



# 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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**Vocational:** Max Morrell  
**Community:** Stephen Kendall  
**Public Relations:** Christine Goss  
**Attendance:** Gren Courtland

## WEB LINKS:

**Club website:** [www.ascotrotary.org.au](http://www.ascotrotary.org.au)

**Club Facebook page:**

[www.facebook.com/AscotRotary](https://www.facebook.com/AscotRotary)

**Bricktober website:**

[www.bricktober.info](http://www.bricktober.info)

**Bricktober Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth](https://www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth)

**District 9465:** <http://rotary9465.org.au>

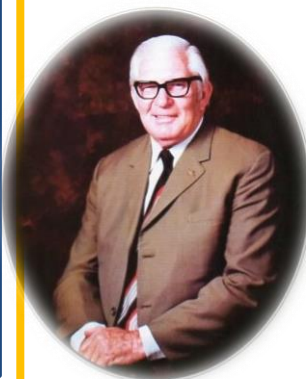
**Rotary International:**

<https://www.rotary.org>

## Weekly ~~GOSSETTE~~ BULLETIN 2017 – 18

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What's been happening at Ascot this week:



As a mark of the love and deep respect held for him, a large contingent of Rotarians from our club and District joined his grieving family, his many friends and business colleagues to celebrate the life of Norm Bell and farewell him on Tuesday afternoon at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Padbury. RIP Mr Rotary.

Ken Jenkyn of Rotary Club of Esperance visited this morning. Ken has visited our club several times in the past years and was warmly welcome by PP Peter Richardson who was standing in for Pres Ron Alexander who is currently in Timor Leste reviewing our Water Pipes and Tanks project.

Colin Peacock's Guest Speaker on 15 August is the Curator of the Belmont Museum and is prepared to research any street names in Belmont you are particularly interested in. Please let Colin know no later than next week to give Bridget time to investigate.

# Christine Goss

## Chiang Mai, Northern Thailand

This morning, Christine shared some photos of her Golf Club's recent trip to Northern Thailand. They started in Chiang Mai, meaning "new city" - which it was when built in 1296.

The ancient walled and moated city is home to hundreds of Buddhist temples, large and small, old and new, stone and wood and all ornately decorated, many with dragons, warriors and elephants, the animal symbol of Thailand.

The 18 golfers played on 5 very different, beautiful and well maintained courses over an 8 day period during which they also enjoyed the many sights of the city, a Thai cooking class and lots of shopping in the many markets around town.



They then headed north towards the notorious Golden Triangle, once the centre of the Opium trade. First stop was the contemporary White Palace at Chiang Rai opened in 1997. The stunning all white buildings are embedded with mirrored glass which glistened in the sun. But it was the golden toilet block that won the attention of the stunned visitors.

The group crossed into Myanmar (Burma) at Mae Sai for a short shopping trip before moving on to Chiang Saen on the Mekong River where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. There they took a boat trip down, and then across, the Mekong River and into Laos for another much needed shopping trip.

They visited many of the local sites including the spectacular Mae Fah Luang Gardens and the Museum of Opium where they learned of the work done by Thailand's late King and his mother, who built the gardens, in convincing the highland farmers to grow coffee instead of opium poppies. They banned heroin, rehabilitated those who were addicted and subsequently cleaned up the area.

Christine told of visiting more beautiful temples and in one was moved by the sight of a massive torso of a Buddha that was at least a 1000 year old but only recently unearthed. On the way back to Chiang Mai, they visited the hill tribes of the north, including the Karen people, often called the "long necks" because of the gold rings women wear around their necks. It gives the appearance of lengthening their neck but it actually depresses their shoulders and must give them a great deal of pain.

But Christine's most memorable experience was a visit to the world-acclaimed Elephant Nature Park, a Jurassic Park-like rehabilitation and rescue centre wholly run by volunteers from around the world. Injured, infirm, aged or unwanted elephants, water buffalo, dogs, cats and other animals are treated, rehabilitated and then allowed to roam freely in the beautiful natural surroundings. Visitors are able to walk among the animals, feed them, bath the elephants in the river or volunteer for a day or several weeks. Asian elephants are endangered and numbers in Thailand have dropped from 100,000 in early 1900's to just 4,500 in 2005. They need help and Christine thoroughly recommended a visit for anyone heading to Chiang Mai.



## 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
8 August 2017	Glenys Godfrey Michael Evans		Pres Ron Alexander	Club Director's Vision for 2017/18
15 August 2017	Michelle Kendall Mike Bermann	Dianne Reed	Colin Peacock	Bridget Curran History of Belmont
22 August 2017	Dianne Reed Jeff Stephenson		Mike Bermann	Water Pipes & Tanks Project - Timor Leste
29 August 2017	Ros McLernon Gren Courtland		Peter Richardson	
5 September 2017	Joanna Kendall Max Morrell		Max Morrell	
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	
3 October 2017	Stephen Kendall Aidan Wood		Michelle Kendall	

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 August 2017	Rotary WA 47 <sup>th</sup> Ladies Seminar & Luncheon - 8:30am - 3:30pm - Hyatt Regency, Perth
15-16 September 2017	Bricktober Promo at Belmont Forum, Belmont
<b>7 - 8 October 2017</b>	<b>BRICKTOBER 2017 - Curtin Stadium, Kent Street, Bentley</b>
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 9  
Winner**



**Roma Gehringer**

**Congratulations!**

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

**GOOD LUCK!**



## Rotary Foundation

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totalling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given US\$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

### The Rotary Foundation’s Goals

- Eradicate polio, our top priority
- Build a sense of ownership of our Foundation among Rotarians through their contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and our Rotary Peace Centres
- Continue our progress on the Future Vision plan and align our service projects with the six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development.

## Letters from our Mailbox



***The Clock of life is wound but once, and no-one has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour.***

***Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may then be still.***

The above words were written in Norm Bell's own handwriting on a leave slip from Military camp in 1941.

Below is one of the many tributes written about Norm, this one from Troy Hendrickson who we hosted in 2001.

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*I'll never forget the day I arrived at the airport and Norm standing there with a sign that said "Welcome Troy!" ...and the various "moments" we shared together allowing me to soak up your wisdom, diplomacy and leadership style that put other's dignity at the forefront of every human interaction.*

*Your impact and influence on me (and no doubt many, many others) has been immeasurable.*

*Thank you for all you've done...you have truly left a legacy in so many ways.*

*Dr Troy Hendrickson  
2001 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar*



A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.'

'Me first! Me first!' says the admin clerk. 'I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world.'

Puff! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life.'

Puff! He's gone.

'OK, you're up,' the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'



Moral of the story:

Always let your boss have the first say.

### 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



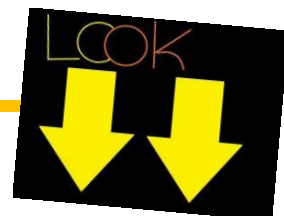
## TWO HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

To home host in mid 2018. Can you help?

The Rotary Club of Esperance will have two Inbound Exchange Students in 2018 and is seeking our assistance by hosting one of them for six months from about March, maybe June. 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth)

