

ASCOT ROTARY CLUB INC



MEETING DETAILS:

We meet twice per month

Where: Ingot Hotel, Belmont

When—2nd AND 4th Tuesday of each month

What time: 7.00 for 7.30 am start. All over by 8.30 am

JULY AT A GLANCE:

July 8: Bricktober committee meeting

Wednesday July 14: Combined Interclub Meeting at Burswood Atrium

July 20: Satellite Club meets 5.30 pm

July 27: Meeting at Ingot Hotel

OUR FIRST MEETING OF NEW ROTARY YEAR:

This will be a **combined meeting on WEDNESDAY 14 JULY** at Crown Casino's Atrium Restaurant.

Come along and meet the incoming District Governor and catch up with members of the South Perth/ Burswood and Victoria Park Rotary Clubs.

Price is \$25.00 per head.

RSVP to Ros McLernon so she can submit numbers prior to the event. Ros can be contacted on 0412512122.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES—

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

Gerry McLernon	7 July
Michael Metcalf	8 July
Stuart Rutter	17 July
Jeff Stephenson	17 July
Robyn Metcalf	29 July

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stuart and Tracey Rutter

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Joanna Kendall	1 July 2000
Hugh Langridge	1 July 1991
Jodie Sparks	1 July 2000
Fiona Beermier	10 July 2018
Stuart Rutter	10 July 2018

Ascot Satellite Club

Meeting Details:

3rd Tuesday of the month at Carlisle Hotel at 5.30 pm

If you know of anyone wishing to join Rotary but can't make our breakfast meeting—let Jodie know. She can be contacted on 0412 329 859.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

HANDOVER FROM CURRENT BOARD TO NEW BOARD— SUNDAY 27 JUNE



This will be held at the Royal Perth Golf Club on Labouchere Road, South Perth. Aim to arrive at 8.30 am for a 9.00 am start. Partners are invited to come to this too. It is a great chance for them to meet other club members and their partners and celebrate the work that our club does during the year.

RSVP to Ros by Friday 20th June so she can deal with the numbers. Ros: 0412512122 or rinaldi.mclernon@bigpond.com

Please pay your \$40 per person into the Club account:

BSB: 036078

ACCOUNT Number: 494404

ACCOUNT Name: Ascot Rotary Club

INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR MEETING

This year we will be having a joint meeting at Burswood Atrium with Burswood/South Perth and Victoria Park clubs. Price will be the same as usual, and meeting time will be changed to **Wednesday 14th July** instead of our usual Tuesday meeting. Meeting time remains the same—7.00 for 7.30 am. This is a good chance for you to meet the incoming District Governor, Pat Schraven from Rockingham. Partners are welcome.

Please let Ros know if you will be attending this event so she can pass on numbers to Burswood club.



NEWS FROM ASCOT SATELLITE CLUB:

They will be meeting regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Carlisle Hotel at 5.30 pm.

There were 12 at the last meeting, a combination of people who are new to Rotary, some who prefer this time slot and some supporters from our club.

They have already embarked on 2 projects:

- 100 Handbags for those in need—to mark 100 years of Rotary in Australia
- 10 Wheelchairs

Great news.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining in—please contact Jodie on 0412 329 859 so she can provide more details.



GUEST SPEAKER :

Ross Capes

His Life as a WAFL player, umpire, umpires' coach and arm chair critic.

Ross provided us with an interesting overview of his life in the world of Australian rules football. He grew up in Fremantle and had the usual choice of sports—cricket in summer and football in winter. He played football for South Fremantle. As a young man he joined the ANZ bank (in fact on his first day he hobbled into work on crutches because of a broken leg from his football playing).

After about 4 years at the ANZ bank in Fremantle he was moved to Katanning where he learned more skills—including the art of drinking. For each of the 3 years he was in Katanning he achieved the “fairest and best” for the football team he played for.

Unfortunately he discovered that no matter what he did to help build his physique he was a bit too short to make it to the big time, so he switched to umpiring instead when he returned to Perth after his country stint.

When he was umpiring there was only 1 umpire (whereas today there are 3 on the field at any one time). They used to umpire country football games too so 4 of them would set off early in the morning to be progressively dropped off at the town they were umpiring in. The person with the car would continue dropping them off until he got to his game. They would umpire their games, and then the driver would collect them as he made his way back to Perth at the end of the day.

Ross provided a couple of stories about having to deal with some incidents at country games. He spoke of an incident in Donnybrook, where a ‘donnybrook’ started up and he had to intervene, despite some threats from one of the teams. He spent an extra half hour in the change rooms at the end of that game to make sure everyone left before he did.

He wasn’t so sure that the half time cuppa and cake was the best preparation for facing the second half of a football game, but the country women certainly provided that for him when he was umpiring. At the end of the game he would end up in the change rooms of the local side, and was often pressed into joining them with a “brown” (or bottle of beer)

Ross did make it into the top 16 umpires so he was picked to umpire the top league and colts games. At this point in his career it meant more games in the city and less country travel. His first league game was between East Fremantle versus Subiaco in 1971 and at the time he was the youngest umpire.

He umpired a number of grand final games over the next 10 years but then decided in 1982 to hang up his umpiring boots. He then took on the, much harder, role of coaching the umpires for about 3 years before retiring to become an armchair critic.

Ross still catches up with members of the “200 Club” (players, umpires and officials who have been involved in over 200 games—some of which must have been in WA) at an annual function at the Royal Perth Golf Club—which is where we will be having our handover breakfast this coming weekend.

Thanks Ross, a very enjoyable talk, and loved the letter from Denis Cometti that you read out.

MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Please make sure you either send in your apologies before the meeting commences, or attend the meeting each time we meet (twice monthly). The hotel we meet at bills us for a minimum number (sometimes more than who attends!). This means that funds that we could be using to donate to Rotary are being diverted to paying for that minimum number. If this continues we will run out of funds!! Please make sure you either phone Jodie to offer your apologies, or attend. Don't make us go back to the days where you had to pay if you didn't attend AND didn't offer an apology for not attending.

NOTES FROM OUR 22 June MEETING:

Welcome Guest: Peter Hatley—a friend of Peter Richardson's who has an interest in football and wanted to hear what Ross had to say.

Welcome to our guest speaker: Ross Capes who spoke about his involvement in the WA Football community over a period of some 40+ years.

Committee Reports:

- ♦ You should have received an invitation to our **Handover** from outgoing President Michael, to incoming President Alan. Please make a big effort to attend. It will be a breakfast handover on Sunday 27 June, 8.30 am for 9.00 am start. It will be held at the Royal Perth Golf Club. Dress code enforced. Dress code is smart casual, no denim, men—shirts need to be tucked in and you must wear socks! Please pay your \$40 per person into the club account as soon as possible, and let Ros know if you are coming. Partners welcome.
- ♦ **Upcoming District Governor meeting** will be a combined one with Burswood/South Perth and Victoria Park on Wednesday 14 July 7.00 am for 7.30 am start at the Crown Atrium Restaurant. Cost is \$25 per person.
- ♦ **Community:** Michelle indicated that she is looking for preloved handbags for the annual Handbag project. If you have items that can go into the handbags, she will gladly receive them as well.
- ♦ **Bricktober:** The dates for Bricktober 2021 have been released. Please put them in your diary now and keep that weekend free. October 8 is set up day; with October 9 and 10 running of the event.



President Michael presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Wheels for Hope representative, Jodie Sparks. The funds provide for the annual running costs for wheelchair accessible transport for 2 local families who are in need. Currently Wheels for Hope have some 40 vehicles in their fleet—stretching from Geraldton to Albany.

APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE PLEASE

If you know you are not going to be able to make it to the meeting, please can you let Jodie, our Attendance Officer know ahead of time. She can be contacted on 0412329859.

HOST CHAIRS

I am developing a roster for Host Chairs for next Rotary year. You should have received a copy as an attachment to our last newsletter.

27 July: Hugh Langridge on Welcoming and Mike Bermann is Host Chair

Thanks. Dianne

BRICKTOBER 2021

DATES FOR THE EVENT:

9 AND 10 October



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Did you know:

- The newest country to join Rotary is Vietnam.
- Both Africa and Australia are celebrating their centennials this year.
- The International Rotary Convention was a virtual one this year, with opportunities to log in and find out more about this amazing organization we belong to.
- We are asked to Dream Big and take small steps to make amazing things happen.
- The Action Plan for Rotary International through to 2024 has 4 priorities:
 - 1: Increase our impact
 - 2: Expand our Reach
 - 3: Enhance participant engagement
 - 4: Increase our ability to adapt
- Find out more about the Action Plan here: <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/action-plan>

Want to find out more about Rotary? Check out our website and 'contact us' for more details

www.ascotrotary.org.au

WANT TO KNOW WHAT OTHER ROTARY CLUBS ARE UP TO?

Check out Rotary BlogSpot to find out:

<https://rotaryoutwest.blogspot.com/2021/06/470-help-us-continue-to-support.html>

Check out our Facebook page for photos and updates: <https://www.facebook.com/AscotRotary/>

Check out our Ascot Rotary Webpage for further articles, calendar items and updates: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7992/Page/ShowHomePage>

Check out Bricktober's website: www.bricktober.info and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Bricktober.Perth