



ASCOT ROTARY - HOME OF BRICKTOBER

ASCOT ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN: 2024-2025: Volume 56 Number 18: 8 April 2025

THIS MONTH'S ROTARY THEME: The Environment

Supporting the Environment is Rotary's seventh area of focus.



We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

CALENDAR—DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Rotamart Dates: Satellite Club is asking for our assistance

- April: 13 and 27th

Here is a link to the roster if you can add your name: <https://bit.ly/4esP3Rm>

April

15 April: Satellite Club meeting

22 April: No breakfast meeting this week

Next board meeting will be in May.

May

12 May: Board meeting

13 May: Breakfast club meeting

18 May: Pedal Prix, Wanneroo

20 May: Satellite club meeting

27 May: Breakfast club meeting

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE NEXT MEETING

13 May

International Toast: Gerry McLernon—Letter C

Host Chair: Hugh Langridge

Guest Speaker: Pedal Prix WA Rep

WHO IS DOING WHAT AT THE MEETING AFTER

27 May

International Toast: Dianne Reed—Letter D

Host Chair: Mike Bermann

Guest Speaker: to be confirmed

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard.

As people of action Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water.

VISITORS TODAY:

We had a lovely lot of visitors this morning: Satellite members: Stewart, Robyn, Chris and our regular visitor, Troy. Welcome everyone. We hope you enjoyed our meeting.

BRICKTOBER IS COMING

11 AND 12 OCTOBER

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS YEAR:

Board members:

President: Jodie Sparks
Secretary: Di Reed
Treasurer/President Elect: Mike Bermann
Foundation/Executive Secretary: Hugh Langridge
Vice President: Di Reed
Club Wellness: Ros McLernon
Projects Chair: Kerry Smith

Supported by:

Chris Merton: Satellite Club Chairman
Ron Alexander: Youth Activities
Jodie/Dianne: PR/Media/Bulletin
Dianne: Play Tubs Coordinator
Jodie: Bricktober Chair
Mike: Bricktober Operations Manager

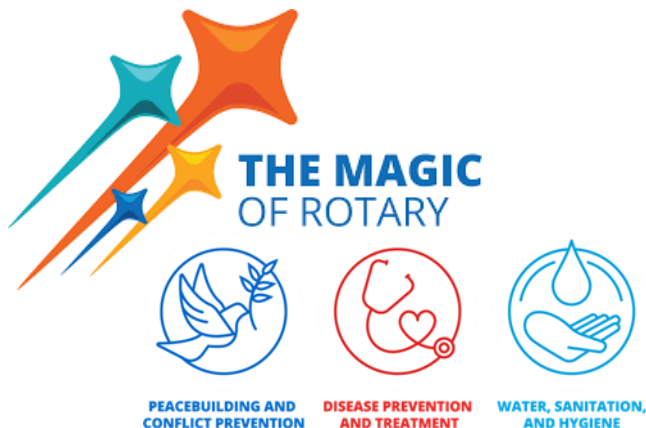
WANT TO PAY YOUR MEETING COSTS AS A LUMP SUM?

Watch this space to see how many meetings we will have this Rotary year—so you can decide to pay up front or on a meeting by meeting basis.

There are 4 possible meetings so you could pay \$20 and not have to worry about bringing \$5 each week.

◇ Club account: 036-078 494404

If you can't make the meeting, can you please send apologies either to President Jodie or Attendance Officer prior to the meeting.



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION

DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE

MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH

BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT

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Bricktober: <https://www.facebook.com/PerthBricktober>

Websites:

Ascot Webpage: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7992/Page/ShowHomePage>

Bricktober webpage: <https://www.bricktober.au/>

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a President Elect for the next Rotary year. Can you do it? Will you be willing to take the job on and be club president in 2026-27?

Please let Jodie know if you can.

DO YOU KNOW ANY POSSIBLE GUEST SPEAKERS?

If you know someone who you think could be a great guest speaker please let Ros or Jodie know so we can set up a great programme for the year

COUNT DOWN TO :

- June 2025—International Conference—Calgary, Canada
- Food for Thought Event (Satellite Club) - 12 July
- Wine Event (Satellite Club) —24 August

FROM THIS MORNING'S MEETING

OUR INTERNATIONAL TOAST THIS WEEK:

This morning Ros had us toasting the Bristol Breakfast Rotary Club.

Their membership is more than 50 people, ranging in age from 'twenties up to retirees'.

They meet weekly for breakfast on Wednesdays at the Redland Green Club and have a great guest speaker programme.

They hold an annual Dragon Boat Festival and support a range of community projects in Bristol and overseas in a number of different communities.

They support a young lad who runs a Lego initiative to encourage kids to get away from their screens and foster creativity.



We love how we can find connections with others. <https://www.bristolbreakfastrotary.org.uk/Stories/landon-s-lego-initiative>

OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING WAS MIA WHO SPOKE ABOUT CYBERSECURITY

Whew, what a lot we have to remember from this morning's talk. So much to think about to ensure that we stay safe in our digital world. Today's scammers are professionals at this. They use advanced technology to help them reach their quotas—yes it is big business. They just need to be successful once; whereas we need to be much harder working so we can be successful every time we are confronted with one of them.

We need to be consistent with our reactions to them

- Be skeptical about who is making contact with you
- Validate their identity—check with them; and then go and do your own research outside of the options they provide
- Talk to a friend—you will then find out that almost all of us have either fallen victim to a scammer, or know someone else who has.
- Don't panic when you read what they have written—they want to scare you into taking immediate action.
- Block their email/text so they can't come back to you.
- Use passphrases (as they are harder to crack than a simple word with numbers) and have a different one for each account so even if they get into one, they can't then get into all of them.
- Use a password manager
- Use multi factor authentication



Thank you Mia it was a great warning to us all to be vigilant against these professionals who are getting even more wily.

Apologies THIS MORNING:: Mike Bermann

Wine Raffle Winner and Keyman: Ron Alexander

ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTURION PROGRAMME

The Centurion Programme is an easy way for us to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. All contributions we make count towards our club's Annual Giving total.

Your donation accrues Paul Harris Fellow points, and is tax deductible.

It is only \$100 AUD for the year.

- Our aim is to have all members be a Centurion— if you can afford it.
- Deposits can be made into our club account any time, please make sure you include your name and Centurian donation on the deposit.

We would love it if all members could become a Centurian this year. Let Hugh know when you have deposited your \$100. No pressure. We traditionally focus on eradicating polio for where the funds go.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Can you help the Bricktober Committee? If you can help get our show on the road for this year, please let Jodie know so we can get the planning and organizing done in time for Bricktober 2025.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE PEDAL PRIX EVENT

We are looking for people willing to take on the marshalling duties for about 3 hours on the 18th May at our first ever Pedal Prix sponsorship event.

If you are interested, please let Jodie know. Or email ascotrotarywa@gmail.com and we'll pass the message on to her.

PEDAL PRIX WA EVENT

Our funds will sponsor this event on 18 May so put that date in your diaries. That event will be called "The Ascot Round".

We need to be there to show support for our club.

Also on 13 May they will be guest speakers at our club so we can find out a bit more about the event.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

APRIL:

BIRTHDAYS

Stewart Bermann	7 April
Hugh Langridge	25 April
Aidan Wood	30 April

ANNIVERSARIES

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Richardson	32 years
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Global Grant Funding to the tune of some \$18.4 million has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through out support of community economic development and water sanitation and hygiene projects.

What can we do?

Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine and freshwater resources.

Satellite Club has been involved in tree planting for the past couple of years with local councils.

DO YOU KNOW ANY 14—17 YEAR OLDS

We are wanting to sponsor some 14—17 year olds so they can attend the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) camp to be held in either May or September.

It is a weekend course where the focus is on confidence building and introductory leadership training.

If you know someone who might benefit—please contact the club at our email address: ascotrotarywa@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

14 June: District Changeover (evening)

15 June—lunchtime—for our Changeover event