



Ashmore in Action

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The Meeting Venue for Wednesday, 9th September is:
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre

Club President



Norman Coventry

R.I. President



Holger Knaack

District Governor

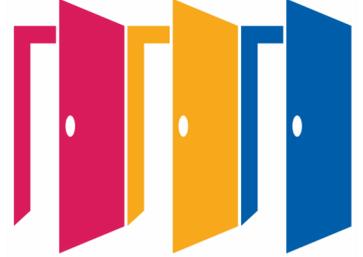


Andy Rajapakse

Assistant Governor



David Bisiker



Rotary Opens Opportunities

District Governor's Visit

ATTENDANCE ADVICE
ROTARY ASHMORE MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, THE 9th OF SEPTEMBER
 Will be held at
THE ASHMORE ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE
All members are required to advise Robyn Schatz of
their intentions (attending or not attending)
no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Contact Robyn Schatz:
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Club Officials for the Year 2020-21	
President:	Norman Coventry
Vice president:	Heather Yarker
President Elect:	Denise Payne
Treasurer:	Ian Wilson
Secretary:	Joan Adams
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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
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Support	
Attendance:	Robyn Schatz
Welfare:	Marcia Waller
A.I.A.:	Michael Hyland

Report on the meeting of 2nd September 2020 by Senior Staff Reporter, Jan Heap

Venue: Ashmore Rotary Community Centre.

After a hearty Italian meal and chocolate supreme cake, Rtn. Jan opened the meeting welcoming the 20 members, at 7.00 pm.

As Covid-19 is worldwide, Jan thought it ideal to give an example of what some Rotarians are doing in their local area so she chose four Rotary Clubs in Accra, Ghana. These Rotary Clubs partnered with the National Commission for Civic Education are embarking on Covid-19 education at the Agbobloshie markets. The Clubs donated 2000 face masks for children and adults around the market area. They emphasized to the locals how to wear the masks whenever they step out, how to take off and how to care for their masks. The toast was made to include all Rotarians that are out their volunteering their time to fight this pandemic.

Pre. Norm learnt something new at a Rotary meeting last Saturday. 'How to get everyone in sync'. If all Rotarians are pushing in one direction, they will all be in 'sync'. Demonstrated with coke cans, a centre bar and balancing metronomes.

3 Sept, 2020 – Fund Raising Committee Meeting.

7 Sept, 2020 – Membership Meeting.

9 Sept, 2020 – The District Governor's Annual visit. The Board and anyone who wishes to attend can join a meeting with the DG at the ARCC at 5.00 pm.

9 Oct 2020 – District Cluster training for this year's Board positions and any other member who would like to attend.

President reported that the response to advising Robyn of attendance at meetings has been well accepted. Members are encouraged to review the Guidelines for 'face to face' meetings. It is highly likely that the Health Dept., will come to inspect as we have been given special consideration, providing we play by these guidelines. Tonight's trial run went very well with the duty team paying attention to doing everything 'by the book'. It must be

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Although social distancing regulations in Queensland have been relaxed, there still remains some restrictions when meeting. Please refer to the section overleaf for the latest regulations that may affect us.

Future Meetings

Day/ Date	Venue	Duty Team	Speaker
09 Sept.	ARCC	GREEN	D.G. VISIT
16 Sept.	ARCC	GOLD	Social Media Presentation
23 Sept.	AS&S	RED	Natalie King A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
30 Sept.	Social Event		
07 Oct.	ARCC	GREEN	Joint Meeting TOASTMASTERS Crimestoppers
14 Oct.	ZOOM		
21 Oct.	ARCC	GOLD	Animal Welfare League

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remembered that Members health and safety is foremost, so the drill is 'Sanitise, Sanitise, Sanitise!' Gratitude to the Red Team Plus and the A team.

Rtn. Barbara commended Pres. Norm on a job well done. She asked the members how they felt about having a 'finger food' night with nibbles and party pies. The A Team is delving deeper into various types of menus for Wednesday nights.

Rtn. Denise introduced the Guest Speakers – Fathers come in all ages, shapes and sizes. Denise chose four of our members to give us an insight into their own Fathers.

Rtn. Ian Wilson shared a wonderful father/son relationship with **John Wilson** for 95 years. One third of John's life was experienced under difficult conditions with the Depression and two World Wars. John was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a caring teacher to his students, married in the mid 1930s. In WW2 he joined the Royal Australian Air Force. He trained as a bomber. He became a WAG – Wireless Air Gunner. It was in 1942 that the Japanese bombed Darwin. Here John's role was two-fold. He participated in bombing raids over Timor and played a major role in reconnaissance. After the War he returned to teaching. Ian says he never spoke of the war but Past Ashmore Member, Ken Ince encouraged John to write about his experiences. John spent 46 years as a teacher in Wollongong. Ian remembers John's commitment to service; he was involved in lifeline, scouting, RSL and he was instrumental in forming the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) support group. In summary, Ian says he had a wonderful relationship, with a very humble man, who served the community throughout his whole life.

Rtn. Graeme Allan's father, **Colin Allan** was very old School, according to his son. He saw everything in black and white and there was no in between. Colin and the family would dress for dinner and eat in a formal dining room. Graeme says there were interesting times as both father and son attended the same high school – Southland Boys High in Invercargill, NZ. At 15yrs, Colin made it into the 1st Cricket 11 and also represented NZ in athletics. Colin represented NZ in the 1927 NZ/AUS Athletics Championships. He became a lawyer and transferred to London in his early days. Graeme says his father was responsible for getting him his first job in Insurance. Colin and his wife travelled all over the world. He was involved in the Public Trust Office in Invercargill and was also involved in Lions.

Rtn. Brad Francis remembers his father, **Raymond Francis** as a 'never been so dark, that it was light again,' sort of a person. Raymond was a Warrant Officer in the Australian Air Force. Brad and his father played a lot of golf together. Raymond encouraged Brad to become a member of the CAF – (Citizen's Air Force), so he couldn't be called up for National Service. Raymond's skills included electroplating, which he started in 1943. He joined the RAAF in 1949 and this coincided with F111's coming to Australia, from whence he was involved in doing much electroplating. In 1953 Raymond married Brad's Mum and Raymond quotes that this union was the 'best thing in his life.' After much time served in the Air Force, his legacy that he gave to Brad was that 'He believed in doing one's best or don't bother doing it at all.'

Rtn. Ian McPherson - says his father, George Allan McPherson, should have been the film producer and director as he was the Director of Ian's life. At 21 he became employed by the Shell company, whereby he was transferred every two years. He was a professional tennis player at the age of 17yrs and a WA Tennis Champion. George 'directed' that No. 1 son, Rtn. Neil would become a Lawyer and No. 2 son, Rtn. Ian, would be involved in Business. When George found out that WA University was free the 'Director' said he should go to Uni. George's mentoring to his sons is that 'Life is about learning and seeking out the truth'. He taught Ian he could do anything, but he wasn't a man who showed compassion for his son's achievements or wished them well. He taught Ian that words matter and that life's most valued resource is 'time'. Also giving back to the community is important. Altogether, Ian's Grandfather, Father, Neil and Ian have been in Rotary for 100 years. Ian quoted, "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice" and to show humility with confidence.

Covid-19 Restrictions - Queensland As of 6th September 2020

Most restrictions put in place on the 30th of August remain except as from 8 am on Saturday when:

- Households are limited to no more than 10 people at any one time.
- Gold Coast City Local Government Area remains a RESTRICTED AREA.
- Contact Tracing Alerts were last updated on the 4th of September. Gold Coast Alert Areas are:
Pimpama- Coles Express and Coles Supermarket, United Service Station & McDonalds,
Coomera- IGA, Westfield & Bunnings
Southport- G.C. University Hosp. Fever Clinic.
If you have been to any of these locations check the website for the relevant days and time of day.
- If you feel sick, get tested
- Maintain Social Distancing –1.5 metres
- Maintain a list of attendees for 56 days after the event.

THERE IS NOW A COVID-19 PLAN FOR THE ASHMORE ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE.

All members will have received a copy and should be familiar with the contents.

Failure to abide by the Plan may result in expensive action against Ashmore Rotary

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

It is still the intention of the Public Relations body, to deliver the weekly, Ashmore in Action to members via the Club website. However, until all members are comfortable with the procedure of access to the website the document will be sent via email.

It is hoped that all members will be familiar with the procedure within the next month.

The more members that do use it, the better will be our ability to spread the Rotary Word.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

Pride of Workmanship is an approved Rotary project instigated in 1975 by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, Sydney.

The Pride of Workmanship Program enables managers in our society to help employees achieve the goal of job satisfaction, and publicly recognize them for their efforts.

The awards night is set down for the 28th of October. If you have someone who you would like to nominate, Would you please contact Barbara Healey for the form as early as possible.

George introduced Ian to Banjo Patterson and could quote 'The Man from Snowy River'. 'Clancy of the Overflow' is George McPherson's life's poem.

Rtn. Denise thanked these members for their memoirs and noted that all four Fathers believed in community service just like us.

From the Editor's Desk

Thanks are due to Jan Heap and Rob Deshon who respectively provided me with a report and photographs of the Father's Day meeting last Wednesday. Jan's meeting report saved me much time in compiling this document and relieving the ache in my ancient forefingers (I am a two fingered typist). Team Leaders; be forewarned. I am going to ask you to assign one of your team to take notes at each meeting then send them to me. They need not be comprehensive: key points are all I need, especially if I am at the meeting.

A **Thank You** is also due to President Norman Coventry for the production of the COVID-19 plan for the Community Centre. It is indeed a comprehensive document and all members should become familiar with the content. If, like me, you feel you need clarification on some points, please do not hesitate to ask. We must all be sure that no member is confused as to what is required and how each function should proceed. Given the duties that have to be assigned and the few there are to perform those duties, "co-operation" is the key word.

I was disappointed that I was unable to be at the last meeting. I have been a member since 2003 but I know little about the members. Once-a-week meetings and the odd service or social event doesn't offer much of an opportunity to chat about personal matters. Hearing/reading about members' fathers was interesting for me and probably more entertaining for those present. Thank you gentlemen for your efforts. (Although I will be chatting with Mr Francis regarding one statement - or was it a misprint?). Photographs of the speakers appear on this page 4; I would like to have seen them each side by side with their fathers.

Another reason I was disappointed I could not be at the meeting was not getting the chance to have chat with President-Elect, Denise. How did she enjoy her "excursion north? Did she get/was she still, blurry-eyed?

I look forward to the visit next week, of our District Governor, Andy Rajapakse. This is a critical time for Rotary when there are so many challenges together with the ongoing "irritation" of the pandemic. I don't envy any of our leaders the task of taking us forward through such a difficult era.

Photo Gallery



Senior Staff Reporter, Jan Heap leading the meeting of Ashmore Rotary on 2nd September 2020



Ian Wilson
on
John
A Scot by birth
Committed to
Community
Service



Graeme Allan
on
Colin
Sportsman
Lawyer
&
World Traveller



Brad Francis
on
Raymond
Electroplater
Airman
&
Philosopher



Ian McPherson
On
George
Pro Tennis Player
Manager with Shell Oil
Three generations and
100 years
of Rotarians

Celebrations

The only celebration I could find for this week was the birthday of Past President and Honorary Member Steven Gill who is another year older and won't mind being reminded!

On the 12th of September.

If you are reading this;

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVE

member's Welfare

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

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