



# Ashmore in Action

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The Meeting Venue for Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October is:

Ashmore Rotary Community Centre

Club President



Norman Coventry

R.I. President



Holger Knaack

District Governor

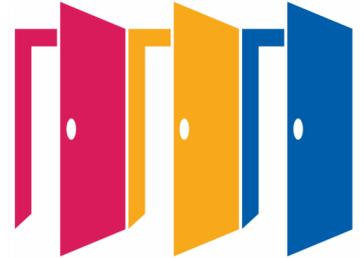


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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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### ATTENDANCE ADVICE

**ROTARY ASHMORE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF OCTOBER**  
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

### Future Events

Covid-19 restrictions have been eased in Queensland, including venue limits. Please refer to **PAGE 2** for the regulations in place for this week.

Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
17 Oct	_____	_____	<i>DAYS FOR GIRLS</i>
21 Oct	ARCC	<b>RED</b>	<i>Emma Thomson - Animal Welfare League</i>
28 Oct	AS&S	<b>GREEN</b>	<i>Pride of Workmanship Awards</i>
04 Nov	ARCC	<b>GOLD</b>	<i>Trivia Night with R.C. Nerang</i>
07 Nov	ARCC	<b>Social</b>	<i>High Tea</i>
11 Nov	ARCC		<i>No details available yet</i>

**Please Note: All future raffles held at club meetings will be CASH ONLY**

### ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS

- Pride of Workmanship Awards - 28<sup>th</sup> of October:** to be held at the *Ashmore Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant*, This is the Club's recognition of the excellence of local businesses to provide goods and services to the Gold Coast community. Come along to the presentation to show your support to these local businesses who have had a particularly difficult year.
- High Tea - Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November:** This is a quality event for Ladies AND Partners to be held at the Ashmore Rotary Community Centre. Professionally catered, the event will include afternoon tea of a standard to match those served at Fortnum & Mason, London or the Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong. Tickets may be purchased on the Ashmore Rotary Facebook Page.
- Christmas Raffle:** This is our 12<sup>th</sup> year of the Christmas raffle which has been one of our most lucrative events. Arranged and directed by Elaine Williams, with ticket sales coordinated by *Ian McPherson*, the aim is for this event to surpass previous raffles. Promotion will commence at *Ashmore City* at the beginning of November and at the "Q" Centre at the beginning of December culminating in the draw on the **12<sup>th</sup> of December**. With two sales venues to cover, this will need as much member participation as possible. Contact *Ian* to sign up for volunteer shifts.
- Rotary Christmas Party, 16<sup>th</sup> of December:** This is advance notice that the JOINT Ashmore / Nerang Rotary Clubs' Christmas Party will be held at *Carmody's Restaurant, Southport Sharks Australian Rules Football Club*.

**Report on meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ashmore Rotary Community Centre.**

**Written and Submitted by Ian Wilson.**

**Chairman: Peter Debelak**

Twenty-two members enjoyed a lovely evening of a nice meal, some drinks and three presentations.

A welcome to visiting Rotarian *Alan Contrell* from **Rotary Club of Mermaid Beach** who joined us for tonight's meeting.

*David Grant* showed *Alan* through the **Men's Shed** which was of particular interest to *Alan* as **Mermaid Beach** had donated funds, which had been used on equipment etc.

The expanded "A" Team of *Pat Fleming*, *Brian McAllan*, *Ian McPherson* and *Robyn Schatz* once again looked after us very well with dinner and dessert; as did the barmen, *Greg Clogan* and *Rob Deshon*.

Thanks to the **Gold Team** for cleaning & preparing the room & manning the registration desk.

**President Norman Coventry** spoke on Mental Health, particularly in recognition of Rotary "Lift the lid Promotion".

A video was shown featuring comedienne, Ruby Wax who described her own psychological difficulties, using humor to highlight mental health.

Members who remembered to wear a hat were short in numbers but looked impressive.

**PP Heather Yarker** was this week's speaker on "**Rotary Diversity**". This program has been organized and presented by *Nina Simson*, it is a great club initiative and very interesting to all members.

Heather spoke on her early days of growing up in Shepparton and the challenges she faced as a child & as a teenager.

These challenges influenced her life including her vocation and a lifetime of community service.

*Heather* was one of four siblings and grew up with a loving family on a dairy farm in rural Victoria. Like most rural families, the whole family worked very hard so her work ethic was established very early in her life.

She attended **Shepparton High School** and then a Girls School where, with no distractions from boys, her grades improved so much she was awarded a Nursing Scholarship.

An agricultural student called "*Ian*" won her heart so *Heather* decided to study teaching at **Wattle Park Teachers College**, Adelaide. *Heather* was a teacher for 15 years, teaching at various schools throughout Victoria.

She married the love of her life "*Ian*" in 1966. (Sounds like she was a child bride)

Taught Science, Geography and Mathematics at **Shepparton South Technical School** and then moved into "Special Education". *Heather* loved the challenge of helping these students to read and develop life's practical skills.

*Ian* & *Heather* moved to Nerang in 1980 with three small children to commence a Horticulture Business "Chimbu Nurseries". Specialized in Spathiphyllum Peace Lilies for the Australian plant hire industry.

Along the way *Heather/Ian* also started a barcode label printing business.

*Heather* resurrected her Nursing career completing an Age Care Certificate, but unfortunately did not pursue a nursing career.

Since 1987 *Heather* has been involved in Rotary, becoming a member in 1990 - Charter member of Ashmore Benowa. Served in many District Leadership roles culminating in the role of District Governor in 2000-2001.

*Heather* was awarded the **Order of Australia Medal** (OAM) for service to the community through Rotary International.

*Heather* says she puts Rotary First but her family of three children and six granddaughters are very important to her.

Now loves the caravan travel and the **NextGen Tagalong Tours**.

*Heather* finalized her presentation with ( I quote)

**" I just love working, Love it and love it. It is long hours, exciting and so rewarding; Happiness at its best.**

**That is why I want to help others to be empowered. One of the most important ingredients in life is love, I try to do it every day through my family and Rotary Activities.**

**I am an ordinary person that has been given extraordinary opportunities to do more with my life than I ever dreamed possible through Family support and my Rotary Membership" .**

We welcomed our Guest Speaker: **Sgt Tracey Clouston** and **Keith Knight**, speaking on "**Crime Stoppers**" and the role this organization plays in the community.

A volunteer organization that is community funded.

Aims are Crime prevention, Education and Training.

*Tracey* explained that most house break-ins were opportunistic so we all need to improve our security in the home.

Crime stoppers can organize a security audit of you home.

She spoke on " security feelings", interestingly only 7% verbal but 63% body language.

She spoke on design of office/shops to improve security. Next time you visit a Pharmacy look at the pharmacist on lookout, much higher than the counter.

She spoke on the "Crime stoppers Reward Program".

President *Norman* closed the meeting with the Four Way Test.

**From the Editor's Desk**

During the "pre-fellowship" at our meeting last Wednesday, I spoke with some of our delegates who attended the District training meeting for the 2021/22 Board members. I was encouraged, particularly by comments relating to our District Governor's approach to increasing the membership. Andy Rajapakse is keen to encourage a younger demographic to Rotary. Not just any younger people; although all who wish to join and to contribute would be welcome: but dynamic individuals who have an ambition to progress to the higher levels of Rotary management. As one delegate put it " This is something Rotary should have been doing 20 years ago. We needed an "Andy" back then". "If we had, the organisation would not be in the position it is in now".

I joined Rotary in Port Moresby over 22 years ago. It was a lunchtime club with the majority of the 30-odd members being business owners and managers in their 40's and 50's. Some were even younger and only the odd few were in their 60's. None were retired. Shortly after joining, I visited a club in England - it was "Men Only" - who proudly advised me that four of the members were over 90, one of those to whom I was introduced, was approaching his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Whilst he was a remarkable gentleman, I didn't see that he or any of the other nonagenarians could contribute much to the future development of Rotary.

That is why I am so pleased to see young, dynamic, active people joining this club. These are the people that we need, as does almost any successful organisation that is in the hands of the "young". These are the people who will encourage their peers into Rotary. They will be the support that Andy seeks. Then those like 'this dinosaur' can slip quietly into the background.

I am not as bright as I sometimes think I am. I did not realise that CRIME STOPPERS was not a part of the police force. As a volunteer organisation, they do a remarkable job and are instrumental in helping to resolve and prevent crime in this and many other countries across the world. Two members of the organisation are nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers International whose headquarters are based in The Netherlands.

I contacted Crime Stoppers several years ago, reporting a suspicious circumstance. I never followed up on my report but after some time, that circumstance no longer occurred. I have no idea whether I had been influential.

Statistics show that every 14 minutes somewhere in the world, a crime is solved as a direct result of crime stoppers.

After the presentation to our meeting last week, I now appreciate what Crime Stoppers Queensland is contributing to work of the police and how much this volunteer organisation is doing to make our state and country a safer place.

Continuing the egg saga reported last week, our 107 gram chicken's egg is miniscule compared with the efforts of the New York State Chicken that holds the world record of 454 grams which was found to have a shell within a shell but the report did not state how many yolks were in each shell.

The next largest I could find was in Germany - 184g which makes our egg seem quite puny.

It did however provide us with a very tasty fried egg (one yolk each) breakfast, served with bacon and toast.

**Covid-19 Restrictions - Queensland**

**As of 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**

**The movement restrictions issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October remain unchanged. Since NSW continues to experience the occasional case, it is unclear whether those restrictions will be eased on November the 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The current regulations are:**

Household gatherings up to a maximum of 40 people, including the residents are permitted inside or outside, at any one time.

**As of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October:**

Up to 40 people can now dance at a wedding that is held under a Covid-Safe Plan.

All attendees at a school function and Year 12 event are permitted to dance.

Queensland residents are permitted to travel for any purpose across the border with NSW but to remain within the Border Zone. See the Queensland website for details of the limits of that Border Zone. .

If you wish to enter any of these areas, you will still need to obtain a *Queensland Border Declaration Pass*.

**Other advice:**

Social distancing of 1.5 metres is recommended and the wearing of masks in some locations is mandatory and advisable in any location where overcrowding may occur.

i.e. Make sure you carry an approved mask with you wherever you go.

The 4-square metre (or one person per 2 square metres) rule has now been relaxed to ONE person per ONE square metre.

Visit a covid test centre if:-

You have a runny nose, cough or dry throat.

If you have a persistent headache or generally feel unwell.

If you have aching limbs.

The location of all Covid Test centres is listed on the Gold Coast City Council website.

It is recommended that all citizens arrange to participate in the Influenza Vaccination Scheme.

For all establishments where a public gathering takes place, a list of attendees must be maintained for 56 days after an event.

N.B.

If your name is Donald Trump or Tony Blair the above does not apply ..... You have diplomatic immunity.

i.e. you are immune to the coronavirus!

**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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Email: marcialampshade@gmail.com

**Celebrations**

***This week we celebrate a birthday  
and a  
Club Anniversary***

***Our Diversity coordinator, Nina Simson had a birthday  
on the 10<sup>th</sup>***

**AND**

***Michael Hyland celebrated 17 years with the club  
on the 12<sup>th</sup>***

## *October the 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 is World Polio Day*

### *What is Poliomyelitis?*

Polio is a viral infection that attacks the Central Nervous System. Initial symptoms are headache, stiff neck and back, severe leg pain and in extreme cases paralysis. Polio is extremely infectious, transmitted through personal contact, contaminated food and water and respiratory droplets. There is no known cure.

Although the disease has been around for centuries, it did not reach epidemic proportions until the 20th Century, culminating in outbreaks in the 1940's and 50's, particularly in the western world. The predominant victims who suffered the extreme symptoms during that latter period were children between the ages of 5 and 9 and therefore the disease became known as **Infantile Paralysis**. In England, public baths\* and swimming pools were closed; schools were placed on strict hygiene regimes and for some time school canteens were shut down.

Jonas Salk developed a vaccine, IPV (*inactivated poliovirus vaccine*) in 1954 which was, in effect dead poliovirus. By 1957 the vaccine was widely applied and the incidence of the disease rapidly decreased. However in some cases, particularly children, severe side effects occurred. It wasn't until 1957, when Albert Sabin developed an oral vaccine safe for children, and following its licencing in 1962, that major inroads were made in controlling the virus in all members of the population. The western world then began to see the disease disappear .... But what about the Third World?

Clement William Bailey Renouf, an Australian from the Nambour Rotary Club, was elected president of Rotary International for the year 1978 -79. Each R.I. Presidents nominate a major project to be introduced during their year of stewardship. Clem's was the eradication of polio **throughout the world**. Clem died in June this year, He almost saw his objective achieved. He would however have known that there are only two countries where the disease is endemic so "it is only a matter of time".

We must not be complacent; we must continue to be watchful because we will still see random outbreaks of the virus, particularly if it is able to restructure. Therefore there is a need to, each year, celebrate the success but remind ourselves that continued vigilance is essential. Hence **World Polio Day**.

**Next Wednesday, come to the club wearing your Red Polio shirt if you have one. If you don't have a Polio shirt, any red shirt will do. Also, wear them or your Rotary shirt on Saturday - Official celebration day. Let everybody you know be aware that you are a Rotarian and what Rotary has contributed to the eradication of Polio throughout the world.**

\* In the older, industrial areas of England, many homes did not have bathrooms until the mid 50's. Daily washes were carried out in the kitchen sink and once a week, the family would trudge off to the Public Baths to have their once-a-week bath.

## *Picture Gallery*

On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> of October, whilst we were relaxing in the garden, visiting family, watching football or just doing nothing in particular, the Board of Directors were at Mermaid Waters finding out what is required of them during the 2021/22 Rotary Year.

