



# ROTARY CLUB OF ASCOT

Chartered 26 February 1969 District 9465



**Meeting Venue: Ingot Hotel**

**Address: 285 Great Eastern Hwy**

**Belmont Western Australia, 6104**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's at 7.00 am for 7.30 - 8.30 am**



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### Christmas Meeting

Ascot members, partners and guests arrived and welcomed to the Ingot Hotel to find the room and tables set up ready for our Christmas Breakfast.

What a delightful sight to see the array of Lego Gift Boxes and Christmas Hampers prepared for distribution to the Jacaranda Community Centre.

Thanks go to Joanna, Stephen and Michelle for the many hours spent preparing the Hampers and setting up the room with festive fare.

Hugh welcomed our guest speaker Lindsey Fitzgerald, CEO of the Jacaranda Community Centre.

A special welcome also extended to PDG Jodie Sparks who was very happy to receive an offer from Hugh for financial support for the annual Handicamp Event. Handicamp will be coming up on 21<sup>st</sup> January at Point Walter.

Jodie also managed to win the Christmas Hamper! It was a well-deserved win!

Stephen introduced Graeme Price, President of the West Coast Users Group. Graeme has been a great supporter of Bricktober with his Lego Displays and help in making Bricktober a great success.

Peter Richardson took on the duties of Sergeant, managing to collect many fines with the money going to a good cause for the Jacaranda Community Centre.

Congratulations or commiserations go to Ros McLernon for the "fine" of the day. Well-done Ros for going through the car wash with your windows down! (ha-ha, not funny is it Ros?)

Michelle Kendall then introduced our guest speaker Lindsey Fitzgerald, to present a great talk about the wonderful work being done in the Belmont area to support people needing help.

Lindsey explained that The Jacaranda Community Centre is a 'not for profit' community organisation set up in March 2000. The project started in a small shop front and later accommodation was provided by a grant from Lottery West.

"The centre is owned and respected by the community. Aims include; provision of information, resources and casework in areas concerning housing, debt negotiation and family support. Through holistic support, the aim is to enhance and maintain the welfare education and cultural needs of people on low-income in a safe and inclusive space."

#### Case Studies

Lindsey gave examples of case studies where people can obtain support:

- People who are long term unemployed and searching for work.
- For example, consider a "fly in" and "fly out" worker who suddenly loses his or her job. In some cases, contracts require one-hour notice of termination. Even a one - week notice makes it very hard to adjust and find a replacement job or source of income to support a family.
- People who are suffering from a long-term illness, requiring additional help or resources.
- Single parents with three or four children need flexible hours; this can be problematic, especially if they are working in a small business trying to stay afloat.
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Jacaranda Services include the following:

- A free and independent Financial Counselling Service: This program provides a service for clients in the Perth South East Metro area.
- Aboriginal Family Support and School Inclusion: This program seeks to engage with at-risk Indigenous families with school-aged children in the Belmont area. Through interaction with families and local schools, the aim is to improve attendance and achieve positive educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- A food rescue program: This provides fresh produce and bread on Tuesday afternoons at 3 pm.
- Court Support: This aids Indigenous youth who are involved in the court system.
- The list of other services includes the following; pottery classes for people with a disability, computer classes, parenting support, Alinta Care Scheme, income management, clothing and blankets, Christmas assistance, Government and non- Government service negotiations, advocacy and support in welfare issues.

The Club thanked Lindsey for a great explanation of the work of Jacaranda.

Following Lindsey's presentation, we were visited by Father Christmas with young and old thrilled with his gifts. The photos following later in the Bulletin tell the story.

Eyebrows were raised, following the call-back of Father Christmas to receive his winnings from the Melbourne Cup sweep!

#### Reminders:

- **Handicamp January 21st.** The Club has an opportunity to support a Camper or Buddy or one of the activities.
- **Rotarian Golfing Fellowship**  
*See the separate attachment flyer from Mike Bermann*
- **Guest Speaker Roster** is included, please indicate your guest speaker.  
Inform Ron Alexander if you are swapping dates for a more convenient time slot.
- **District Conference 20-22 March 2020.** It would be great if our Club could be represented at Rockingham.
- **Ascot Rotary Board Meeting** will be held on January 6th at Ros McLernon's place.





## Ascot Rotary Club Guest Speaker Roster

Please Note: If you are unable to arrange a guest speaker or will be away on that date, please arrange to change your allocated date.

Date 2019	Host Chair	Guest Speaker and Topic
<b>Date 2020</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Peter Richardson	
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Handicamp	<b>Social Meeting at Point Walter in the Evening</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Mike Bermann	<b>Louis Hancock / Normand Bourque: "Osborne Park Hospital Stroke Support Group"</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Ros McLernon	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Michael Metcalf	<b>Cassie Rowe: MLA for Belmont</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Ron Alexander	<b>Steve Rushforth: "The Fathering Project"</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hugh Langridge	
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Ngala (Fiona Beermier)	<b>Brian Smith: "Growing Strong Brains Program"</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Gren Courtland	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Joanna Kendall	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Dianne Reed	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Starick (Leeanne Barron)	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stephen Kendall	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Alan Thomson	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Michelle Kendall	
28 <sup>st</sup> July	Gerry McLernon	
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Bev Poor	
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Jeff Stephenson	

### PROGRAM 2019-2020- CLUB ROSTER

Date	Welcoming	Venue	Host Chair	Speaker and Topic
14 <sup>th</sup> January			Peter Richardson	
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Handicamp	Point Walter		Social Meeting

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	<b>FIRST SWAP MEET MARKET DAY 2020</b>
11-18 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	RYLA
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	District Conference Rockingham