



# Ashmore in Action

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The Meeting Venue for Next Wednesday is:  
Ashmore Seafood & Steak Restaurant

Club President



Norman Coventry

R.I. President



Holger Knaack

District Governor



Andy Rajapakse

Assistant Governor



David Bisiker



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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## Denise Payne

We received news on Wednesday that Past President and President Elect, Denise Payne fell very heavily this afternoon. She has sustained quite serious facial injuries which required stitches. As a result of the incident, Denise was unable to attend the meeting at the Ashmore Rotary Community Centre.

All at the meeting requested that I pass on to Denise our best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery from what must have been a shocking and painful experience.

### Club Officials for the Year 2020-21

**President:** ..... Norman Coventry  
**Vice president:** ..... Heather Yarker  
**President Elect:** ..... Denise Payne  
**Treasurer:** ..... Ian Wilson  
**Secretary:** ..... Joan Adams

### Service Directors

**Club Service:** ..... Denise Payne  
**Community Service:** ..... Barbary Healey  
**Youth:** ..... Jan Heap  
**Foundation & International Service:** ... Justine Dillon  
**Membership:** ..... Norman Coventry  
**Vocational Service:** ..... Robin Schatz

### Support

**Attendance:** ..... Robyn Schatz  
**Welfare:** ..... Marcia Waller  
**A.I.A.:** ..... Michael Hyland

### Report from the Meeting of the Rotary Club of Ashmore 19th August 2020

The meeting began informally with the serving of meal promptly at 18:30. The meal, again provided by the "A" team, comprised of a choice of Thai-style chicken or pork with vegetables or, for those preferring vegetarian food, just stir-fry vegetables in a Thai sauce. All choices were served with rice. This was yet another example of the culinary skills of our catering team with all attendees agreeing that *Pat Fleming, Brian McAllan & Barbara Healey* again deserved our congratulations. Drinks were ably served by *Rob Deshon* assisted by *Joan Adams*.

The meeting formally commenced at 18:50 with Coordinator, *Michael Hyland* introducing guests, *Tindy Gar* and *Lily Brown*, year-11 students from the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences, *Mark Woodhouse* from the Molendinar Community Centre and frequent visitor, *Taylor Dillon*.

Members with information were:-

President, *Norman Coventry*:

- Robyn was advised that 14 people would be attending tonight's meeting. 19 arrived! This creates catering difficulties for the "A" Team and embarrassment to the club if insufficient food is available for members and visitors attending.

**FOR MEETINGS AT THE ASHMORE ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE, WOULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ADVISE ROBYN SCHATZ OF YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND - INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF GUESTS, IF ANY.**

- A discussion with the President of Parkwood Rotary revealed that they are having difficulty with membership with as few as six members at meetings. It is apparent that this is also a situation experienced by Nerang Rotary. Whilst there is no present intention to amalgamate with either or both of these clubs, it may be

### \*\*\*\*\*Advice for Catering\*\*\*\*\*

For meetings at the **Ashmore Road Community Centre (ARCC)**, please make sure that you advise **Robyn Schatz OF YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND** as we require numbers for catering.

Contact Robyn on Mob.: 0439 794 092 or

Email: [randgschatz@gmail.com](mailto:randgschatz@gmail.com)

For meetings that are held at the **Ashmore Road Seafood & Steak Restaurant (ARS&S)**, please advise Robyn if you **WILL NOT BE ATTENDING** as we may be charged if all meals ordered are not taken.

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**Meeting Record for 19th August**

prudent, if Ashmore Membership approves, to occasionally hold joint meetings at the ARCC. *There were no dissenting voices.*

**Jan Heap:**

- Re-introduced *Lily Brown*. *Lily* is a third-generation Australian and live at Tambourine Mountain. Her major subjects are Chemistry and Biology. She is hoping to be able to follow a career in Medicine. *Lily* was nominated by Ashmore Rotary to be a local representative at the 2021 National Youth Science Forum. The objective of the Rotary-sponsored forum is to prepare year 12 students for study and careers in the “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines. Our nomination was approved and *Lily* will be attending the forum next summer in Canberra.
- *Jan* then asked the 2020/21 Interact President of the QAHS Group, *Tinddy Gar* to come forward. *Tinddy* gave us a brief outline to her background, spending her early life in Sydney before moving to the Gold Coast. She has also spent time at the family home in China. She was presented with the interact Badge of Office and other paraphernalia of the president of an Interact Group.



Lily Brown, QAHS  
2020/21 National Youth Science Forum Delegate



Tinddy Gar QAHS  
2020/21 President QAHS Interact

**Nina Simson:**

- *Nina* is responsible for advancing the concept of Diversity within the club and to this end, will ask members to detail their background that will demonstrate the diversity within Ashmore Rotary that combines to produce a melded, (mostly) coordinated group dedicated to the aim helping others

*Nina* introduced John Stanfield who gave a short discourse on the diversity of professions in which he has worked.

John has been 50 years in the workforce. He began his career as a clerk with the Bank of New South Wales (subsequently Westpac). He was sent to Boonah. He had no idea where Boonah was. He boarded in a house with several other clerks from various banks.

These were the days when all transactions were made into a ledger by hand. The ink used to enter those transactions was made by the Junior (initially John), stirring an ink powder into water. An early adventure was when he was asked to accompany the Manager to one of the local shops. The shop was locked. Attempts were made to obtain the attention of an occupant; both at the front and the rear of the shop. The Manager then instructed John to climb up to the window, remove (break) the louvres and climb in and open the door for the Manager. On other occasions the wife of a business owner would bring significant quantities of money into the bank in a laundry basket. The money would be duly counted and banked. The business owner was subsequently charged with Bank Robbery! John left general banking after ten years and transferred to the Public Relations division of the Bank of NSW, working there for three and a half years. Since that time John has worked variously as Bank Manager, Bookshop Owner, Deck Hand, Regional Manager for Mercantile Permanent. John qualifies for having a diverse career.

**Barbara Healy:**

- Following a question from member(s) regarding the value of the investment into the gardens of the Headway homes, Barbara sought a response from her contact at the organisation.

It is an objective and history indicates that it has generally been achieved, that the Headway homes are leased for long-term periods.

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<u>Future Meetings</u>			
Day/Date	Venue	DutyTeam	Speaker
26 Aug.	AS&S	<b>GOLD</b>	Rod Preston <i>Mysteries of the Mail: Secrets &amp; Spies etc.</i>
01 Sept.	ARRC	<b>RED</b>	<b>FATHERS' DAY</b> <i>Subject: Members' Fathers</i>
09 Sept.	ARRC	<b>GREEN</b>	D.G. Visit <i>Joint Meeting with Rotary Nerang ??</i>
16 Sept.	ARRC	<b>GOLD</b>	
23 Sept	AS&S	<b>RED</b>	

**Covid-19 Restrictions - Queensland**  
**As of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

- No more than 1 person per 2 square metres
- Maintain a list of attendees for 56 days after the event.
- Observe Physical Distancing (min. 1.5 metres).

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**Please note that as a result of a decision by the Public Relations body, this edition of Ashmore in Action will be the last distributed generally by email to all members.**

**Future editions will be available on the Ashmore Rotary website from Sunday Afternoon.**

**As required, District representatives will continue to receive a copy by email.**

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

**The awards night is set down for the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. If you have someone who you would like to nominate, Would you please contact Barbara Healy for the form.**

**Nominations due no later than the SECOND OF SEPTEMBER**

**STOP PRESS**

**Email from QAHS Student**

Dear Jan and members of Rotary Ashmore,

I would just like to express my gratitude for inviting me to your meeting yesterday evening. It was a pleasure to meet all of you and I thank you again for the support you have shown in my application to the NYSF. Dinner was lovely and I enjoyed learning more about Rotary Ashmore, and your contributions within the community.

I very much look forward to keeping in contact.

Yours faithfully,

Lily Brown.

**Meeting Report 19th August**

Specifically, the first of the two house gardens refurbished by Ashmore Rotary is a Housing Commission property that has been rented by Headway for many years.

The most recent house property attended is privately rented with an intention to retain the property for many years,

In both cases, there has been a marked difference in the moral of the residents which is critical in their circumstances.

- A vocational visit to the Opal Cutter at Mount Tamborine is a possibility. A show of hands indicated that a visit could be arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. *Mark Woodhouse* has offered the Molendinar Community bus for transport on that day.
- *Barbara* has been exploring projects that will bring income to the club. Another venue for a Car Boot market appears out of the question. A stand at Carrara Markets is expensive. A Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings is a possibility with strict hygiene requirements in place and monitored\*. Perhaps the best option would be a Sausage sizzle at the Sunday Nerang Market. This will be further investigated with a view to a joint project with Nerang and possibly Parkwood.
- The Community hall has been hired for an Australia Post Training Day.
- Confirmation that the Pride of Workmanship awards night is 28<sup>th</sup> October. Entry forms should be submitted no later than Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2

\* A member of Bunnings staff observes the stand at all times

**End of a Tour**

**The Story of the Last Days of a Lancaster Bomber Crew**

By

**Ken Cowan\***

Flight Lieutenant R.R. Cowan was Ken's uncle. He enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force, trained as a Lancaster Bomber pilot in Canada and transferred to England in 1944. He was based at Bomber Station, Waddington, Lincolnshire.

He flew his first mission in February 1944 and by June had completed 32 missions over France and Germany. By far the longest and most dangerous of those missions were to Nuremberg and Berlin where massive losses were incurred.

It was general practice for all bomber flight crews to complete 30 missions and then break for six months. Flt. Lt. Cowan's tour was extended. The 33rd and fateful mission was to attack V1 rocket sites in northern France. This was considered as one of the shorter and less dangerous missions. During the raid the aircraft was caught in a searchlight array and shot down with the loss of all crew. Of the crew of seven, six bailed out. Five were dead on landing. The sixth survived until the following morning. It is apparent that Flt. Lt. Cowan remained with the aircraft which exploded and disintegrated on crashing. No trace of the remains of the pilot were found.

His name appears on the bomber command memorial in Green Park London.

Ken has researched the flying career of Flt. Lt. Cowan and compiled an enormous amount of data related to the AVRO Lancaster aircraft, the missions undertaken by his uncle during the few short months of active service and the circumstances and location of his death. On a visit to the United Kingdom and Europe some years ago he met relatives of the crews of those bombers and visited the farms where his uncle's aircraft crashed. The present famer's father salvaged part of the wing of the fateful aircraft. Authenticity was established by a code still identifiable on the remnant.

*Heather Yarker* proposed a vote of thanks to Ken and invited the audience to show their appreciation in the usual way.

On a personal note, I congratulate Ken on the vast amount of data he has uncovered relating to the final mission of that Lancaster bomber and thank him for his interesting and moving talk to us this evening.

**Michael Hyland**



AVRO Lancaster Heavy Bomber. First utilised by Bomber Command in 1942. Designed with an unobstructed bomb bay, it carried bombs up to 10,000 kg. It had the largest payload of any aircraft of WWII. Powered by 4 Rolls Royce merlin engines, it was originally designed for daylight mission but became invaluable as a night bomber. After the war, a civilian version of the aircraft, the Lancastrian, was the first aircraft to take off on a transatlantic flight from the new Airport at Heathrow

The meeting closed with a reminder that the guest speaker next week is **Rod Preston** and his subject is "**Mysteries of the Mail - Secrets and Spies etc.**".

**Meeting Venue is Ashmore Seafood & Steak Restaurant**

**member's Welfare**

If you are aware of any member who is sick or is in need of help, please contact Marcia Waller on:

Mobile: 0413 730 820

Email: marcialampshade@gmail.com

**Celebrations**

**There are no club or wedding anniversaries this week.**

**Happy Birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to Janet Hyland**