



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>

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What's happening at Ascot:

The
Rotary 
Club of ASCOT (Inc.)

We've donated dozens of **Brick PlayTubs** and this morning we added another awesome school to our list of recipients. (Page 2)

Ascot members and partners served morning tea at the launch of **Ride against Domestic Violence** on Sunday in support of Starick and the fantastic work they do in our community and this morning Mike announced the Board's approval of a further grant of \$7,800 towards their Safer Homes program. (Page 3)

The 40th annual tournament of the **Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians** will be played in Murray Bridge, SA next month and our members Aidan, Mike and Jeff and their wives are heading over to represent both our club and Western Australia. Our best wishes go with them and we hope all the cups are the size of buckets ... on and off the course!

BikeRescue at Belmont City College is now in full swing and halfway through its program. We aim to drop in and see them at work soon. See Mike if you would like to come along.

Timor Leste Water Project - Mike announced that we have received a further \$15,000 towards another water project but there is much more we can do so keep seeking those donations.

Geographe Education Support Centre

Alison Kerimofski and Peter Wallace

Teacher Alison travelled up from the South West to pick up two Brick PlayTubs that we have donated to the Geographe Education Support Centre in Busselton which caters for 45 students with Intellectual Disabilities.

Peter accompanied Alison this morning as the grandfather of a 12 year old who attends the school and he told us of the enormous pressures on parents of kids with disabilities. He spoke highly of the school and its teachers and of the invaluable help they give to the families of their students and so he sincerely thanked Ascot for supporting the school.

It is one of only two schools in the state that cover from Kindy to Year 12. Although they have a split campus with Primary students based on the grounds of a local Primary School and the High School Students campus on the grounds of the High School they operate as a separate school. They aim to offer their students best practises in education and all students participate in not only strong literacy and numeracy programs but in programs that offer opportunities to develop their creativity and thinking skills. Alison said our donation of Lego bricks will provide them with endless opportunities to improve their fine motor skills and their ability to follow instructions, think creatively, share with others and improve their oral language.

In thanking the Rotary Club of Ascot, Alison said we have no idea how much it will help their kids nor how excited they are and she has been given strict instructions to get back to Busselton as quickly as possible so they can get started. No coffee stops on the way home for Alison!

We thank Alison for driving up to personally pick up the tubs and look forward to seeing some photos of the school's creative learning in progress. Have fun kids!



President Ron gave a brief recap of the recent **Rotary District 9465 Conference at Margaret River** and said it was a great venue and a most successful event with about 450 attending. He was most impressed with the 10 inspirational speakers but one stood out for him and he told us of young **Vincent Pettinicchio**, who at 7 years of age began to donate comfort kits to improve the lives of the homeless of Perth.

Now 12, Vincent spoke of his passion and his charity work that has inspired many hundreds of other kids and their parents to help him provide, since 2013, over 4000 kits containing blankets, pillows, towels and toiletries to those sleeping rough.

Last year Vincent raised \$100,000 and even slept out in the streets of Kings Cross to raise awareness there. He has already received numerous awards for his charitable work, including a Paul Harris Fellow in 2016, and with so much negativity about today's youth, Vincent is an amazing example to not just other youngsters but to all of us. Learn about this truly amazing young man at <https://www.facebook.com/vincentsprojectforthehomeless>

YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE,
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.





Starick and the Ride Against Domestic Violence 2018

Members and partners of our Club served morning tea on Sunday at the Launch of the Ride Against Domestic Violence which will see teams of riders cycle from Busselton to Perth in May to increase public awareness and raise funds for seven refuges including Starick House. These facilities provide short term safety for women and children fleeing family and domestic violence and Catherine, a recipient of help at one of the refuges told us of the life changing assistance she and her daughter received and how it helped her to go on to become a welfare worker herself and she is now helping others.



This year's riders include a number of our state's members of parliament, union and industry leaders and representatives from business and community foundations and who know, next year we may have our own team in the ride with our keen cyclist Michael Metcalf already showing considerable interest!

On behalf of **Starick** and CEO Leanne Barron, Wendy Wiley, their Board Chair thanked Pres Ron and Ascot members for our support at this event and for the \$7,800 we have donated towards their **Safer Homes project** to improve security in their client's homes in the Belmont area. Starick is the lead agency in Perth's south-east metro corridor but the area sadly has the greatest incidences of domestic violence in not only WA but in Australia. The staggering and ugly truth is that in Australia today, almost two women are killed every week by a current or former partner and one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them. The number of reportable assaults in WA rose by a staggering 77% between 2009 and 2014 and it is an ongoing crisis!



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
10 April 2018	Dianne Reed Ros McLernon		Christine Goss	Bricktober Planning Full Club Participation
17 April 2018	Michael Evans Joanna Kendall		SOCIAL MEETING	TBA
24 April 2018	Bev Poor Hugh Langridge		Dianne Reed	
8 May 2018	Peter Richardson Colin Peacock		Ros McLernon	
15 May 2018	Mike Bermann Christine Goss		SOCIAL MEETING	Membership Interest Meeting
22 May 2018	Aidan Wood Roma Gehringer		Joanna Kendall	
29 May 2018	Jeff Stephenson Michael Metcalf		SOCIAL EVENT	
12 June 2018	Stephen Kendall Aidan Wood		Mike Bermann	
19 June 2018	Michelle Kendall Dianne Reed		SOCIAL EVENT	

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14-15 April 2018	President Elect Training Seminar
22 April 2018	Earth Day - Every Rotarian Plant a Tree Challenge
6 May 2018	Club Officer Training - Metro
28 May 2018	State Final of 4 Way Test Speaking Competition – John McGrath Pavilion, South Perth
23-27 June 2018	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
7 July 2018	District 9465 Changeover Dinner - South of Perth Yacht Club

MEMBERS IN FOCUS

BIRTHDAYS:

Glenis Stephenson	10 April
Hugh Langridge	25 April
Aidan Wood	30 April



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Richardson	25 years - joined April 1993
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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	Norm Bell	1970 – 1971
COME FROM	Hugh Langridge	2004 – 2005
	Paul Gianatti	2006 – 2007
ASCOT ROTARY CLUB:	Jodie Sparks	2011 – 2012



Storick

Building futures free from violence



High Tea

Saturday 12 May

Treat the special mum in your life to
a traditional high tea of sweets and
savouries, specialty teas and coffee.

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Proceeds support women and
children escaping family and
domestic violence

Pagoda Ballroom
112 Melville Parade, Como

Many Auctions & Raffle Prizes
Music by Jane and the Rain
Playing torch songs and jazz standards
from the last 50 years

Book a full table (10-12 persons) and get
a free bottle of bubbles on the day!

Enquiries: 9478 5300

Bookings Essential

Licensed Bar

Tickets: \$69 p/p