



Ashmore in Action

Issue N^o. 39 7th February 2021

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

The Ashmore Rotary Community Centre on the 10th February 2021

Club President



Norman Coventry

R.I. President



Holger Knaack

District Governor



Andy Rajapakse

Assistant Governor



David Bisiker



Rotary Opens Opportunities

In This Issue

Meeting Report 03/02/21	1/2
Guess who's coming to Dinner (Notice of booking)	1
Centenary Project	1/2
From the Editor's Desk	2
Kiva Project	3
Bunnings Procedure	4

**The next meeting of the
Ashmore Rotary Club
is at the
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, the 10th of February
Catering at this venue is by the "A" Team.
Advice of your intention to attend is required by midday**

**Contact: Robyn Schatz
SMS: 0439 794 092
Email: randgschatz@gmail.com**

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: 3rd February 2021 (Members Present: 16 , Guests: 2) by Graham Cifuentes

Welcome to guests: Coordinator, John Stanfield welcomed our guests; past member and now member of the E-Club Next Gen, Catherine Bonifant who was accompanied by Rotary Peace Student, from Mexico, Megan McKeown-Gleason.

President Norman: No major news this week other than some progress on the Centenary Project which will be updated by Brad F.

Brad F: Rotary Centenary Project; Details that emerged during the recent meeting were:

- This project, named "Wet and Dry Heath Project" is the initiative of Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens and comprises of a Sandstone Block semi-circular, retaining wall ranging in height from 700 to 900 millimeters, back filled with a sand/soil mix appropriate to the vegetation intended: i.e. "unique flora of Closed or Wet Heath and Dry Heath that grows in Coastal Sand in South East Queensland". The project will provide an opportunity for the (re)establishment of Regional

Continued on Page 2

ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS			
Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
1 0Feb	ARCC	GREEN	Parkinson's Disease Rachel
17 Feb	ARCC	GOLD	Gold Coast Catchment Manasprings ? TBA
24 Feb	ARCC	RED	As above
27 Feb	Various	Hosts	GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER Numbers to Ian W. by February 14 th
3 Mar	ARCC	GREEN	SEQ Water? (to be advised)
10 Mar	ARCC	GOLD	SEQ Water?(to be advised)
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: 3rd February 2021*(Wet and Dry Heath Project, continued from Page 1)*

Ecosystems (RE) that are very scarce; and in one case, non-existent in the region.

The proposed area is 220 square metres and is adjacent to an existing 570 square metre area of a collection of Wallum Banksia and Scribbly Gum woodlands that typically grow close to wet and dry heathland.

The proposal continues with a commentary on pedestrian access to the area “via a soft fall path of mulch and/or deco granite with a central area dedicated to Interpretation”,

The quoted cost of the project is \$A20,000; considerably higher than the original estimate but it remains of interest as a Rotary Centenary project. Although it is unlikely that District 9640 funds will be available, it is possible that sufficient funds may be forthcoming from within our club’s cluster. Enquiries are progressing with the Botanic Gardens management and the “Friends” organisation on the basis that significant credit will be afforded the participating Rotary clubs as a condition of funding.

See photograph of area on Page 3

Ian W. promoted the social event, **Guess who’s Coming to Dinner** for February 27th. Expressions of interest from *hosts* and *guests* are required by **February the 14th**.

For full details of this event, see panel at the bottom right of page 1.

Catharine Bonifant: Introduced our Guest Speaker.

Megan McKeown-Gleason was born and raised in Xalapa, the State capital of Veracruz. The city is over 1,400 metres high in the mountains overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Megan’s presentation centered on her life and experiences to date. She did her early schooling in Xalapa but was disturbed by the poverty and lawlessness surrounding her. From a young age Megan acquired an interest in social matters and decided to undertake her tertiary education in the United States. She graduated with a Degree in Peace Studies and Women’s Studies from Chapman University, Orange, California.

Megan’s life objective is to encourage and build peace through “education, the wisdom of crowds, and the role of the arts in reconciliation and regeneration”. Since graduating she has spent time in Mexico, Georgia, Morocco, India Turkey and Jordan. She has facilitated peacebuilding workshops in private, public and alternative schools, government agencies, NGOs and citizens collectives.

Megan is presently studying for a Rotary Peace fellowship at the University of Queensland with particular emphasis on eviction and civil harassment mediation. Megan’s course will allow her to investigate the finer points of the subjects, and prepare her with tools with which to resolve differences and preparing her for a learning deployment to Myanmar, where she will delve into atrocity prevention. She is learning to see disputes as complex matters, to pick out points of agreement to work from, and build resolutions from there.

Megan’s talk prompted many questions which she answered promptly and explicitly.

Greg C. Proposed a vote of thanks and presented Megan with an Ashmore Rotary Club pen.

The meeting closed at 7:50 p.m. with the reciting of the 4-Way Test.

Ed. I had an opportunity to chat with Megan after the meeting. Commenting on the wide international experience she has had, I asked where she intended to work when she had graduated from U.Q. She replied ‘Wherever I can find a job’, I am sure that there will be no shortage of offers.

Some time into the future, don’t be surprised to see the name, Megan McKeon-Gleason as an internationally acclaimed personality demanding that world leaders start using their brains, not their fists to bring this fragile world to its senses.

MICHAEL HYLAND

From the Editor’s Desk

I have included a letter to the Board on page three of this edition. It is from Brian McAllan. Brian is a founding member of this club. He was President of Ashmore Rotary in 2003/4. It was Brian who presented me with a Grevillea soon after I joined the club in 2003. That Grevillea was planted close to the eastern fence in our back garden. That little plant is now a 4-metre tree. It has grown over the years at much the same rate as my admiration has for the man that gave it to me. My thought at the time (before I got to know Brian) was “this bloke’s a hard worker”. He is still a hard worker; he participates in just about all of the projects in which the club is and has been involved.

Let me give you a current example. He is the coordinator of the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. That is: He liaises with the Bunnings Staff. He organises volunteers when we are allocated a session. He arranges for our equipment, as required, to be on site. He is on site first thing on duty days. He is on site last thing to help clean up and then returns the equipment to the ARCC and does a consumables stock count. Between those times he is either assisting with serving or running backwards and forwards to the supermarket, replenishing stock. He then takes the cash home, counts it and reconciles revenue with stock sold then prepares a report for the Board which I then put into ‘AiA’ the following week. He *must* be absolutely shattered by the end of the day.

Add to that, he is part of the “A” team, he does work with Silver Bridle and assists one of our ex-members to carry out water quality testing in the rivers and streams in the Gold Coast Hinterland. In his spare time, he does his exercise walks around the golf course behind his house and in the process, collects bottles and cans to add further to the club’s coffers.

BRIAN NEEDS HELP. Any assistance you are able to give will ease his work load. The last thing I want to see is for Brian to burn himself out and leave the club. He is too nice a guy and too hard a worker for us to lose.

Those who were present to hear this week’s speaker cannot but be optimistic about the future when such quality is demonstrated by yet another of the younger generation. It is easy to concentrate on the negatives when we hear and see news splashed across the media of a 17-year-old stealing a car then driving over and killing innocent pedestrians. With a media hungry for sensation, we rarely hear of those such as the young people we have met during the last few months, most who are, hopefully, in the majority and *will* make a valuable contribution to future society. Perhaps the journalists of the future will recognise that positive news can be just as sensational as negative news.

MICHAEL HYLAND

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?

Ed: Can somebody tell me; do we still collect spectacles?

Social Calendar to June

PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY OF THE DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS LISTED BELOW

Saturday 27th 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 17th March:

Saint Patrick’s Day:

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

Wednesday 31st March:

5th Wednesday of the month. Social Event:

Dinner at the Benowa Tavern – Denise to organise

Wednesday 28th April :

Pay it forward day.

Barbara to organise this special event.

Sunday 16th May:

BBQ at Michael and Janet Hyland’s home.

Arrangements to be advised.

Wednesday 23rd June:

Changeover Dinner at the Southport Golf Club.

Wednesday 30th June:

Social event at the Centre.

“The Great Debate”. Roast dinner.

Letter from P.P. Brian McAllan

To the Fund-Raising Committee and others

It is important that members have family time, holidays and other Rotary commitments. This can be accommodated.

Getting volunteers for a 4 hour shift is relatively easy as most members want to contribute.

However that was not the point of my email. It was not a request to the committee to volunteer.

All club members including the fund raising committee will be asked to volunteer in the near future.

Did anyone read the *Requirements of a Bunning Sizzle*? It is a lot of work.

I need help. Maybe a small team. That is what I was asking.

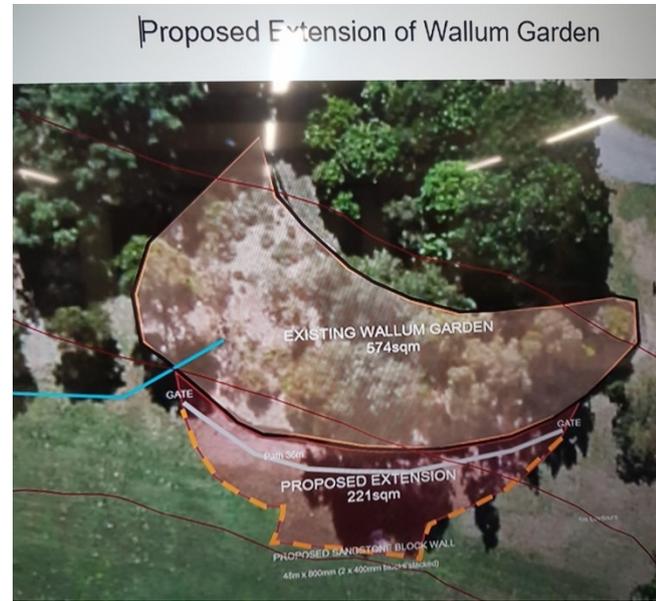
I am asking for ideas and then follow up with action.

If I do Silver Bridle pick up, A team duties and Bunnings then I do Rotary 7 days straight.

I am feeling the stress.

The next Bunnings is just over 4 weeks away.

Brian McAllan



Proposed Rotary Centenary Project: see article on Page 2.

Kiva Project

Continuing our article on the beneficiaries of our Kiva fund, here are another three small loans going to people who will benefit from or help.



Above: Nieves is, like Mildred (Issue 38), from the Leon region of Panay Island in the Philippines. She is 52 years old and has 7 children. Nieves is in the pig-fattening business and wants to continue to expand her business until she earns sufficient to save enough to finance her own expansion.

She is sponsored by a local NGO, *Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation* (NWTF). Nieves has had 8 previous loans. All have been repaid.

Loan: \$125, (supported by 8 lenders) 0% repaid.



Above: Tham lives in Quang Trach, a rural area of Quang Bihn Province, Central Vietnam. She is 27 years old, married with 3 children. Tham owns and runs a general store. She is looking to expand her business by increasing the range of items sold (bottles, plastic brooms, waste buckets & glasses). Repayments will be with help from her husband.

Tham is sponsored by the *Quang Bihn Women's Development Fund*.

Loan: \$900 (supported by 33 lenders). 0% repaid.



Above: The *Los Hijos De Sion Group* lives and works in the San Antonio District of Chinandega City, Nicaragua, 20 km or so from the Pacific Ocean. It is committed to assisting local residents to improve their lifestyle by funding small business. In this case, they are assisting one of their own, Darling Vanessa (Pink Polo) who is 39 years old and married with 3 children. Her husband is a Gold Buyer. She owns and operates a clothing store and is seeking to expand her business with an increased range (pants, dresses & undergarments). This will allow her to create employment in her community. Covid-19 has severely impacted on the region and may result in repayments being delayed.

Loan: \$5,000 (supported by 164 lenders). 0% repaid

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

Celebrations

We have two birthdays to celebrate this week

Happy Birthday to Sue Coventry on the 10th

And President Norman Coventry on the 11th

Final Funnies

More quips from children that have surprised us with their smart answers

More from Neil McPherson
Corny Puns

TEACHER: "Glen, Why do you get so dirty?"
GLEN: "I'm closer to the ground than you are Ma'am".

TEACHER: "George Washington admitted chopping down his father's tree. Louis, do you know why he wasn't punished?"
LOUIS: "Because he was still holding the axe?".

TEACHER: "Winnie, Name one important thing that we have today that we didn't have ten years ago"
WINNIE: "Me!"

Why is it unwise to share secret with a clock.
Time will Tell!

Why is Dark spelled with a "k" not a "c"?"
Because you can't see in the dark.

A commander walks into a Hotel Bar and orders everyone around.

Requirements for a Bunnings Sizzle

Event Initiation :

- Receive request from Bunnings Activities Organiser.
- Check with Board & members if date is acceptable.
- Reply to Bunnings Activities Organiser - ASAP.
- Provide copy of insurance if required.

Week of Event

- Finalise roster.
- Notify each volunteer of hours required.
- Count each variety of soft drink in stock.
- Decide how many of each to buy (total required – six varieties:170-200).
- Buy drinks from Coles/Woolworths.
- Put at least half of the drinks in Rotary fridge.
- Check napkins, sauces, gloves, utensils, aprons etc.
- Buy sauces (small disposable bottles), napkins etc. as required.
- Buy onions from Campbells and put in Rotary freezer (2 x 6 boxes of 1.5kg).
- Check there is plenty of ice in both freezers.
- Get Eftpos machine and float from Treasurer.
- Note opening Stock of drinks.

Day prior to Event

- Buy half the sausages from Aldi (10 x 24 packs).
- Buy half the bread from Aldi/Coles/Woolworths (12 loaves).
- Charge EFTPOS machine.

Event Day

- 2 members and cars go to ARCC Store at 7am.
- Fill 2 Eskys with drinks and some ice. (ensure replacement stock in refrigerator)
- Fill 2-3 more Eskys with some ice. (ensure replacement stock in refrigerator)
- Take all the sausages (10 x packs of 24).
- Take 1 box of onions (6 x 1.5kg).
- Take 12 loaves of bread.
- Take appropriate Plastic Storage containers. Container numbers will be identified.
- Take 1 or 2 'Donation' containers.
- Be at Bunnings by 7.30am, unload & set up.
- Start cooking before 8am.

Event Day - Late Morning

- Check Drink Stock and replace from ARCC Store as required.
- Check working Onion stock and replace from ARCC Store as required (6 x 1.5kg).
- Buy more sausages from Aldi as required (up to 10 x 24 packs).
- Buy more bread as required (12 or more).
- Check Napkin stock; replenish as required.

Event Day - from 2pm

- Check all Stock (Drinks, Sausages, Onions, Bread, Sauces etc.) Purchase from Supermarket as required. Take cash from Till . Retain all receipts. Return change and receipts to the Till for "End of Trading" balance. Pass receipts to the Club Treasurer with trading report.

End of Event

- Clean BBQ and working area.
- Load gear into cars and take to ARCC Store.
- Volunteer required to clean saucepans and utensils. Return to ARCC Store at Wednesday meeting - unless otherwise informed.
- Volunteer required to launder aprons and tea towels. Return to ARCC Store at Wednesday meeting - unless otherwise informed.
- Count and record returned drinks. Put excess drinks in refrigerator or storage area (if refrigerator full).
- Count and record returned sausages & onions. Put excess into freezer.
- Refill ice buckets, return to freezer for use at Wednesday meeting.
- Clean and rinse Eskys and return to store. (Leave lids open).

Monday following Event

- Count cash, including donations. Deduct float. Place float in Tin. Return Tin & Eftpos machine to Treasurer.
- Bank all takings : notes and coins including donations.
- Calculate the total sausages and drinks used.
- Produce Report: Total Cash from Sales: Total Cash from donations. Opening stock: Stock added: Closing Stock. Calculate net profit.
- Email Report to Treasurer, Board. Volunteers, AiA editor.
- Email Report to Bunnings Activities Organiser (**MUST be done on Monday**)