



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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It is with sadness that we learned of the passing on Saturday night, 22 July 2017, of our most esteemed member

NORMAN BELL (1918 – 2017).

Norm passed peacefully at the age of 99 years having spent more than half of his life devoted to Rotary.



Norm was originally a member of Belmont when he and several others moved to form the Rotary Club of Ascot in 1969. He was our District Governor in 1970-71 and President of our own Club in 1990-1991. Norm was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient.

In 2010 Norm celebrated 50 years with Rotary and up until recently, continued to take a keen interest in all of our activities.

Known in our Club and District as Mr Rotary, Norm was a true gentle man in every sense and having personally invited countless to join Rotary, he was a dear friend and mentor to many of us.

Norm's Funeral will be held on Tuesday 1 August 2017 at 1:30pm at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Pinnaroo.

District Governor Bruce Lynch

Rotary: Making a Difference

"Without change, there is no progress". That was one of the first messages delivered by our District Governor Bruce when he joined us this week.

Bruce told us that Rotary International World President Ian Riseley believes Rotary in future will be influenced by our communities who will tell us what they need and that all the good Rotary does in the world makes a difference to them. We make a difference and every dollar spent makes a difference.

Our District has adopted Ian's three step Strategic Plan for 2017-2018. They are to

- Support and strengthen Rotary Clubs for without them, there is no Rotary.
- Increase humanitarian service. Together we can make a difference but projects should be sustainable.
- Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness.

Bruce also supports the challenges Ian has set and asked that

- Every Rotarian plants a tree by Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Bruce said our District is prepared to offer an incentive of \$5 per tree to do so, but we should add one for each of our family members too.
- We secure Rotary's future and improve the gender balance and lower the average age of members.
- We promote awareness of Rotary by participation in "Wear a Rotary Shirt Day" on 23 February 2018.
- Rotary branding should be the same across the World to make it more clearly recognisable and all club material should be updated. Bruce told us WhatIsRotary.com is an initiative he hopes will find its way to truck and trailers and other prominent signage sites to direct people to ask the question and check out this website for answers.
- Direct our energy to our youth as they are our future. Tap into their energy and adapt to their needs.

Bruce also said it is important that we continue to support the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charity, where our funds are put to many important causes that make a difference in our World. These include Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution, the fight against Disease, Water and Sanitation projects, Maternal and Child Health programs, Basic Education and Literacy and many others. He acknowledged our own member, PDG Hugh Langridge and the wonderful work he continues to do for our Foundation.

Polio Eradication was getting closer but a final push is needed to ensure we win the battle. The Gates Foundation has pledged \$2 for each \$1 donated by Rotary (up to \$50 million each year for three years). Although there are only three countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria, still reporting cases, the battle is not won yet and Rotary still needs our support.



District Governor Bruce with our President Ron and our Assistant Governor Marielle Sloss.

Finally, District Governor Bruce offered the full support of every District level member to assist us should we require their help and asked us to support the District 9465 Conference in Margaret River in March 2018.

Please put the dates in your Diary now and commit to joining him on **16-18 March 2018** at the **Quality Inn, 78 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River.**

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
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	
26 September 2017	Christine Goss Peter Richardson		Michael Metcalf	

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 August 2017	Rotary WA 47 th Ladies Seminar & Luncheon - 8:30am - 3:30pm - Hyatt Regency, Perth
15-16 September 2017	Bricktober Promo at Belmont Forum, Belmont
7 - 8 October 2017	BRICKTOBER 2017 - Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley
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

MEMBERS IN FOCUS

BIRTHDAYS:

Marg Fraser	5 August
Michael Evans	12 August



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Metcalf	24 years – 1 Aug 1993
Colin Peacock	39 years – 1 July 1978

Week 8 Winner



Jodie Sparks

Congratulations!

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

GOOD LUCK!



Polio Eradication

I was minus 5 months old when my father contracted Polio at age 33, likely from contact with a contaminated letter at the Post Office where he worked. As a result, he was hospitalised for many months during which time my mother and three siblings were initially quarantined, often ostracised, and heavily pregnant Mum was without any financial support. During the months until my birth, friends and family members rallied to provide food until Mum's garden began to feed us, and I was six weeks old before I was allowed to meet my Dad. Dad suffered paralysis in his legs and arms and although he did walk with aids for many years, he was later completely wheelchair bound and had the use of only one arm.

Polio doesn't just affect those who contract the disease, it affects their families too. And it doesn't stop with its initial crippling effects. It launches again, in Dad's case about 40 years later, in the form of Post-Polio Syndrome (PPS) when new weakening occurs not only in the muscles already weakened from the first effects, but in seemingly unaffected muscles.

About 2 to 5 per cent of people who contract polio die. Half who survive will have permanent paralysis and those lucky enough not to be paralysed initially, may still develop PPS later in life. Only recently, the last survivors died who had lived their whole lives in WA in an iron lung because the muscles most affected, in their cases, were in their chest and they were never again able to breathe unassisted.

There is also some evidence that the children and even grandchildren of Polio sufferers have a propensity for muscle weakening. That is certainly the case in my family and we live with the effects of Polio, be it in a mild form. Polio is a lifetime infliction that just keeps going on. There is no cure but it is preventable with a vaccine.

So Rotary's program to eradicate Polio is, for me, the most important project they have ever taken on. I applaud the work that thousands have undertaken to rid the world of this scourge and I applaud others like The Gates Foundation who generously donate funds so that we can continue the fight and finally say goodbye to Polio.

But there is still work to do as until every last child is vaccinated, there is a chance that it will flare up again, particularly in today's transient world and it predicted that unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years we could see as many as 200,000 new cases every year all over the world.

Many young families today, who have never experienced Polio or Measles, Tuberculosis or Smallpox and other similar diseases which killed many of our ancestors, don't believe in vaccinations. Please don't let them take that risk! **Vaccinate, Vaccinate, Vaccinate** and Donate if you are able.

Christine Goss



Letters from our Mailbox



Looking for a motivated guest speaker?

Jeremy Scott underwent open heart surgery as a child and to raise funds for the Heart Foundation he recently spent 2½ years cycling from London to Auckland. Jeremy will be in Perth in November and wants to present his story to us. **We're looking for a Host Chair to coordinate his visit.** See www.jeremyscott.com.au for his story and Christine for details of his visit.



NORM BELL

Like many members, I have been reflecting on the impact Norm Bell had on my life.

Norm was President of our club in 1990 when he came knocking on my door and asked me to join Rotary. Norm was passionate about Rotary and always positive about accepting change and always looking for ways to increase its membership, Norm convinced the Rotary Club of Ascot to accept women into its club.

So it was with pleasure and great pride that I was inducted, by Norm himself, to our club as its first female member and one of the first in WA. Thank you, Norm for that privilege.

RIP Mr Rotary



Brian and Marlene recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in great style. Congratulations to you both! What a fabulous milestone!

Roma is hoping to join us again early in August but said her recovery is not going fast enough for her! We look forward to seeing you when you are up to it Roma.

Gerry has now had his op and he's progressing well and on the road to recovery. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you Gez.

Gren is still suffering the effects of a nasty chest infection but is keeping Jill on her toes! Keep well rugged up on these frosty mornings Gren and we look forward to seeing you when you are over the lurgy!

President Ron and Mike and Ann jet off on Sunday for Dili to inspect our latest Water Pipes and Tanks project in the hamlets in the hills of Eraulo. Have a safe trip all!

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



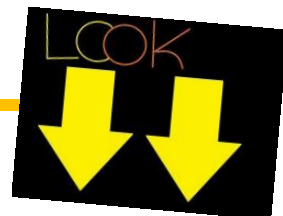
TWO HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Can you help?

The Rotary Club of Esperance has two Inbound Exchange Students and is seeking our assistance by hosting one of them for six months. So after a break of a few years, we are looking for two Host families to home host.

As we learned from our recent speaker Paul Daly, it isn't important to have children living at home as some of his most memorable times were in childless homes. All that is expected is that a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided.

If you'd like to help out, please contact Aidan for more information.



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

