



# 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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### No Ascot Rotary Club Meeting held March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to the unprecedented Corona Virus 19 (COVID-19) Pandemic

*Welcome Fellow Rotarians to a newsletter today which should have been our regular meeting and minutes for our club members.*

*Please find the message from President Hugh Langridge regarding this below.*

*Club Bulletin Editor Ron Alexander*

#### **Club Notifications**

##### **President Hugh's Message**

Due to the current Corona Virus situation, the Club Board has decided to cancel the scheduled Club meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> and subsequent Club meetings until we are comfortable that there is no health risk in having face to face meetings, whenever that may be.

We are working on an alternative way for the Club to continue meeting regularly. It may involve online meetings through a program called "ZOOM". I have been involved in these types of meetings on a number of occasions for District Board, Committee and Seminar Meetings. It works very well and is quite simple to access by laptop, smartphone and PC.

A dot point paper will be produced and distributed to all members explaining how to access the program and on-line meetings.

It is a challenging and strange situation, but as we have always done in the past when a problem confronts us, we work through it together.

##### **Hydrotherapy Patient Lifter for Pool at Pinjarra**

Report from Mike Bermann

Together with Mike and Robyn Metcalf, Peter Richardson, along with two members from the Pinjarra Rotary Club, I travelled down to the Pinjarra Aquatic Pool Centre to launch the equipment we had purchased. The Rotary Club of Pinjarra have also donated funds to this equipment.

The staff and management of the centre were over the moon together with my friend Wayne Chambers who suffers Guillain Barre` Syndrome (GBS) and requires this equipment to enable him access in and out of the hydrotherapy pool.

The Centre Manager, Ben Porter, said this would be utilised by many people who usually couldn't visit the pool because lack of such equipment. This patient lifter will make a change for many.

*On behalf of the Club I would like to congratulate Mike for seeing another successful project through to fruition. See photos page 3*

## **Message from DG Wayne Milnes- COVID 19 Virus and Rotary**

With measures taken by the Australia Government to combat the spread of the COVID 19 Virus, clubs and members have to look at alternatives to regular meetings.

The latest announcement yesterday that Pubs, Clubs and Restaurants are to close except for takeaway service impacts on most clubs, refer <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/scott-morrison-orders-restaurants-gyms-and-pubs-to-close-under-drastic-new-measures>

With limitations on meeting we have to be flexible and look at all alternatives.

I ask all members who are comfortable in the use of the methods listed below to supply their names and contact details for a register that Clubs and members can call upon for assistance

### **Zoom**

Please refer to the following link with regards to a You Tube video advising how to set up a Zoom account and also a Zoom meeting

You Tube Zoom Video Conferencing Tutorial: Beginner's Guide to Registering and Making Your First Zoom Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2pq411urXA>

Website for Zoom : <https://zoom.us/>

Zoom Pricing : <https://zoom.us/pricing> For 100 participants for up to 40 minutes the cost is Zero

### **What's App (A smart phone application)- How to Use Whatsapp - 2020 Beginner's Guide**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3EdIJeTXk>

As we move through the next few months we need to look after ourselves, our families, our members and our communities.

I am also seeking ideas from members on how we can continue to service our communities during this time and would like to set up a list of ideas for members to access.

To keep the message short, I am asking members to

1. Look at alternative methods of communicating eg Zoom or What's App but not limited to just these
2. Looking for champions of the above and other methods to go on a register to assist clubs and members
3. Looking for ideas from members on how we can service our communities.

I am also asking for Presidents to keep in close contact with their Assistant Governors and each other in your cluster groups.

One thing we have learned over the past few weeks is that the present situation is dynamic and constantly changing. Please stay up to date with changes and adjust accordingly.

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We are an organisation that has survived many events in the last 115 years and by continuing to support each other and the community will survive the current crisis.

Many thanks, Wayne Milnes

*Rotary Connects the World*

**Hydrotherapy Patient Lifter for Pinjarra Swimming Pool  
Presentation by the Rotary Clubs of Ascot and Pinjarra**



