



Ashmore in Action

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The Meeting Venue for Wednesday, 16th 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 16th 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

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 on the meeting of 9th September 2020 by Apprentice Reporter, Joan Adams

Venue: Ashmore Rotary Community Centre.

VP Heather Yarker was coordinator for the evening. Heather opened the meeting and called upon Nina Simson to recite the Rotary Pledge. She then introduced our distinguished guest, 9640 District Governor Andy Rajapakse, with the words:

"Most Governors are champions but Andy has a different background; with fresh new aspects at a time when it is greatly needed in this time of Rotary transition. Andy will lead us with confidence and enthusiasm into the 100th year of the presence of Rotary in Australia".

Another notable presence was Assistant Governor, David Bisiker. Heather introduced David with the words "Part of the success of any District Governor is the Assistant Governors. Andy has a great assistant in David Bisiker from the Rotary Club of Parkwood".

Heather then proceeded with her usual trivia segment:

- September 9th is the 253rd day of the year.
- It is National Teddy Bear Day.
- It is also Sudoku Day.
- On this day:
In 1956, Rock & Roll star, Elvis Presley made his first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.
In 1976, the father of the communist revolution in China, Mao Zedong died.
In 2015, Queen Elizabeth became the longest reigning British monarch, surpassing Victoria's reign of 63 years and 216 days.

As it was National Teddy Bear Day, Heather had requested members bring their teddy bears to the meeting. Ken Cowen, Ian Yarker, Robyn Schatz and Heather all brought teddy bears and gave a short story on the life of their bears.

President Norman Coventry welcomed DG Andy, Assistant Governor David Bisiker and Ashmore members; and reported on the following :

Stop Press: Early indications are that the Bunning, Southport Sausage Sizzle was a great success. It is probable that income was in excess of \$1,000. Full report next week.

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
16 Sept.	ARCC	GOLD	Social Media Presentation
23 Sept.	AS&S	RED	Natalie King A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
30 Sept.			Social Event at Benowa Tavern
07 Oct.	ARCC	GREEN	Joint Meeting TOASTMASTERS
14 Oct.	ZOOM		Crimestoppers
21 Oct.	ARCC	GOLD	Animal Welfare League
28 Oct.	AS&S	RED	Pride of Workmanship

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- The previously-mentioned, “Cluster Muster” will be held on the 10th of October.
- Griffith University is continuing to work on a vaccine against malaria. Project Leader Professor Good reports that it is showing promise and has shown to be building up antibodies in mice.
- 47 countries in Africa are now reported to be polio free. There were 104 cases reported in 2019. Pakistan had 67 and Afghanistan had 37. World Polio day is on 24th October and plans are being made to host an event to support this day.
- A “Crazy Hat Day” is being planned for October to support mental health in our community.
- For the first time in Rotary history, a woman has been nominated as President of Rotary International. Her nomination is for the year 2022-23. *Jennifer E. Jones* is a Canadian and full details about her can be found on the Rotary Facebook page.
- Thanks to the A Team, *Pat Fleming* and *Brian McAllan* for tonight’s dinner and also to Jan Heap for the lovely desserts that she made.
- Thanks too to our dumpster divers for bringing in more bottles for the collection project and a particular thanks to *Barbara Healey* who deposits the bottles and cans at the collection centre.

Robyn Schatz announced that the Pride of Workmanship nominations will be announced very soon and will be awarded on Wednesday, October 28.

Denise Payne announced that for the final Wednesday in September, a social meeting will be held at the Benowa Tavern. Members are to order their own food and drinks and pay for these directly. Advise Marcia if you will be attending. (*See page 4 of this issue*)

Brian McAllan advised the Sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 12 Sept. One team will be on duty from 7.30 to noon and a second team from noon to 4 pm. Bunnings have laid down pages of rules to be followed. All participants have been advised of duty times by email.

Ken Cowan (in a very colourful shirt) then introduced the District Governor. “*Andy Rajapakse* is a friendly Governor and sees himself as part of the family of Ashmore. He has an area of expertise in international marketing and public image. Andy is a champion in attracting young people to Rotary”. His talk this evening centred on membership; now and into the future. He expressed concern at the decline in membership and offered suggestions as to how this could be corrected.

- The future successful club will have the flexibility to suit different types of members.
- There will be a need to change meeting formats.
- Clubs will have a balance of diversity - Ashmore excels in this area.
- There must be different types of club. Membership to a new member can be approved within 24 hours with a “flying minute”. All it needs

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Covid-19 Restrictions - Queensland
As of 13th September 2020

The restrictions put in place on the 30th of August remain unchanged for this week. They are:

- Households are limited to no more than 10 people at any one time.
- Gold Coast City Local Government Area remains a **restricted area**. See GCCC website for details.
- 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.



D.G. Andy Rajapakse delivering his talk to the members of Ashmore Rotary.
9th September 2020



The “TOP TABLE” District Governor’s Visit September 2020
L to R: Joan Adams: Norman Coventry: DG, Andy Rajapakse,
Ian Wilson, Heather Yarker



Vice President, Heather Yarker
Meeting Coordinator



President, Norman Coventry
Welcome to Guests

Rotary District 9640 Youth Exchange Programme



The above photograph is of some members of Rotary District 9640 Youth Exchange Programme Committee. Four of them were unable to attend the session. There are at least two faces you will recognise. A noticeably absentee is the Treasurer, our Pat Fleming. The Committee have just published their first Communiqué. It is a very interesting document; well worth reading. It is a slightly long document to reproduce here but you can read the August issue on "ROTEX 9640 Facebook". Four of the committee are past beneficiaries of the scheme.

From the Editor's Desk

For the second week running, I was unable to attend the meeting. However, since the meeting organisation was the responsibility of the **Green** team and I am the leader of that team, I felt obligated to be there for set-up and close down so arranged my commitment accordingly. Thanks to the team of *Heather, Ian (Y), Joan, Ken, Nina, Brad* and *Marcia* for handling the new "Covid-Safe" procedures without a hitch.

A Thank You too to DG Andy and AG David for their attendance. It is always a pleasure to see our District executives giving their valuable time to support the volunteers at the "workface". With a district crossing State borders, the job would be hard enough in "normal times" but with the border restrictions presently in place it must be doubly difficult. Spare a thought for the District Governor of 9600; he has clubs across international borders. In my days, on the international edge of 9600, Skype was in its infancy and not very reliable and Zoom was non-existent. At least the present regimes can now communicate visually.

Two more "thanks you" are due to *Joan Adams* and, again to, *Jan Heap*. Joan for recording the details of the meeting and Jan for her photographs.

I wish I hadn't missed the item on **Teddy Bears**. You may have noticed a little Teddy Bear, sitting in front of a giant Teddy. I left him as a representative of the Hyland family. His name is Chooky-bear. He really is a bear; he just has a chicken cloak on. He is quite old for a bear. He has been with us since 1996. He has been to two weddings in England, around the world thrice, once via San Francisco and Honolulu and once via Florida and Los Angeles and another via Vancouver. He has been to most countries in Western Europe and to New Zealand. He is now telling me it is about time we took him to more places in Australia.

He has a younger brother, Achy Bear who fell under the Ride-on. **See the adjacent column.**

Perhaps I could do the life stories of his companions who were at the meeting?

Michael Hyland

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District Governor's address to Rotary Ashmore members

is a change in Club By-laws.

"Social media, particularly Facebook was good for invitations to your Rotary meetings" he said.

He continued, "Four clubs have grown their membership in District 9640. Tenterfield was the largest growth district and the second was Rotary Gold Coast". "Sixteen new clubs have been formed recently". "Rotary Passport Club is the best growth club in Australia". "One of the many roles of Rotary is to help clubs grow".

The D.G. completed his talk with an endorsement of the nomination of Jennifer Jones as the first female RI President and *Jessie Harmon* as the Assistant President.

The Egg Raffle was won by Joan Adams. The Chooks thank all participants for their support.

Norm closed the meeting and members recited the Four Way Test.



Fifth Wednesday of the Month of September - Social Evening



You are invited to join with the members at the

September Social Event

of the

Rotary Club of Ashmore

to be held on *Wednesday 30th September*

at the Benowa Tavern

Ashmore Road, Benowa

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

Please RSVP to Marcia Waller—marcialampshade@gmail.com

or 0413 730 820

Order your own meal and pay for your own drinks

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

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Celebrations

*The celebration this week is for
Kelli Kingsley (Schatz).*

*Kelli became a member of Ashmore Rotary
on the
14th of September*