



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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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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Next week our new District Governor Bruce Lynch and his wife Glenda will be with us for their Official Club Visit.

We'd love to see as many members and partners along as possible to welcome them and hear DG Bruce talk about this year's theme –

Rotary : Making a Difference



District Governor's Visit

Tuesday 25 July 2017

Belmont Tavern, Cloverdale

7:00am for 7:30am Breakfast Meeting

Partners very welcome



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



Natalie Wong

RAC WA

If you thought our local Automobile Club was just there just to help us when our car breaks down or to cover our vehicle insurance, you'd be very wrong. Natalie, from RAC WA's Community Education centre, gave us a run-down this week on many of their innovative ideas that aim to keep us safer on our roads.

Natalie travels around WA speaking at schools and at community groups like ours and told us about some of their programs like

☺ *bstreetsmart* where speakers and a life-like car crash re-enactment are aimed at educating youth about to get P plates or their licence.

☺ *Elephants in the Wheatbelt* where, in WA's highest fatality region, life-sized elephants have been built from crashed cars to get people talking about road safety.

☺ *Paraplegic Benefit Fund* that shows the consequences of crashes and encourages better decision making behind the wheel.

A staggering 1.9 million people are killed on the world's roads each year so in 2011 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed "A Decade of Action", an initiative designed to stabilise or reduce the global road toll and save the lives of 5 million people over the ten years. But Natalie told us WA's road toll rose last year to 195, the highest it's been since 2008 so there is still a long way to go.

RAC is promoting a four point program of **Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, Safer Road Users** and **Safer Vehicles**. Natalie told us about more sophisticated red light and speed cameras now being utilised to reduce speeding. These include average speed cameras where your travel time is calculated between two cameras and a hand held camera which can see up to 700 metres ahead to not only check speed but drivers using their phones or seatbelts not being worn.

Programs like *Black Spot*, *Road to Recovery* and *Risky Roads* highlight roads and roadsides that require funding for their improvement. But they compete with future requirements as a Congestion Survey has recently predicted 1 million extra vehicles will be on our roads by 2020 and the cost of that congestion will reach \$1.2 billion.

Natalie reminded us all of the "2 second rule" for estimating safe following distances but said more is better. She said 62% of motorists surveyed recently said the focus should be on making drivers safer and programs now include cycle safety and that of pedestrians and motor cyclists.

She said the RAC advocates driving only 4 or 5 star vehicles noting you are twice more likely to be killed in a 1 star vehicle. They are proactive in developing safer vehicles and are trialling automated vehicles which are predicted to be the way of the future. Natalie suggested we can take a ride in the RAC IntelliBus, their driverless bus on its trial at South Perth, for a look at the future.

Check out the RAC website for more

<https://rac.com.au/about-rac/advocating-change/initiatives>



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
25 July 2017	Stephen Kendall Hugh Landridge		Pres Ron Alexander	District Governor Bruce Lynch
1 August 2017	Aidan Wood Bev Poor		Joanna Kendall	Christine Goss Trip to Thailand
8 August 2017	Glenys Godfrey Michael Evans		Pres Ron Alexander	Club Director's Vision for 2017/18
15 August 2017	Michelle Kendall Mike Bermann	Jeff Stephenson	Colin Peacock	Bridget Curran History of Belmont
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	
19 September 2017	Colin Peacock Brian Poole	Mike Bermann	Dianne Reed	

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 7 Winner



Peter Richardson

Congratulations!

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

GOOD LUCK!



World President Ian H. S. Riseley

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses and has a strong interest in international affairs. Prior to starting his business in 1976, Ian worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income tax.

A Rotarian since 1978 Ian has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

Ian has been a member of the boards of both a private and public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or advisor for a number of charitable organisations. He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign.

Ian's honours include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste, the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006 for service to the Australian community, and the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from the Rotary Foundation.

In 2016, Ian accepted an invitation to become the Patron of Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians Inc., the golf tournament that the Rotary Club of Ascot was pleased to host in Perth in April of this year. Although Ian was unable to attend the tournament his well wishes for its success were well received.

Ian and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.



**ROTARY
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Ian's Theme for 2017-18 is Rotary: Making a Difference, and he said "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives - in ways large and small - for the better."

Next week, our District Governor Bruce Lynch will expand on Ian's message.

Letters from our Mailbox



An interesting article appeared in July's **Rotary Down Under**.

The Rotary Club of Uralla, NSW, had a membership of 13 and was struggling to stay alive. Desperate, they implemented a series of radical changes and produced a staggering 300 per cent increase in membership growth. Now 40 members strong and growing, the club has a bright future thanks to their reinvention.

The Club dispensed with the weekly meal, replaced it with a one-hour fortnightly meeting followed by a meal for those who can make it. They varied the restaurant too so that several local businesses benefitted.

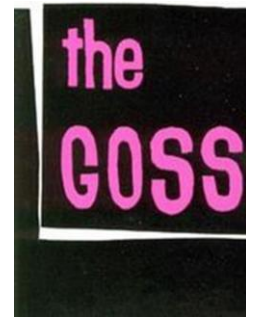
One of the biggest barriers to membership, especially among younger people today, is the "Baggage" offered at Rotary Meetings.

Rotarians who have grown up with the traditions of club meetings that date back to the last century may feel comfortable with the routines and fellowship. However, younger business and community leaders are used to a much faster pace of life and find all these traditions and attitudes a barrier to their genuine interest in Doing Good in the World.

Invocation, toasts, presidential chains, top tables, sergeants, fines sessions, national anthems and uninspired speakers are not part of the meeting culture these people are used to. Instead they want meetings with purpose and agendas where decisions are taken.

So they changed to meet the needs of a new generation of Rotarians and succeeded in rejuvenating their club.

Check out the full article on Page 11 "The Klinginsmith Challenge".



Gerry McLernon is heading into hospital tomorrow for major surgery and our thoughts and best wishes go with him. **GET WELL SOON!**

Our thoughts are also with Gren and Roma, both still recovering. **HOPE WE SEE YOU SOON!**

Mike Bermann was walking down the street the other day when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a few dollars for food.

Mike asked him "If I give you some money, will you buy some wine with it instead of dinner?" to which he replied "No, I had to stop drinking years ago."

"Then will you spend it on green fees at the golf course instead of food?" said Mike. "Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Well," said Mike, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

Mike replied, "Yes, maybe but it's important Ann sees what a man looks like after he's given up drinking and golf!"

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

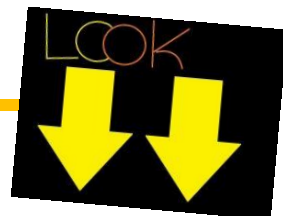


INTERPLAST OBSERVER

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. **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING ALONG ON OUR BEHALF?**

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 an application form and the program's Observer Guidelines.



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

YOUR PROJECT – YOUR HELP NEEDED!

BRICKTOBER PROMO at BELMONT FORUM on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September 2017

Please, keep these dates free to come along and hand out brochures and promote
OUR project in OUR community.

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

