



Club President



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BOTTLE DEPOSIT INCOME FALLS

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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 18th August
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

Since the resignation of Barbara, our income from the deposit of returnable containers (cans, stubbies, plastic bottles etc.) has fallen significantly.

Brian Mc has continued his collection around the Golf Club greens and has developed a method of packaging the various types of returnable containers to enable the time at the collection centre to be brief.

By neatly packing each type of container in a separate box with a defined number of each type noted on the box, it is simply a case of identifying the number and type of item in each box and reporting to the collection centre supervisor.

This has been a relatively lucrative source of income for the club over the last three years and would be a pity to be lost for such little effort. If you wish more information please talk to Brian when you are next at a meeting.

Date	Venue	Duty Team	Guest Speaker/Event
18 Aug	ARCC	GREEN	Candice Olivier: Rotary Passport Club
25 Aug	ARCC	GOLD	Brad Francis: Gold Coast Show parking procedure
1 Sep	Level 5, Tower 3 9 Lawson St, Southport	---	Vocational Visit: Design Australia Group
8 Sep	ARCC	RED	Will McNellis: I.T. & Project Coordination
15 Sep	ARCC	GREEN	Sofia Wilcox: Urban List. Market Research
22 Sep	ARCC	GOLD	David Wilcox: Town Planning

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
18th August
is
Vietnamese**

Report of Meeting of the 11th August 2021:

Reporter: Rob Deshon

Members present 15. Guest, Jarryd Harris

What a pleasure it was to have PP Norm, who is now a member of RC Parkwood, join us for our meeting. We also had Ian McPherson, back from the bush, and Jarryd Harris with us. Ken and the A team put on a great steak dinner once again.

At 7.00 we were joined via Zoom by ROMAC chair Harold Sharp, who presented a 10 minute promotional video, then talked about the activities of ROMAC, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children. This part of Rotary started in 1988 here in Australia, and over the subsequent years has treated over 500 children from the Pacific Islands, Timor-Leste and PNG. ROMAC provides surgical aid to children up to 15yo where the skills and facilities of their own country are incapable of helping them. ROMAC saves life, gives life, and enables children from small developing countries to lead a normal life. All Rotarian volunteers give their time for free, and the same goes for most of the Australian Royal College of Surgeons members who get involved. However, although there is a move to reduce hospital fees, there is considerable cost involved with transport, hospital fees and accommodation for accompanying parents and carers. On average, patients cost ROMAC \$60 -70,000 each.

There are 40 to 50 patients coming into Australia and New Zealand each year, so donations from Rotary clubs and individuals are vital. Covid restrictions have put a stop to activities at the moment, but one Tongan boy had heart surgery here last year.

The government has decreed that no Australian child can miss out on medical treatment because of a ROMAC patient, so there is often quite a long wait before surgery. There is also a very thorough selection process before approval for surgery.

Rob thanked Harold, who is obviously very passionate about his work, on behalf of the club.

Chairman Greg introduced Ian Wilson, who emphasised the importance of internet security, and expressed his appreciation for Bradley Schatz's talk two weeks ago. A few months ago, Ian was the victim of an internet hacker who made off with a great deal of his money. Fortunately, the money has been returned, but Ian's efforts to get help from the Police, the bank, and the government were very frustrating, and his feeling of personal violation was profound.

Pat Fleming recounted her own similar horror story.

Ian McPherson chimed in with his story and advice.

Brad and Greg are going to try to get someone to come to one of our meetings to audit our internet activities. There was general agreement that this is a good idea, even if we have to pay for the advice.

Jarryd suggested we should approach TAFE for their help.

Brad has had approval from the council for us to have signage at Carey Park during the GC Show. The council will provide Eftpos facilities.

Ian Mac won the raffle, and Marcia the Heads and Tails.

President Denise reported on a productive board meeting, before closing the meeting.

From the Editor's Desk

Last week we featured advanced advice of an Australian Rotary Health initiative of "Hat Day", in October. This week we learnt of the work of another incredible Rotary programme. ROMAC. Our guest speaker was unable to attend so President Denise quickly arranged for us to hear via Zoom from Romac Chairman, Harold Sharp. Having been involved on the fringes of the massive commitment that is ROMAC, during my years in P.N.G., I was unaware that the organisation is run totally by volunteers. As reported in the above minutes, his includes the surgeons in New Zealand and Australia who perform life saving and/or life restoring operations on children from P.N.G., Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and Timor-leste. Despite this amazing effort, there are still costs involved. These include government approvals for entry, transport to and from the host country, living expenses for the child and carer and, in many cases, post operative medication. The raising of these funds, is undertaken by the volunteers. The enthusiasm shown by Harold reflects the dedication of the nearly 200 dedicated people working with him.

On the tables at the meeting last Wednesday, was a 'flyer' for The Father's Day Art & Crafters Market to be held on Sunday, the 22nd of August (next Sunday). I bring this to the attention of those who were unable to attend that meeting. The market will be held at the Gold Coast Potters Association hall at the corner of Ashmore Road and Carrara Street, Benowa. The market features Stalls with hand-made

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Collectables

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

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:

Sunday 22nd August

Gold Coast Potters: Father's Day Barbecue

Friday, 27th to Sunday 29th August

Gold Coast Show: Car Park Duty

Saturday 28th August

Baby Shower for Justine Dillon's Daughter

See page 3 for details.

Wednesday 1st September

Vocational Visit: to Design Australia Group

Wednesday 29th September

Visit of the District Governor

Wednesday 13th October

Joint Meeting with E-Club NextGen - Hat Day

Saturday 30th October

Cocktail Party at the Payne residence

All of the above events will continue to be advertised

Ware, live music, pottery throwing demonstrations and Foods stalls to keep the "kids" quiet. Our Honorary Member, Probus President and active member of the Potter's Association is urging us to go along and to support this event.

I draw your attention to the email you would have received from President, Denise this week related to frequency of our meetings. R.I. President Shekhar Mehta has declared that an increase of Rotary membership is an aim for this year with the slogan "**Each One, Bring One**". To keep Rotary relevant in this day and age, we must adapt. Our existing practices and procedures are not attractive to the target groups so we must adapt to survive. Your thoughts on meeting times and frequency are needed. Please respond to Denise's questions in plenty of time for her to collate the information before the next Board meeting on the 13th of September.

The older one gets there is a tendency to conclude that one is becoming increasingly irrelevant. One certainly becomes less visible. If you are over seventy, do you find that people walk across you, maybe pulling a case or trolley that stops you in your tracks? Do they walk through a door in front of you then let it go so that it narrowly misses your nose? Do they walk towards you, tapping away on their mobile then look round angrily to see what it was that hit them on the shoulder? They are not rude. To them you are simply invisible.

Occasionally something will happen that changes all that. Wow! I am not invisible. I am not irrelevant. I've got a job!

Some four years ago I contributed to a feasibility study for an American Engineering company to establish a refinery to treat the by-products of a new, large copper refinery in Indonesia. That study resulted in the company submitting a quotation to the client. The project was delayed because of an issue with the Indonesian Government. It was ultimately approved but awarded to a Chinese engineering group and is now ready to proceed. A Canadian engineering company have been asked by the client to oversee the technical aspects of the whole project (there has been an issue with the validity and technical viability of the processes involved). I have been asked to examine the proposals for the precious metal refining aspect of the project. It is a relatively small commitment at present but could lead to some more work as the project develops. My self-esteem (and perhaps my bank account) has been restored.

MICHAEL HYLAND

Kiva

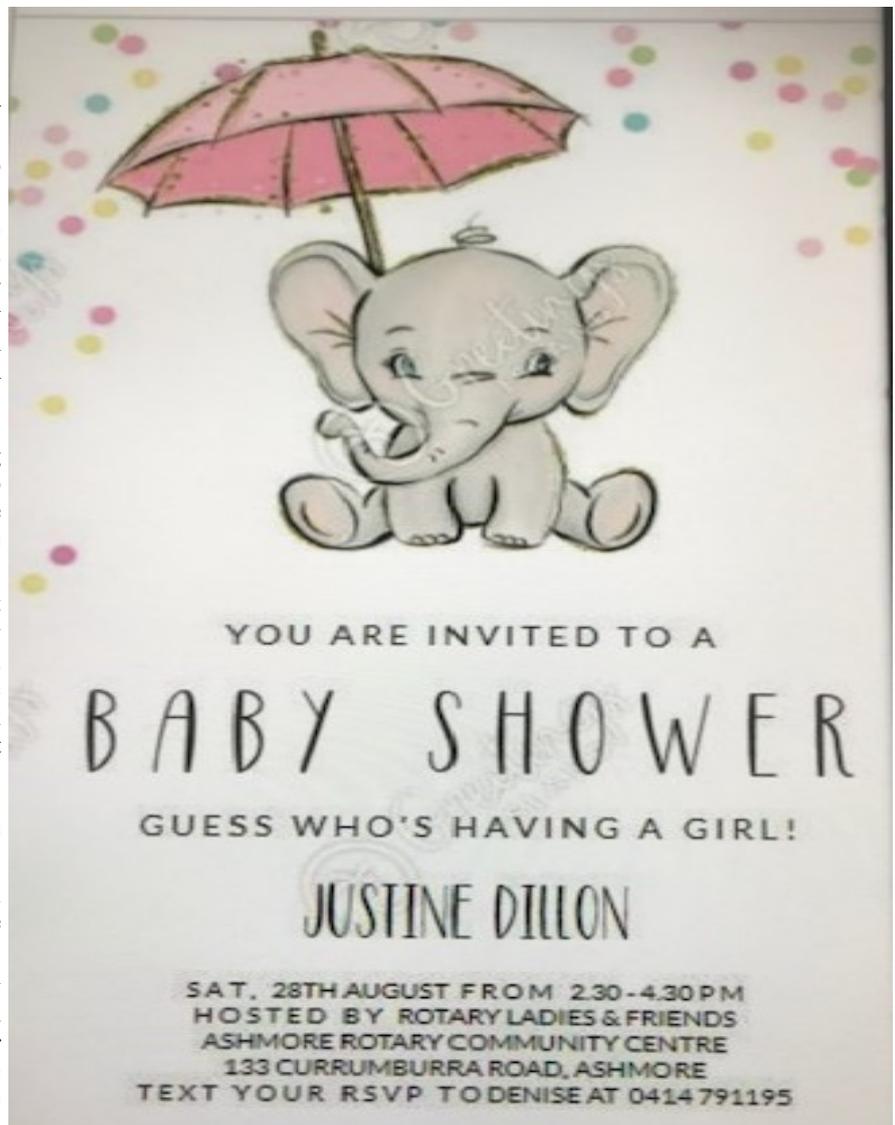
There are presently two accounts operated by Ashmore Rotary Club.

Account 1 is named "Ashmore Rotary"

There are presently 30 active borrowers repaying on a regular basis. There are 8 borrowers, who have received loans since the beginning of 2019 who are described by Kiva as "delinquent". This means that they have missed at least one scheduled repayment. The total of default payments is \$56.23. We have loaned \$4,000. Given the fact that Covid -19 has had a significant impact, particularly in developing countries, it may be that they are having income difficulties and will resume payments when business allows. There is presently an exchange rate loss of \$20.88. The loss of lending money as a result of the default of repayments and currency variation is a total of just over 1.9% of our investment.

Account 2 is named "Rotary Women 9640"

There are 52 beneficiaries on this account. I cannot give you more information. The Kiva website keeps defaulting to Account 1 and after well over an hour attempting to make sense of the site I have accepted defeat.



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

Greg Clogan had a double celebration last week.

Happy birthday to Jan on the 11th and

Congratulations on a Wedding Anniversary Yesterday



ROSTER FOR CARPARK AT GOLD COAST SHOW 27TH-29TH OF AUGUST 2021

SHIFT	AUG 27	AUG 28	AUG 29
7-10	Rob D	Rob D	Ian Y
	Ken	Ian W	Heather Y
10-1	Robyn S	Ian Mc	Michael
	Joan Adams	David G	Janet
1-4	Brad	Brad	Brad
	Helen	Helen	Helen
4-6	Denise	Denise	Denise
	Pat	Pat	Pat

At the moment we believe we need two people per shift.

The Gold Coast show society will have the money bags and the cash float. Signage will be in place for the week leading up to let locals know of the charge as well as signage for those arriving on the day.

Monitors are reminded to have hats, sunscreen, water and chair for the day. The car-park is the Carey Park one at the end of Short Street. (See Map)

Bring a safety vest if you have one.

