

**Rotary**

People of Action



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Club President



Norman Coventry

R.I. President



Holger Knaack

District Governor



Andy Rajapakse

Assistant Governor



David Bisiker



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> of February  
Catering at this venue is by the "A" Team.  
Advice of your intention to attend 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: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021** Provided by Ian Wilson (Members Present: 22, Guests: 2)

**Welcome to guests:** Celeste Blundell, Desert Ryan Magpie.

**Guest Speaker:** Marc Ness

**Guess Who's Coming to dinner:** Ian W. promoted the social event for February 27<sup>th</sup>. Encouraging more members to reply to be hosts or guests. Shortage of hosts. (For details required, see panel bottom right).

**President Norman:** Made note of change of layout of the meeting room: organized by Norman C. and David G. They also carried out a clean-up of the Container, in the process disposing of many "excess" items. Advised that we have 134 of the blue upholstered-seat chairs, several with no ferrule on a leg. The suggestion is that we remove the ferrules from some chairs with the piece missing and use them to make a total of 100 chairs that are intact. It is unlikely that in excess of 100 chairs will be required for future events. The rationalising of equipment in the container will release valuable storage space.

| <b>ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS</b> |         |           |   |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| Date                            | Venue   | Duty Team | Guest Speaker/Event   |
| 03 Feb                          | ARCC    | RED       | Tim Buttons<br>The Local Search - Multi Media   |
| 10 Feb                          | ARCC    | GREEN     | Parkinson's Disease<br>Rachel   |
| 17 Feb                          | ARCC    | GOLD      | Gold Coast Catchment<br>Manasprings ? TBA   |
| 24 Feb                          | ARCC    | RED       | As above  |
| 27 Feb                          | Various | Hosts     | <b>GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER</b><br>Numbers to Ian W. by February 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| 3 Mar                           | ARCC    | GREEN     | SEQ Water   |

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**

**Guess who's coming to Dinner  
February 27th 2021**

Club members are invited to participate in this social event which has always been a part of our club calendar and always an enjoyable experience.

Club members need to advise me if you wish to be a **Host (total numbers you wish to host)**. Wish to be a Guest?

The idea of this night is that it be an evening of fellowship.

For the Hosts, it does not need to be a gourmet experience, a simple meal is fine.

It is BYO for guests who make a payment to me of \$20 that is passed onto the hosts.

Hosts have no idea who is turning up to dinner till you knock on the door.

Guests have no idea who else is joining them for dinner till they arrive.

**I need to know if you are willing to participate by February 14.**

Ian Wilson: Tel. 0412 097 307

**Meeting Report: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (continued from Page 1)**

**Brad Francis**

Centennial Project is on hold, waiting advice from GCCC.

Brad spoke about social media and particularly was looking for advice on the sort of presentation that would help members with social media.

He advised that members prefer an email link be sent to them to open AIA, rather than going to website.

**Guest Speaker:** Marc Ness. Introduced by David Grant

Marc is a member of the Passport Rotary Club. His very interesting presentation was on "Destiny Rescue" - an organization that rescues and rehabilitates young children from the sex exploitation business.

He spoke of his personal experience in South East Asia and reported on how they are slowly making a small dent in a massive illegal sex trafficking industry.

I liked his quotation; "Save Children - one child at a time".

David G. moved Vote of Thanks, presenting Marc with an "Ashmore Rotary Club" pen.

Ian W. won the egg raffle.

**From the Editor's Desk**

Last week I sat with our guest speaker, Marc Nuss. It turned out that we had quite a lot in common. His home in South Africa was in Johannesburg; I visited Johannesburg several times during the Apartheid era (1970's), visiting our Company refining and fabrication operations in the city. He was able to update me on the changes that have occurred - some for the worse. I also asked him about another aspect of the child exploitation of the sex trade. When we lived in Bangkok, Janet did volunteer work at a couple of schools, one a Catholic facility; the other a "Slum" School. This is a misnomer. It was a school for the children of the local poor, built on low-lying land on the outskirts of the City. Wooden walkways joined the buildings. Some of the children were from the homes of construction workers. One of the workers was "selling" his eight-year-old twin daughters to service his workmates. At one point, their mother managed to rescue them and returned to their village in the north of the country. Their father went to the village and brought them back. He was more interested in the money rather than his daughters' welfare. I believe that he was ultimately charged. It is still going on. Marc said that, because it is an internal trade, it is not possible to work undercover. But when they hear about those types of incident, they report to the police. When one hears those stories, I believe that there is something to be said for castration - physical and chemical - for those concerned in such activities.

In last week's Issue 37, I reported that at the meeting on Wednesday, the club members decided on the beneficiaries of our Kiva Fund distribution. This week, on Page 3, you will find some details of three of those chosen. I will continue to provide information of the other recipients in coming weeks.

Our Club Service Director/President Elect, Denise, and husband Ken are "on the road (rail) again" to finish their journey on The Ghan. As you know, their previous attempt was terminated at Alice Springs due to the Covid-19 outbreak in Adelaide. This time, they have flown to Adelaide for a short stay before flying to Darwin for another stay then on to The Ghan for the part of the journey they missed on that first attempt. They then fly home from Alice.

Let's hope that another outbreak doesn't curtail this journey.

This week's speaker is Tim Buttons talking to us on "Multi-Media" yet another of those terms that confuses me. I shall be listening intently.

Denise has done a wonderful job of finding speakers for our meeting. We have speakers booked until the end of May but we need more for the next half of the year. Do you have an suggestions of whom we might be able to coax into a free dinner and a beer or wine or two? Please talk to them and if they agree, let Denise know.

MICHAEL HYLAND

**Community Online Workshops**

We have received a communication from the **City of Gold Coast - Safe & Liveable Communities Branch** advising of a series of online workshops to take place in February/March of this year.

If any member or friend wishes to participate, Please read the information below and in the column adjacent.

*"Local groups are invited to develop their skills through a range of free, online workshops.*

*To book and for more information call the Safe and Liveable Communities Branch, City of Gold Coast, on 07 5581 6642 or visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/cityconnect](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/cityconnect)."*

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**Collectables\***

**Bottles - plastic and glass, Cans with the 10c return bar code:** [To Barbara H.](#)

**Tea Bag Tags:** [To Heather Y.](#)

**Stamps:** [To Ian McPherson.](#)

**Bread Clips:** [To Jan Heap](#)

**Aluminium Ring Pulls:** [To Jan Heap?](#)

**Social Calendar January to June**

**As advised at the meeting last Wednesday, the social committee has established a social calendar from now until the end of the Rotary Year**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February:**

**Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner:**

Ian Wilson will organise, but we need to appoint two people to help him and to promote this.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Saint Patrick's Day:**

Food organised, Elaine to organise decorations and we need help to organise this fun night. Everyone to wear green. Leprechauns invited.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Social Event:**

Dinner at the Benowa Tavern – Denise to organise

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April :**

**Pay it forward day.**

Barbara to organise this special event.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May:**

**BBQ at Michael and Janet Hyland's home.**

Arrangements to be advised.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:**

**Changeover Dinner at the Southport Golf Club.**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

**The Courses are:**

**Fostering change:** learn ways to respond to change and uncertainty.

*Tuesday 9 February 2021, 5.30pm to 7.30pm*

**Self care and wellbeing:** explore the importance of seeing ourselves as worthy of the same care and compassion we show to others.

*Thursday 11 February 2021, 5.30pm to 7.30pm*

**Grant writing information session:** develop grant writing skills and find out how to apply for sources of funding.

*Tuesday 16 February 2021, 12.30pm to 1.20pm*

**Recruiting and retaining volunteers:** Learn ways to promote and explore volunteering opportunities and retain volunteers.

*Thursday 11 March 2021, 5.30pm to 7.00pm*

**Kiva Project**

Two weeks ago, our involvement in the *KIVA* project took centre stage. Below I have outlined some key statistics of our loans and the details of three of the assistance packages progressed by *Justine*.

Our Kiva deposits presently total \$1,535. Since our involvement we have funded 93 projects for a total of \$3,600 The male/female distribution of our funds is: Male 18.28% - Female 81.72%.

**Loans distributed this year:-**

**Mildred:** is 60 years old and lives in the region of Leon, north west of Lloilo City on the Island of Panay. Her total loan is \$125 of which we are contributing \$25. Her agreed pay-back time is 8 months. Her loan will enable her to buy more chickens, feed and other supplies; to increase her flock and thus augment her income with the sale of more eggs.

Repayment to Date: 0%\*

**Yamilet:** is a 33-year-old school teacher of mathematics and physics near the city of El Cua in the mountainous region of Nicaragua, about 100 km south of the Guatemala border. She has previously received a loan to build her house. This done, she is seeking a further loan to build a bathroom and toilet. There is no public sewerage system therefore the project will include a septic system, greatly enhancing the sanitation standard of her family. Her loan is \$1,525 with our share \$25. Repayment time is 20 months

Repayment to Date: 0%\*

**Gulinoz:** Lives in Levakand, approximately 100 km south of the capital, Dushanbe in the landlocked country of Tajikistan. Gulinoz is 24 years old and married with two children. She opened her business two years ago, crafting dresses and cushions traditionally used in wedding ceremonies. Her work is in high demand. She had a loan previously to purchase an embroidery machine. That loan has been repaid. She is now seeking further funding to purchase material and a variety of coloured threads to prepare for the coming wedding season. Her loan is for \$375 to be repaid over a period of 14 months.

Repayment to Date: 0%

\* Given that these loans have only just been approved, we wouldn't expect repayments to have started.. We will see the progress as time passes.



**Kiva Beneficiaries**

- Top Right: Mildred - Chickens and feed supplies.
- Bottom Right: Yamilet - Bathroom, Toilet & Septic System.
- Bottom Left: Gulinoz - Material and Threads.

**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**

We have one birthday to celebrate this week

*Happy Birthday to*

*Robyn Schatz*

**Final Funnies**

Now for some quips from children that have surprised us with their smart answers

From Foundation member, Past President and Honorary Member, Neil McPherson  
**Corny Puns**

**TEACHER:** "Why are you late?"  
**STUDENT:** "Class started before I got here".

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**TEACHER:** "Why are you doing your multiplication sums on the floor?"  
**STUDENT:** "You told me to do them without using tables".

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**PASTOR:** "At home, do you say Grace before eating your meals?"  
**CHOIRBOY:** "No sir, I don't have to: my Mum's a good cook."

"Dad, are we pyromaniacs?" - "Yes, we arson!"

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Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.

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What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled!

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Prison may be just a word to some but to others it's a sentence!