



Ashmore in Action

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LAST CHANCE FOR "CHANGEOVER" BOOKINGS

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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 for 6:30 pm on Wednesday the 16th June
To assist with catering, please send advice of your intention to attend :
To 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 Elaine Williams
Barbecue Events:	Brian McAllan Rob Deshon
A.I.A.:	Michael Hyland

2021 Changeover Dinner of the
Rotary Club of Ashmore
to be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021
at The Southport Golf Club
Slatyer Avenue, Bundall
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start
Please RSVP to Marcia Waller—
marcialampshade@gmail.com or 0413 730 820
All payment must be made before the 17th June

Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
16 Jun	ARCC	GOLD	Michael Hyland :
23 Jun	Southport Golf Club	—	Changeover Dinner
30 Jun	ARCC	RED	The Great Debate
01 July	The World	—	Rotary New Year

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

This week's Menu
Each week we will endeavour to advise the meal that is planned at ARCC.
Should you require something different we may be able to assist or you may wish to bring something from your own kitchen.
For Wednesday, 16th June
BBQ: Steak & Sausages
Followed by
Surprise?

Meeting Report for Wednesday, 9th June 2021.

All 13 members who had advised attendance were present by 18:10 therefore the two course meal was served. There was a variation to the format of the meal this week with small plates of Cheese, Cherry Tomatoes, stuffed Olives and pickled Gherkins served prior to the hot meal of a choice from three Kampong Malay dishes allowing the formal segment of the meeting to begin at 18:25.

Chairperson: Heather Yarker

Heather reported a sad incident at the property adjacent to the Clagiraba nursery when the Queensland Ambulance Service contacted daughter Peta to attend that property to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to the husband of the owner. This was requested due to the period of time taken by the emergency service facility to travel to the remote location of the property. Unfortunately, it was apparent on her on her arrival that the person was dead but she began CPR as requested and continued until the paramedics arrived and her supposition of death was confirmed.

This emphasises the importance of First Aid training for all individuals living in remote locations; as early intervention in cases of potentially fatal incidents may be critical.

Other Reports

Joan Adams - Welfare:

Barbara Healey: Is out of hospital and recovering from her fall. She is due to have an x-ray on a broken eye socket this week. She is not expected to be able to return to Rotary duties for approximately one month.

Graeme Allan: Is also home from a period in hospital and is "getting better". He has advised that he has returned to the Golf Course but is not confident to drive at night. Members will enquire as to the possibility of pick-up to attend meetings.

Brad Francis:

Gold Coast Show:

The Ashmore R.C. Board has decided not to participate at the Gold Coast Show but supervising the parking remains an option and may prove to be lucrative. Contact with the show's organisers will be maintained.

The Great Debate:

Thoughts were canvassed on what the subject of the debate to be held on the 30th of June should be. There being little consensus on the subject, a decision will be made by Brad Francis.

**N.B. At a later meeting of some club members it was suggested that an appropriate subject could be:-
"THE RELEVENCE OF ROTARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY".**

Robyn Schatz:

Science & Engineering Challenge: See article by Ian Wilson on Page 3

This project, initiated by the University of Newcastle and sponsored on the Gold Coast by Griffith University, was held on the 7th & 8th of June at the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences. This year, 15 teams participated representing 14 schools. Each team is faced with resolving eight scientific or engineering problems during the day with students separated into groups of two to four students. Disappointingly, some students regarded the challenge simply as an opportunity to have a day away from school with teachers not interested in correcting the situation. However, most students participated enthusiastically in the projects set with some interesting methods of achieving the objectives. Points are awarded for successful completion of each project using, in some cases, a minimum of materials by the most robust or efficient method. The school with the most points at the end of the two days is awarded a trophy and the opportunity participate in a State-wide final. The team with the highest number of points on Day 1 was St. Stephen's College, Coomera and on Day 2, Merrimac State High School.

Denise Payne:

Where will our Koalas go?

This was the video of a presentation given at the District Conference by Dr Michael Pyne, Director; Currumbin Wildlife Hospital. The presentation centred on the incidence of chlamydia in Koalas. Whilst most other incidents that result in the death of this adorable marsupial have been controlled, Chlamydia is on the increase and is the most common; to the point that, left unchecked, it could result in extinction. There has been success in treatment with antibiotics but this is both difficult and expensive to administer.

Catching the animals in the first place is not easy - their home is usually at the highest part of a tree and once caught, the treatment and nursing back to health can be a lengthy process. Once caught, a portable tester can be used, giving an answer in 25 minutes. For many, it is too late. Advanced cases of the disease may affect the urinary tract, including the kidneys, the reproductive organs and skin where "wet-bottom" can result in ulceration.

The most promising development involves vaccination. Again, trapping the animals is the most difficult part of the process but once caught and providing the disease is not too advanced, recovery with antibiotics followed by vaccination has proved effective. Expense remains a problem as a second dose is required to ensure immunity. To apply the second vaccination, it is necessary to care for the animal for four weeks before final release to the environment. Work is in progress to develop a timed dissolving implant that will release the vaccine into the system. Unfortunately there is no approval from the drug administration authority for use of the vaccine in animals which means that the work has to remain as a research project; with the consequent high cost of the vaccine. The work is slow and time-consuming but is showing success and with ongoing financial assistance, there is an end in sight. It remains to be seen how distant that end is.

President Norman Coventry:

With only two weeks to go to the end of his lengthy term as president, he is looking forward to a well-earned rest. He was surprised that a senior, district Rotarian referred to Spike as a Kiwi. Spike is indeed a true Aussie, an Echidna! The meeting closed at 19:10 with the reciting of the Four-Way test.

Collectables

Bottles - plastic and glass, Cans with the 10c return bar code: To Barbara H.

Tea Bag Tags: To Heather Y.

Stamps: To Ian McP.

Bread Clips: To Jan H.

Aluminium Ring Pulls: To Jan H.

**Cane Toads: Frozen— In plastic bag - see procedure at watergum.org
To Michael H.Will pick up**

<p><u>Social & Volunteer Calendar to June</u> PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY OF THE DATES OF UP-COMING EVENTS LISTED BELOW: Wednesday 23rd June: Changeover Dinner at the Southport Golf Club. Wednesday 30th June: Social event at the Centre. "The Great Debate". Roast dinner. Wednesday 29th September Visit of the District Governor All of the above events will continue to be advertised on Page One of this publication under: ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS</p>

Science and Engineering Challenge

Once again the 2021 Challenge was a great success.

Thank you for the Rotary Volunteers Michael Hyland, Rob Deshon, Robyn Schatz, Ian McPherson, Jan Heap and Ian Wilson

Barbara was disappointed that she had to withdraw but a huge fall put her out of action.

The challenge was well organised by Griffith University Stem Outreach Manager, Sally McPhee and the day ran like clockwork under the control of Team members from University of Newcastle.

All Rotary members once again enjoyed the two days.

Interesting fact. Rotary Club of Ashmore/Griffith University joined forces for the first challenge in July 2005. We missed last year because of COVID 19 so this was our 16th Challenge plus one state and one national challenge.

This year 2021, the School students participating were born in 2006/2007. So no students were born when we completed our first challenge in 2005.

The Science & Engineering Challenge is still a very popular event for Schools and once again the challenge on- line booking, was filled up within a hour of opening

It is also a very valuable event for the Griffith University STEM team and that's why they continue to fund the program. Griffith University and Rotary host two challenges in South-East Queensland.

The Science and Engineering Challenge was developed by the University of Newcastle to inspire young people, through fun and practical, hands-on activities; about the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering.

The Challenge is open to class-sized teams of year 9 and 10 high school students, with the aim to engage them in science and engineering activities with minimum introduction and theory, enabling them to explore scientific principles for themselves. Winners from each Regional Challenge proceed to the State Challenge, with the opportunity to continue through to the National Challenge if successful.

Does it Work?

YES! Data gathered by the University of Newcastle and Griffith University over the 16 years of the Challenge confirms that many years 9/10 students who had never contemplated careers as scientists or engineers, reported later in life to have first gained an inkling of the doors that may open to them were they to follow that route.

Among the undergraduates and post graduates who volunteer on Challenge days, many are former years 9/10 students who attended a Challenge Day and acknowledge personally that that attendance set them on the road to science and engineering careers.

The Challenge is available to all secondary schools. There has been an almost dramatic rise in the number of young girls entering the many fields of science (in particular) and engineering over the past decade. The data suggests the Challenge has helped in this development.



Left: Students watching their efforts to build a bridge tested to destruction.



Right: Rotarian Rob Deshon preparing to present the Challenge Cup (Centre Right) to the winning school, Merrimac State High.

From the Editor's Desk

Following on from Ian's article. Once again, I had a very enjoyable and enlightening two days at the Science & Engineering Challenge last week. There were noticeable absences of a couple of the Private Schools but again the State High Schools were well represented being five of the thirteen present. In fact, one of the State schools sent two teams. With only one State School represented on Day 1, it was not surprising that the top three scores came from Private Schools but Nerang State High - the first time I have seen them at the challenge - headed two of the "privates". On Day 2, Public Schools sandwiched a Private School for the first three places with the first two teams separated by a decimal of a point. Interestingly it was the poorest efforts that I have seen with the bridge building with not one construction surviving the "super ingot" load.

I met with a real surprise during the scoring at the project on which I was an assistant. I worked with two young lady students from Griffith University. On Day one, we sat together to calculate the accumulated points at the end of each Scenario. At one scenario, it was necessary to add two, three - digit numbers together. Whilst the girls were reaching for their calculators, I added the numbers mentally. Both stopped and looked at me. I told them the sum which totalled four digits. Neither believed me and continued to use their calculators. One of the girls looked up with a dropped jaw, the other did not look up, simply wrote down the total on the sheet and turned over the next sheet. I looked across at the sheet and (almost) immediately gave the answer. The girl with the dropped jaw proceeded to check my answer on the calculator and agreed my answer, looked up, smiled and nodded to the other girl who wrote the answer. Same thing with sheet three except I suggested that they both try to calculate mentally. The girl doing the entries waited for my answer, the other wrote one number under the other, added the two and nodded. The other five sheets were left to me to give them my number which was not checked I hope I got them right! On day two I worked with two graduates doing their doctorates at the Institute for Glycomics. They had a more difficult task; the sum of five, three digit numbers. I gave my mental addition before they got to the fifth. Their reaction was similar, a look and a smile; no comment. I am astounded that people with such a high level of education did not (could not?) do something that I learnt to do at primary school. Coincidentally, I heard an interview on the radio that same day where there is some controversy regarding a new instruction to teachers *NOT* to teach addition and multiplication "by rote" (I would have said, memorise) "because it doesn't help with problem solving". The mathematics professor being interviewed; who had started school in the 1970's, disagreed. Is this another of the theories that is change for the sake of change? Who remembers *Cuisenaire*? Where is it now?

I am looking forward to the *Great Debate*. Even a discussion on what subject should be discussed brought some issues to the fore. It will be interesting to see the tenure of the debate and the depth of feeling of the debaters. *I nominate myself to be the SCRIBE for the evening.*

VIRTUAL ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

The 9640 Youth Exchange Committee have opened applications for a Virtual Rotary Youth Exchange Program. We would greatly appreciate if you could share the details of this program with your contacts at the local high schools that your club has a relationship with, as well as on your own social media platforms. The program is open to students aged 15-17 years who are based in District 9640. At present we have agreed to exchange students with other districts in India, Italy, Brazil and France, with more to potentially come on board. This round of exchange will commence in late July/early August and will run for between 8-12 weeks depending on the host district's schedule. The exchanges will be a 1:1 student pairing, and will involve the students' family. Details about the program and how students can apply are on our website here:

<https://rotary9640.org/page/rotary-virtual-youth-exchange?fbclid=IwAR20T3X2MLwTbmrFXpMUxa1qm3ICtaCbeMP9XoLJ41-V5jGe09O31Ej01U0>

If you have a Facebook page, you can find the post about the Virtual program pinned to the top of our page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryYEP9640>

Please direct any questions about the program to YEP Chair David Kenny on david_kenny@live.com or Co-Deputy Chair Kathryn Koch on kathryn@anythingbutordinary.com.au

Many thanks,

Kathryn Koch

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NOTICES

SENIORS SAFETY SESSION

The City, in partnership with the Queensland Police Service and the Office of Fair Trading, are offering a free seniors safety session to provide information and strategies on keeping safe.

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2021

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Location: Tugan Village Community Centre
414 Coolangatta Road, Tugan

Registration: Visit www.cityofgoldcoast.com.au/cityconnect or phone 07 5581 6642

What's Covered: Seniors are invited to learn more about: personal safety, home and vehicle security, scams, and cyber safety

Please visit the above link for further information

2021 QUEENSLAND SENIORS MONTH

Did you know that Queensland Seniors Week has changed to a month-long celebration - Seniors Month!

Being held during October 2021, Seniors Month will provide opportunities for people of all ages, cultures, and abilities to connect through inclusive events and activities.

This month-long celebration will continue to provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the valuable contributions that seniors make to our city and will encourage community connections and participation.

MayorsFreeSeniorsConcert; Dates and venue to be confirmed shortly

Gold Coast Seniors Month Calendar of Events: If you are hosting a free community event during Seniors Month, please let me know and I can promote your event through the 'Seniors Month Calendar of Events.'

For more information please visit <https://qldseniorsmonth.org>.

This letter refers to the release, Left

Dear Presidents, Youth Directors, Secretaries & AG's (FYI),

Please see the attached memo from YEP co-chair, Kathryn Koch with the exciting news that D9640 is about to embark on a "Virtual Youth Exchange Programme". How to access information etc. is contained in the memo. Should you have any questions, please contact Kathryn.

Presidents, please check with your Youth Director that they have received this information, as not all Youth Directors are listed on Club Runner, so I would ask that you provide them with the information - TKU. This information is being sent to all of the incoming Presidents/Secretaries & Youth Directors.

YIR,

Sue Randel
Dist. Sec

cc: DGE Jeff Egan
Incoming Dist. Sec. Jan Glynn

Kathryn Koch
David Kenny
Darrell Brown
John Campbell

From Jan Heap

A big thank you to all those members who collect the ring tops from aluminium cans. These have been sent off to be used in the repairing of wheel chairs.

Jan



A note from Brian McAllan

This is a request from my team mate James from Lions. We do Silver Bridle food pick up together.

It is not a Lions club project but he is sending old clothes to Papua New Guinea.

James is looking for Second Hand clothing in good condition. It can be female, male or child size.

He is also looking for shoes and accessories.

Please bring them along to our meeting to give to Brian. He will forward them to James

Member's Welfare

If you are aware of any member who is sick or is in need of help, please contact Joan Adams on:

Mobile: 0401 255 883

Email: joanadms3@optusnet.com.au

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW
TO
SASKIA**

**We hope that you have a very enjoyable day
(and sell lots of houses!)**