 2019-2020

Secretary: Record correspondence and minutes

Treasurer: Manage club's funds, fees and payments

Foundation: The advocate for Foundation and its programs

Exec Secretary: Appointed position

Membership: Help club seek, educate and retain members

Club Service: Coordinate club's meetings and socials

International: Coordinate club's International projects

Youth: Coordinate club's Rotary youth projects

Vocational: Coordinates projects at local schools

Community: Coordinate club's projects in our community

Public Relations: Produce bulletins and update web pages

Attendance: Record attendance and collect fees

TRIAL 2018 Meeting SCHEDULE

– Dates for your diary

2	January	No Meeting
9	January	Club Meeting
16	January	HANDICAMP Dinner
23	January	Club Meeting
30	January	Social event
6	February	No Meeting
13	February	Club Meeting
20	February	Club Birthday Social
27	February	Club Meeting
6	March	No Meeting
13	March	Club Meeting
16-18	March	Conference - Margaret River
20	March	Social event
27	March	Club Meeting
3	April	No Meeting
10	April	Club Meeting
17	April	Social event
24	April	Club Meeting

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