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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

NATIONAL TREE DAY IS COMING

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**The next Meeting of
The Ashmore Rotary Club
Will be held at the
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
at 6:00 for 6:30 pm on Wednesday the 14th July
To assist with catering
Please advise of your intention to attend to:
Contact: Robyn Schatz:
SMS: 0439 794 092
Email: randgschatz@gmail.com**

Club Officials for the Year 2021-22	
President:	Denise Payne
Vice president:	Brian McAllan
President Elect:	Brad Francis
Treasurer:	Ian Wilson
Secretary:	Justine Dillon
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Service Directors	
Club Administration:	Rob Deshon
Community:	Greg Clogan
New Generations:	Robyn Schatz
Foundation & International Service:	Pat Fleming
Vocational Service:	Heather Yarker
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Support	
Attendance:	Robyn Schatz
Welfare:	Joan Adams
Barbecue Events:	Brian McAllan Rob Deshon
A.I.A.:	Michael Hyland

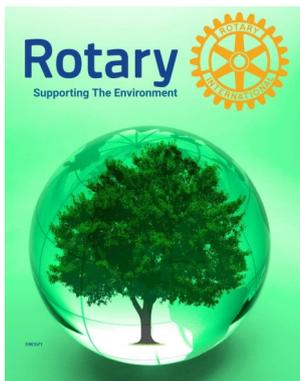
National Tree Day was established by PLANET ARK in 1996 in an effort to highlight the importance of trees in the fight against global warming.

Each year, some 300,000 Australians volunteer their time to educate the general public on the need to reduce Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions and to increase our tree population to absorb the gas we do produce - 1.4% of Global emissions.

Our export of coal and the continued destruction of trees puts us in the top 20 of the polluting nations. We are the 3rd largest exporter of fossil fuels.

This year, *School Tree Day* and *National Tree Day* are the last Friday and Sunday of July respectively.

Carbon Dioxide is a base element. It cannot be chemically converted to its components, Carbon and Oxygen. That is done by trees by photosynthesis. Trees absorb CO₂, extract the carbon for growth and emit oxygen to the atmosphere.



Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
14 Jul	ARCC	GOLD	None: State of Origin! Quiz of all things French
21 Jul	ARCC	RED	Jane Welsh: Former Peace Scholar
28 Jul	ARCC	GREEN	Bradley Schatz: Internet Security
4 Aug	ARCC	GOLD	Glenn Norris: Volunteer Marine Rescue
11 Aug	ARCC	RED	Danielle Stanisc/Winter Okoth: Griffith Institute Of Glycomics - vaccines
18 Aug	ARCC	GREEN	Candice Olivier: Rotary Passport Club

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
14th July
The planned meal is -
Surprise!

Report of Meeting of the 7th July 2021

Under the latest Covid-19 restrictions, 13 Members attended the meeting. However, masks were removed to facilitate eating.

Chairman: Referring to the President's new agenda, *Bradley Francis* opened the meeting at 18:40 with the reciting of the Four Way Test and invited President *Denise Payne* to welcome the members to the first meeting of the 2021-2022 Rotary Year.

Raffle: Drawn by *Heather Y.*; won by *Rob D.*

Joke: mmm!

Director's Reports:**President Denise:****2021-22 PLANNING MEETING FOR ROTARY CLUB OF ASHMORE**

It is important that we all know what we are planning for our coming year and that everyone has a say in what are our goals for the year.

What does RI expect of us as a Board? – We will:

- Monitor and co-ordinate the efficient operation of all club committees and programs.
- Monitor and adopt proposals from Service Committees.
- Manage the overall finances of the club.
- Implement and monitor the periodical Club Strategic Plan.
- Be legally responsible for all decisions made by the club and club committees.
- Be responsible for preserving the image of Rotary in the community.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate the timing and implementation of all club programs so that members are not overloaded at particular times of the year.
- Check that all proposals from committees are in accordance with the objects of Rotary, the Club Constitution, the Club By-Laws and Rules, the Rotary International Manual of Procedures and the Club Roles & Guidelines Handbook.
- Monitor the on-going finances of the club and ensure that accounts are paid in a timely manner.
- Monitor the Club's implementation of its strategic plan.

Please know that your Board this year will be sure that we achieve all of what RI asks of us.

To be able to do this we will ensure that the Directors make all members aware of what we are doing, why we are doing it and how they can help.

Our RI President has asked us to look at the following issues:

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed.

So – empowering girls, assisting them with their education – we certainly do this through our Interact Club and perhaps this year we might concentrate on having more joint projects with them, or sponsoring some of their members to attend the Rotary youth camps.

The RIP also encouraged all clubs to increase and retain their memberships – and for many years we have known that this is important, but how do you go about it. There have been some really good ideas mentioned over these years – and it is now time that we put some of these ideas into practice to try and increase our membership, whilst at the same time ensuring our existing members are happy with the way the club is going, and that they are actively involved in some way.

I ask that some of you consider joining with *Brian McAllan* and myself on the new **Membership Committee**. We need to look at ways to identify suitable new members as well as membership retention. If you would like to help please let me know and we will hold a meeting in the next few weeks to formulate some plans.

What other goals should we look at including this year???

Each of your Directors has had time to consider their role and their goals and this has been incorporated into a Budget that **Treasurer Ian Wilson** has prepared. It is important that we know how much money we need each year to be able to achieve the goals we set – and also how we are going to go about raising these funds. For this reason, we have a Fundraising Committee who will meet and come back to us with some suggestions.

The Directors will now give a short talk about what they will be doing this year.

Club Administration – Rob Deshon.

Reorganise keys: with specific regard to allocation. **Meals:** “A” Team is *Brian Mc, Pat F, Brad F & Robyn S.*

Team Leaders: **RED:** *Robyn Schatz.* **GOLD:** *David Grant.* **GREEN:** *Ken Cowan.*

Guest Speakers: Working on the list for the latter half of the year. Where no visiting speakers, it is intended that club members will be nominated for a speaking session.

Timing: It will be Team Leaders responsibility to ensure that the meeting timetable is adhered to. Effort should be made to finish at 8:00 p.m. except in rare or unusual circumstances. The aim will be to schedule speakers to begin promptly at 7:15 for a 20 - minute session with added time for questions.

Identity: It is emphasised that members should display **Name (Dinner) Plates (Badges)**. In particular when visiting speakers and/or invited visitors are present. A box has been provide to enable members to leave identity badges locked securely on site.

Events: A list of forthcoming events will be published in AiA several weeks in advance of each event.

Insurance: A request from the club's insurance company has requested photographs of all insured items. (*I.W. - just completed.*)

Collectables

Bottles - plastic and glass, Cans with the 10c return bar code to: **BRIAN**

Tea Bag Tags to: **HEATHER**

Stamps to: **IAN McP**

Bread Clips to: **T.B.A.**

Aluminium Ring Pulls to: **T.B.A.**

Spectacles & Sunglasses: **BRIAN**

Cane Toads: Frozen - in plastic bag see procedure at watergum.org. call for pick-up to: **MICHAEL**

Social & Volunteer Calendar to October

PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY OF THE DATES OF UP-COMING EVENTS LISTED BELOW:

Mercredi, 14 Juillet

Jour de la prise de la Bastille: Un quiz de toute l'affaires Francaise.

Jul/Aug - at a date to be advised:

Baby Shower for Justine Dillon's expected daughter

Sunday 22nd August

Gold Coast Potters: Father's Day Barbecue

Wednesday 29th September

Visit of the District Governor

Saturday 30th October

Cocktail Party at the Payne residence

All of the above events will continue to be advertised on **Page One** of this publication under:

ATTENTION: EVENT DETAILS

Meeting Report of 7th July - continued

Blue Cards: All currently valid. One due for review soon.

Constitution: Requires a review and update.

Social Committee: Marcia continues to very ably handle this task.

AiA: Continues to be published by Michael

Community – Greg Clogan.

Absent due to hospitalisation.

International – Pat Fleming.

Covid - 19 continues to cause disruption to attempts to progress international projects so concentration of effort will be on preparation for 2022-23.

Fuji Kids: This was a project introduced by Peter Debelak in August 2020, to provide clothing, food and education supplies for children in a 200 square kilometre, coastal area between Suva on the east and Nadi west of the main island of Viti Levu. The help required is anticipated to be much the same as we have provided to Narang State High School.

Timor Leste : A town, close to the border with Indonesia is in desperate need of a reliable water supply. This is a project that will require more money than the Ashmore budget can supply and is therefore requiring of several partners. This is a long-term project and this year, with restricted international travel, there is an ideal opportunity to carry out extensive preparatory work to prepare a submission for a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

Sumatra: Another project, requiring research into assistance into the restoration/preservation of Orangutan habitat.

New Generations – Robyn Schatz.

Unfamiliar with the requirements of the position but has arranged with Jan Heap to help set an agenda.

Vocational – Heather Yarker.

Pride of Workmanship: Proposing to maintain the principle but change the format. By asking each of the duty teams to put forward three nominees from a specific category vocation. Maintaining the “Pride of Workmanship” principle, the nominees would be selected with a view to encouraging them to join Rotary. The three teams would rotate the nomination process at two-month intervals. The cost of this procedure would be approximately \$700 with a potential the gain 12 new members.

Meeting Timing: An intention to canvas the possibility of the occasional Breakfast or Lunch meeting; again with a view to attracting prospective new members.

Vocational visits: Possibilities include a visit to the Yarker son’s business establishment, the new Ashmore Medical Centre, a Foodbank distribution centre or a Transport facility.

Raffles: The Christmas and Easter raffles held in the 2020/21 were highly successful and will be repeated in this term. Elaine W. has agreed to be involved in the organising of the events.

Budget - Ian Wilson.

Membership fees: Ashmore Rotary has again held fees at an historic level with the amounts due the lowest of any club on the Gold Coast.

Project Account: The 2021/22 projected expenditure will be within budget estimates. The Project account holds sufficient funds to cover the estimated expenditure on projects for the coming year.

Venue Hire: Revenue from the hire of the *Ashmore Rotary Community Centre* is presently covering expenses.

Separate Issue: The homeless individual previously assisted by the club is now supplied with temporary housing and has been placed on a Gold Coast City Council “assisted housing” list. He has continued with voluntary work at the Wheelchair Centre.

Denise Payne - Other Business:

There has been an enquiry from members regarding an occasional return to the *Ashmore Seafood and Steak Restaurant*: possibly for one week in each month. Whilst a vote taken from the floor resulted in a 7:5 majority, it was decided that this was a case that required all full members to participate. An email will be sent out with a view to all eligible members expressing an opinion.

The restaurant owner has expressed a desire for the club to return but there will likely be a rise in the meal cost.

Would all members familiarise themselves with the **ORGANISATIONAL CHART** sent by email.

Assistant Governor David Bisiker, has asked *Ashmore Rotary* if we are prepared to be involved in organising and running, a **Carols by Candlelight** event with *Parkwood Rotary Club* in December 2021. There is a GGCC grant of \$10,000 available. It was unanimously resolved to accept the challenge.

The meeting was closed at 20:10

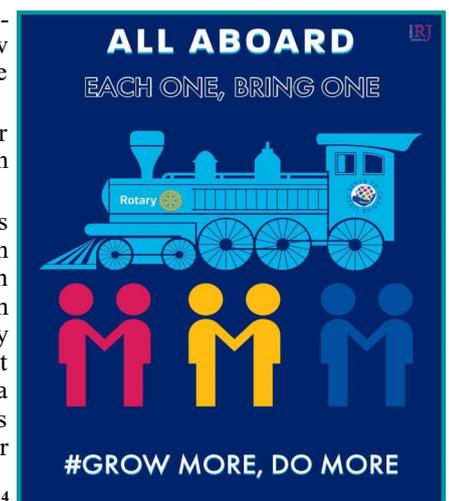
From the Editor’s Desk

For many reasons, Ashmore Rotary was unable to achieve PDG Andy Rajapakse’s growth target set last year.

R.I. President Shekha Mehta has made Andy’s project and international objective for the 2021 - 22 year with a target of 120,000 new members by the end of the year. That is just one new member for each member of a club. For our club of our size, half that number would suit quite nicely.

Our Vocational Service Director, Heather has put forward a list of innovative activities in her portfolio for the year. If we each can’t “Bring One”, we should support Heather’s activities which could help our club to go some way to reaching our target.

I was eager to study Denise’s Organisation Chart to see what job(s) I was going to get. I was pleased to see that our President has taken pity on “the aged”. I was interested that I have been put on the Community Garden Project. I have always been good at building walls and garden beds, digging, mulching and even turf lifting, carting and laying (that’s another story) but, from an early stage in our marriage, was banned from touching any plant. “Black Fingers” I think they call it. I have been reasonably successful at planting trees with, I think, only one failure. I am not sure even that that was my fault. I planted it about two metres from our western fence and a couple of weeks later had to go to Taiwan for a work project. When I returned about six weeks later there was no tree. On enquiring of my son-in-law, he said “It looked dead so I mowed over it”



From the Editor's Desk continued

He is not very keen on trees; he likes to mow in straight lines. So I do wonder if the tree was really dead. I would be very happy in my role with our Community Garden Project if we could plant trees. It may go some way to recompense the environment for the destruction of trees sanctioned by GCCC in the growth of urban sprawl along the eastern side of the M1 between Coomera and Pimpama and the western side at Worongary. I wonder if the Council has removed the *Beware Koalas* sign where there used to be thousands of trees but now hundreds of houses. I suppose that the reply would be "trees don't pay rates". OOPs! Up on my soapbox again. Someone will throw me off one day.

Yet another stalwart has left the club. I have been closely associated with Norman Coventry since he joined Ashmore Rotary and we have become quite close companions. He has live through a nightmare in the last few years. Originally President Elect for 2018/19 (?), he was seriously injured in a hit-and-run incident and spent many, many weeks in hospital. The injuries he sustained have had a significant effect on his health since that time. Despite that traumatic period he was determined to fulfil his commitment to the club and became President in July 2019. He used time, experience, flair and lateral thinking throughout that successful year. There was apparently no candidate for 2020/2021 so Norman agreed to retain the baton for a second term. To undertake such a demanding task for a year is admirable. Every President I have known at the three clubs in which I have been a member have been happy to hang the chain of office around another's neck. It is an exhausting but rewarding job and whilst there have been some unfortunate situations during this last year, Norman has again guided us through a difficult year. I have to add my personal congratulations to Norman for the two successful years of dedication, undertaken whilst still suffering from the effects of a life-threatening incident. He has remained in good humour throughout that time although I have had occasional difficulty in spotting the puns thrown into a sometimes serious conversation but I am not the brightest of individuals.

Thank you Norman and thank you too Sue. This past three years must have been a very difficult time for you. I am sure that Norman would not have been able to perform his duties so well without your support. Janet keeps telling me that behind every good man is a PERFECT woman.

This is only a little picture but it tells a huge story; and it involves the Ashmore Rotary Club's Brian McAllan.

Every Wednesday Brian and James board the Silver Bridle van and begin their journey around the Gold Coast, visiting Coles Supermarkets to pick up crates of food then delivering them to the Community Centre at Molendinar for distribution to the needy.

This is service that we rarely hear about but doesn't "Just Happen". Brian is only one of a large team committed to helping a growing community of struggling poor and homeless individuals in the Gold Coast community.

This is yet another example of Brian's "**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**"

Below right is a Promotion Poster for the Botanical Bazaar. It is self-explanatory and will give you the opportunity to contribute to the "greening" of our city. I hope to confound my son-in-law by acquiring a tree of two then surrounding them with a steel barrier too strong for him to "accidentally" mow down.

MICHAEL HYLAND



NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)

applications close soon.

Our District is looking for students, currently in Y11 who love all things about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), to attend the NYSF sessions in January 2022.

The program gives students the opportunity to gain a broader understanding of STEM study/career options and to network with others who have similar interests.

Can you please let your Club members know about the program and closing date (preferably via an email attaching the flyer), as they may know a student who might be interested. We are also interested in hearing from your members and NYSF alumni who would be interested in joining our interview panel team. The interviews will be held towards the end of August (via ZOOM) and the job is a most rewarding one as you get to meet our future 'movers and shakers'.

Enquiries to: Rhonda Whitton or Danielle Stanic, D9640 NYSF co-coordinators.

Email: nysf.rotary9640@gmail.com

Find our more about NYSF at <https://www.nysf.edu.au>

Garden & Sustainability Festival
Botanical Bazaar

Where naturally wild, urban gardening and nature lovers of all ages connect

SATURDAY JUL 31 11:30-17:30
SUNDAY AUG 01 09:00-16:00

Country Paradise Parklands, Nerang
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This year's Botanical Bazaar has grown to 2 days full of activities! The festival showcases everything green from urban gardening, sustainable living and botanical 'must-haves'. Grow your mind, knowledge and garden - there will be workshops, speakers - including the incredible *Gardening Australia* trio of Costa, Sophie and Jerry, plant markets, kids' hub, botanical home wares, garden supplies, community groups and plenty of food, music and entertainment.

www.botanicalbazaargc.com.au
or scan the barcode to find out more

Logos: advanced group, 94.1 FM, Australian Ethical, A&S, AGC Pro-Tec, Rotary Gold Coast, GOLD COAST.

Member's Welfare

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

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

to

Michael Hyland on the 13th

and

Denise Payne on the 17th