

# CLUB BULLETIN



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## ASCOT ROTARY: Home of Bricktober

### FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

#### Basic Education and Literacy

The aim is to strengthen communities' ability to support education and literacy for all ages, reduce the gender gap and increase adult literacy worldwide.

This should help reduce poverty, improve health and foster community development.

Two thirds of the 773 million adults who are illiterate worldwide are women; and millions of children and teenagers do not meet minimum literacy standards.

What are we doing to make a difference?

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1—Semi finals for Four Way Speech contest
- 8—Board meeting
- 9—Breakfast Club meeting
- 9—Bricktober committee meeting
- 16—Satellite Club meeting
- 20—Four Way Speech Contest Finals—Geraldton
- 23—Breakfast Club meeting

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Our International Toast today was the Letter I and despite a little hiccup we decided to toast all those clubs that start with the Letter I— so if your club name is between I' Ancienne-Lorette, Quebec and Icara in Brazil the Ascot Rotary Club salutes you and the work that your club does.



### FOUR WAY SPEECH COMPETITION

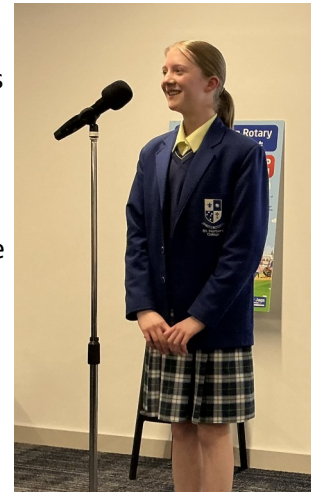
We wish Jarrah all the very best as she proceeds to the State Finals of the Four Way Speaking Contest.

The Grand Final will be held in Geraldton on the 20th September.

If anyone is able to go and support her that would be great.

Use the link below to book a seat. The evening commences at 5.30 pm at Batavia Hall, Geraldton Grammar School

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEYVW>



### Can't make it to our meeting?

Send apologies to Attendance Officer, Mike B prior to the meeting please.

## SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEETING THIS WEEK

### GUEST SPEAKER: Jude Wright from Wright's Trikes

As you know Ascot Rotary sponsored Jude's Human Powered Vehicle throughout the four event series in WA earlier this year.

Jude originally had one vehicle in the races, but expanded it to add a second vehicle to enable the team members to be more comfortably accommodated in the trike.

In the first race he had some issues due to the aerodynamic design of the vehicle; but some of these issues were overcome in the second race, where they clocked times of almost 60 kms/hour.

They made some good times during the third event held in Bunbury and then during the final event which was an International/South Australian run event both bikes were entered. Jude competed as a solo rider and raced for 6 hours with minimal comfort stops en route. He placed first in the Open Solo category and it was his first time ever to cycle for that length of time. A similar competition in South Australia attracts over 200 teams. In WA currently there are 45 teams and growing.

He and a few of his team members are off to Murray Bridge in South Australia to compete in the Le Mans style 24 hour event to be held there later this month. There are over 170 teams involved and each team has up to 7 members.

He is seen in the bike he designed, built and raced this year. He is looking at how he can bring improvements to the design for next year's races.

Well done Jude. Wishing you all the best for South Australia, and we'd love to see how the new and improved vehicle works next year. Thanks for sharing with us this morning.



### 11-12 October 2025

Perth's biggest LEGO event is our biggest fundraiser; so please promote it amongst friends and family.

We need your support over the weekend to make it a success.

Make sure you have registered to volunteer.



Wine Raffle

Winner:

Gerry McLernon

### RYLA APPLICATIONS OPEN

If you know someone who may benefit from being part of RYLA please let Jodie or Kerry know. They need to be 18—28 years old and interested in developing their leadership potential.

## VALE

SangKoo Yun

Former RI President-elect

dies at aged 75

<https://my.rotary.org/en/sangkoo-yun-former-ri-president-elect-dies-75>

## NEW PRESIDENT ELECT FOR 2026-27

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola  
Member of the Rotary Club  
of Trans Amadi, Nigeria

<https://www.rotary.org/en/olayinka-hakeem-babalola-selected-to-be-2026-27-rotary-international-president>



## NO MORE MALARIA IN TIMOR L'ESTE

Timor L'Este declared malaria free by World Health Organisation in July 2025.

They managed to reduce the number of cases of malaria from 223,000 in 2006 to zero indigenous cases for three consecutive years.

Their job now is to maintain vigilance and prevent the re-establishment of malaria through continued investment and monitoring.

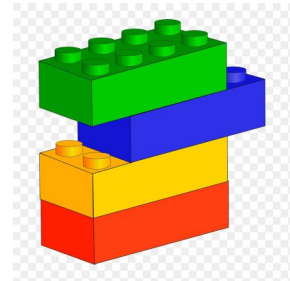
Well done . An amazing achievement.

## BRICKTOBER UPDATE

Sales are going well, already sold 1,580 tickets so far with approximately 350 awesome trail tickets sold.

There are 72 adult exhibitors (including the Great Ball Contraption team) and the junior exhibitors are oversubscribed. There are 42 wanting to exhibit with a maximum of 24 spots available.

Keep the advertising going. Let's make it another wonderful event.



## WHO IS DOING WHAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

### 23 SEPTEMBER

**Host Chair:** Peter Richardson

**Guest Speaker:** Ann Bermann—Briefing for Volunteers

**International Toast:** Ros McLernon—Letter J

### 14 OCTOBER

**Host Chair:** Jodie Sparks

**Debrief of Bricktober.**

**International Toast:**



## Do you have ideas for a great guest speaker?

Let Ros know please so she can finalise our speakers list for the year.

