



Ashmore in Action

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The next meeting of the Rotary Club of Ashmore is at:

The Ashmore Rotary Community Centre on the 20th January 2021

Club President



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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*The next meeting of the
Ashmore Rotary Club
is at the
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, the 20th of January
Catering at this venue is by the "A" Team.
Advice of your intentions is required by Midday*

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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

Meeting Report: 13th January 2021 (Members Present: 17, Guest: 1)

"A" Team again provided a meal of Steak (as-you-like-it), fried onion, potato, coleslaw and a roll. The cook for this evening was Gold Team leader, John Stanfield. Dessert was a choice from a variety of Ice Cream cones.

The formal part of the meeting commenced at 19:13 with the Duty Chairman (provided by Green Team), Brad Francis introducing guest, Craig Green, Manager of Gold Coast PCYC, Broadbeach Waters.

Director Reports

President: As a result of several lucrative income projects and the fact that little has been spent during recent months, the Club's financial position has improved and the Board will be looking to review the projects planned for the first half of 2021 and beyond.

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ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS

Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
17 Jan	Bunnings Southport	See Email	Sausage Sizzle
20 Jan	ARCC	GREEN	Kiva meeting to select recipients Chair: Justine D.
27 Jan	ARCC	GOLD	Marc Nuss - Destiny Rescue Australia Councillor Brooke Paterson: Division 6
03 Feb	ARCC	RED	Tim Buttons The Local Search - Multi Media
10 Feb	ARCC	GREEN	Parkinson's Disease Rachel
17 Feb	ARCC	GOLD	Gold Coast Catchment Manasprings ?

The above arrangements may change as the date approaches. Check future issues for the latest information.

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

From the Editor's Desk

I completed my formative education in England in the 1950's. My English Language teacher for most of my years at Grammar School was the classic "Dragon Lady". Miss White - never married - was a stout, grey haired lady, in her early to mid 50's with a booming voice and a permanent scowl. It was Miss White who was responsible for my only journey to the Headmaster's Study for a formal caning. But that is another story. Miss White was a stickler for grammatical correctness. The slightest error; a wrongly-placed comma or apostrophe, a wrong spelling or misplaced preposition, would result in a thick red line through the error with a minus number above indicating the amount deducted from the final mark.

That "indoctrination" has remained with me for more than 65 years. I therefore believe that I can be forgiven for getting irritated by bad spelling, incorrect grammar, tautology and unnecessary words or terms.

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Meeting Report: 13th January 2021 (continued from Page 1)

A request for volunteers failed to progress. Provision of escorts for participants of the Rotary Youth Science Forum recreational visit to Dreamworld was not required because of Covid -19 restrictions.

Club Services: Activities planned for the next three months have been established.

Of particular note is that, subject to the restrictions due to Covid - 19, the St Patrick's Day celebrations, cancelled last year, will take place at our meeting on Wednesday, the 17th of March.

The 31st of March is the 5th meeting day of the month and as such, is set aside for a social event. The form and location of the event will be advised in the near future.

At 17:30, 20th of January, prior to next week's meeting there will be a meeting of the Social Committee. Any member who wishes to contribute is welcome to attend.

Social Media Committee: Peter D. is particularly involved with business and family matters at present and may not be available for some time. The committee is looking for a volunteer to assist for the period of Peter's absence.

The New Year's Eve Resolution Run was well-attended with Car Park takings totalling \$781. For more information on this event, see the email on Page 3.

Centenary of Rotary in Australia: Brad F. Discussions were held with "Paul", a member of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens' staff. In addition to the proposals submitted by club members, Paul has suggested two options, both of which are necessary and neither of which is likely to cost in excess of \$10,000.

- To reduce the effect of algae in the dammed area, a windmill-driven aeration system is proposed. Estimated cost \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- A sandstone retaining wall and walkway is proposed. Estimated maximum cost is \$10,000

There is to be a budget meeting at the end of next month. Both of these projects are within the affordability parameters, particularly when considering the desire of Rotary clubs within our Cluster indicating a willingness to contribute. We cannot expect assistance from the District; all attempts to communicate regarding a Centenary Project have been fruitless.

Discussion at the meeting initially favoured the Windmill but following words of caution from Greg C. related to ongoing maintenance, enthusiasm was switched to the sandstone wall. Michael H. pointed out that as the project was within the responsibility of the GCCC, construction may be the undertaken by the Council Works Department. MH has a contact there and will enquire.

The Kiva Project: The Club meeting next week (20th January) will feature how the Club should allocate the money to provide financial assistance to small businesses in developing nations. In the past, this has been carried out by the Club's Kiva co-ordinator but the Board has recommended that all members should be able to participate in this worthwhile project.

Pride of Workmanship Award: The final nominee of the 2020 Award has been unable to attend the two previous Award events but was now finally free to attend this meeting. Nominated by Joan A, Craig Green hails from Sydney and is now a member of the Queensland Police Service. He originally trained as an electrician but, on completion of that training decided to join the Police Service in New South Wales. Originally based at the Kings Cross precinct (possibly one of the toughest areas to work in Australia) he ultimately decided that he would transfer to the Queensland Force and was based at Coolangatta. Always interested in the welfare aspect of policing, he applied for the position as Manager of the Gold Coast Police Citizens Youth Club, based at Monaco Street, Broadbeach Waters. He joined that organisation in 2003 and since then has worked tirelessly to develop the club, enabling it to improve the fitness of all children and adults from all sections of the community.

Craig still lives in NSW with his family of a wife and four children but is quite happy to drive the 40 minutes to such an enjoyable and rewarding vocation. Craig was not sure how his work deserved such an award but was extremely grateful for the nomination.

Collections

For many years, the Rotary Club of Ashmore have been collectors. It used to be just stamps and spectacles. Stamps were sent to be sold to philatelic retailers with the revenue used to fund projects and the spectacles to developing countries where they were distributed amongst those in the population who were able to read but had poor eyesight.

Now our collection projects have grown. Here is our present collectable items list:-

Plastic & Glass bottles & Aluminium Cans: Must have 10 cent deposit bar code. No wine bottles

Plastic tops must be removed. Cans must not be dented or crushed.

Contact Barbara H. or bring them to the meeting. Barbara deposits them as an when she is able.

This project began on the 2nd of November 2016 and has amassed a total of **\$3,644.70** for Ashmore R.C. of which **\$1,324.40** has been collected in this Rotary year.

Since moving, Brian McAllan has done his exercise walks around the golf course and in the process has collected bottles/cans to the value of **\$522.50** (included in Barbara's total for this year)

Other collectables are:

Tea Bag Tags: To Heather Y.

Stamps: To Ian McPherson.

Bread Clips: To Jan Heap

Aluminium Ring Pulls: To Jan Heap?

Thanks to all the above for their work on these projects. This is over and above their other contributions to the Rotary cause.

From the Editor's Desk (continued from Page 1)

I accept that words and sentence forms have changed over time but I struggle to accept the introduction of words and phrases simple to stretch out a conversation; invariably tautology.

I have never been a fan of "I, myself, personally" or "evening sunset" or "over exaggerated" and "short summary". But my pet hate - heard increasingly from journalists and, horrifyingly by the apparently very well educated Queensland C.M.O. "at 8:30 a.m. this morning". I have yet to discover when any time in the a.m. has been in the afternoon or even, any time p.m. being in the morning.

Whilst I am on my Soapbox, I am not a fan of the common start to answering a question being "yes well" and I heard our ex- Prime Minister recently begin a sentence 27 times (I might have missed a few) with "You know".



Pride of Workmanship Nominee Craig Green With Nominator Joan Adams & President Norman Coventry



Copy of an email sent by Denise P. with reference to the 2020 Resolution Run

Hi all

Firstly many thanks for helping with the volunteering at the **Resolution Run on New Years Eve at Emerald Lakes Golf Club.**

We have raised \$781 for our coffers and I am quite happy with this and thank everyone for helping to make this project a success. The money will be well spent on our specific annual projects. This year it has been difficult to raise funds to cover the cost of our annual commitments. The Board will provide further information on these regular commitments in the coming months.

Your assistance was much appreciated and I apologise to those that came along and didn't end up with a job. I am providing some feedback to the Event Organiser and will let him know that we had too many volunteers after he had specifically requested for that many. Also some who did work, indicated that they could have done with more helpers at their stand, but the problem here appeared to be in getting the volunteers out to their respective places by buggy.

We received the following message from the Event Organiser – *“Thank you so much for all the help the other day. I do apologise for the communication; I will own that, was a bit burnt out by end of year and dropped the ball but we got it done and the guests all enjoyed it! Please pass on my gratitude to the team”.*

If you had any suggestions for improving the Run, please pass these on to me and I will pass them on to the Event Organiser. I am hoping that they will ask us to help out again next year and I was very pleased with the level of support from our members.

Denise Payne

Club Administration Director

Rotary Club of Ashmore

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Final Funnies

Again, a contribution from our resident accountant, “A” Team Head Cook and cynic, this time with a study of the amusing English. This week, we feature three “pets for sale” advertisements in an East London Newspaper.

FREE PUPPIES
1/2 COCKER SPANIEL
1/2 SNEAKY NEIGHBOUR'S DOG

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER
8 YEARS OLD
HATEFUL LITTLE BASTARD
BITES

FREE PUPPIES
Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd
Father is a Super Dog
Able to leap tall fences in a single bound

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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Celebrations

Happy birthday to Pat Fleming
Who celebrated her 30th?
on January the 15th