



# 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

Ascot Rotary Club Meeting: Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**President Hugh welcomed us to our Zoom meeting.**

The following members attended the meeting: President Hugh Langridge, President Elect Michael Metcalf, Mike Bermann, Joanna Kendall, Michelle Kendall, Stuart Rutter, Dianne Reed, Ron Alexander, Alan Thomson, Jeff Stephenson, Leanne Barron, Aidan Wood, Peter Richardson, PDG Jodie Sparks, Christine Goss, Billy Chin and our guest speaker Amy Perrie.

Apology: Stephen Kendall.

## Club Notifications

**NEXT MEETING: Concerning Future Directions**

**An Urgent Meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at the Ingot Hotel.**

Notice is given that a "face to face" meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 June at 7am for 7.30 am at the Ingot Hotel.

As a Club, we will need to discuss and decide how we will go forward regarding future meetings.

- For example, should we meet twice a month in the Zoom Format?
- Should we meet once a month in Zoom and once a month "face to face" at the Ingot Hotel?
- Should we meet twice a month "face to face" at the Ingot Hotel?
- Should we meet twice a month at the Ingot but offer a Zoom connection to the meeting for those unable to attend at the Ingot Hotel?

***We urge all Club members to attend this meeting***

**International: Mike Bermann**

The Water Project in Timor Leste is back on track with materials now being delivered to the village. It is expected that this project will be completed this month.

So far, our Club has raised \$300,000 to provide materials for 11 water projects. The goal has been to tap into spring water from the mountains and pipe this water to villages and provide tanks for storage. Additionally, toilet blocks for the close-by hamlets, villages and schools will be built with the funds. The local people have completed all work themselves as well as maintaining the completed projects ensuring they are sustainable over the longer term. As a direct result of our Clubs' support, the health of the village people has been improved with many children able to attend school rather than spend the day carting water for the family.

### **"Wheels of Hope" Charity**

PDG Jodie Sparks gave a brief description of the charity she manages, "Wheels of Hope". The charity now has 44 wheelchair accessible vehicles that they own and maintain. These cars support families who have a family member with a severe disability, such as cerebral palsy. The vehicles offer transport for medical appointments, shopping and to attend sporting and cultural events which they would otherwise be unable to participate.

Mike Bermann presented Jodie a cheque for \$5000 from the Club to cover the cost for 12 months of running a vehicle for a girl with cerebral palsy from a family in Carlisle.

### **Treasurer: Joanna Kendall**

Board members passed the Club Budget on 8th June confirming the club levies will remain the same, with one exception.

Rotary Down Under magazine is increasing their subscription costs for those who wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the magazine. If you want to continue receiving a paper copy, this additional cost will be passed on to you through your club dues increasing to \$295.

To receive a digital copy, you must opt-in, and this will run for the year. We need to update the member records ASAP so it would be appreciated if you could advise Joanna before 13 June for this option. It is a RI requirement that a magazine be provided to each member.

Maintaining the club levies at \$285 (digital) and \$295 (non-digital) will have a shortfall on the costs of running the Club. There will hopefully be some club fundraising opportunities during the year, and our participation in the Victoria Park markets will yield some returns once things are back to normal.

Also, after discussion at the Board meeting, it was decided that there would be a second line item on the invoice for you to make your voluntary Centurion contribution at the beginning of the year. With increased meal costs, the Club will no longer allocate \$2 per meeting to the Centurion project, so this is a great way to meet your Centurion commitment of \$100 Every Rotarian Every Year.

### **Victoria Park Markets: Peter Richardson**

The markets are attracting good numbers, and the following Ascot volunteers have taken up the support of the "Bump Out" from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Sunday 14th June: Stephen Kendall

Sunday 21 June: Leanne Barron

Sunday 28th June: Stuart Rutter

Please let Peter know if you can help any Sunday in July.

### **Vocational / Youth Report: Stuart Rutter**

Two students from Ursula Frayne have applied to attend the National Youth Science Forum.

If they are successful in their application, the Club will provide support to them, providing the students with an excellent opportunity to gain experience with experts in a range of scientific endeavours. Our recent guest speaker Tyana Orlando gave an excellent talk about her experience at the Forum held last year at the University of Queensland.

### **President-Elect: Michael Metcalf.**

Michael advised future directors that the District Assembly would be held on 14th June with a Zoom meeting. Please register online before this Friday, 5 pm.

Jodie gave a brief description of the purpose of the Assembly. It provides training at a Club level for District Projects and allows the DGE to set out the goals for the year.

### **Club Changeover Sunday, July 5th**

We will have a breakfast changeover at the Mount Lawley Golf Club on Sunday, July 5th.

Please keep that date free. Further details will follow later.

**Report from Alan Thomson**

Alan reminded us that Bev has been a Rotarian for 20 years and has attended 17 International Conventions. Bev is, at present in an Aged Care facility and is not travelling well. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Bev and Alan.

**Foundation and Membership: Hugh Langridge.**

Hugh reminded members that the opportunity to apply for a District Grant is now available. Grants of \$3000 are available for worthy projects. Please contact Hugh if you have any suggestions.

**Centurion Program**

Hugh reported that we have 15 members who will become Centurions this year.

That is members who have made a voluntary contribution to Rotary Foundation of \$100.

Rotary Foundation is the cornerstone of Rotary International projects around the world.

Jodie as the District Foundation Chair announced that our Club was number 1 in the District. This year we have donated \$8000 US.

Our overall contribution to Rotary Foundation is \$103,977, and this makes our club number 3 in the District. These contributions are an incredible achievement.

**Guest Speaker: Amy Perrie, "Inclusion Solutions".**

Leanne introduced Amy, who is a consultant with Inclusion Solutions, and her role is to work alongside people who are disadvantaged or disconnected from society to help them live the best possible life. The specialist Inclusion Solution Team works with local Government, individuals, organisations and community groups.

Amy has a Bachelor of Community and International Aid Development and has worked overseas in an orphanage in Tanzania before becoming an Inclusion Consultant.

Amy explained that Inclusion Solutions was launched in 2016 and is a 'not for profit' organisation that works with people with disabilities, and at risk of social exclusion and isolation. The goal is to offer them a rewarding life and if relevant, help them obtain work. At present, 47 people have been helped into the workforce with sustainable employment. A similar project in Alberta Canada has successfully helped 706 people obtain work.

Programs are developed that connect people at risk of social exclusion and isolation within their communities.

The work in Perth is linked to four Rotary Clubs at present, with the aim to use the network of members in a Rotary club to provide 'word-of-mouth' employment opportunities. This could include work experience, part-time work or full-time work.

The State defines a person with a disability as someone who is restricted from experiencing everyday activities. One in six people suffer some type of disability, and this includes 7.9% with a profound disability. Around 47% of working-age people with a disability are not in work; this includes people with a physical disability such as confined to a wheelchair and those with an invisible disability, for example, one linked to mental health.

Amy questioned how many of us have worked with or employed a person with a disability? There are myths that employers often have: for example; someone with a disability is less productive, more expensive and has fewer skills. In many cases, research has shown these myths to be inaccurate, and given the opportunity, these people can make a significant contribution.

The Rotary Employment Partnership Project allows a business to be flexible with their hours accommodating the needs of the person with a disability. This project gives the person with a disability choice and control based on their capacity to engage in meaningful employment. The Rotary Employment Partnership Project also up-skills, equips and builds the capacity of employers to ensure equal, fair and inclusive treatment of all people with disabilities in their employment.

The Club thanked Amy for a very inspiring talk on her work with Inclusion Solutions and what this organisation does in dealing with a fundamental social issue in society.

## 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 2020	Host Chair	Guest Speaker and Topic
June 23	Hugh Langridge	Club Meeting at Ingot to discuss future directions.
July 5	Michael Metcalf	Changeover at Mt Lawley Golf Club
July 21	Michelle Kendall	
August 11	Gerry McLernon	
August 25	Alan Thomson	
September 8	Jeff Stephenson	