



Ashmore in Action

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R.I. President

Club President



Brad Francis

THE 4-WAY TEST

- IS IT THE TRUTH?
- IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
- WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



Jennifer Jones

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**The next meeting of
The Ashmore Rotary Club at the
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
on
Wednesday, the 17th of August 2022**

DUTY TEAM: GOLD

Please be sure to advise Robyn Schatz if you will be attending AND if you will require a meal.

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Club Officials for the Year 2022-23

President: Brad Francis
Vice president: Brian McAllan
Past President : Denise Payne
Treasurer: Pat Fleming
Secretaries: Justine Dillon
..... Ian Wilson

Service Directors

Projects : Heather Yarker
..... Ken Cowan

Administration : Robyn Schatz
& Club Service Rob Deshon

Public Relations : Sue Plummer

Foundation : Greg Clogan

Support

Attendance: Robyn Schatz
Welfare: Joan Adams
A.I.A.: Michael Hyland

9640 District Governor at Ashmore Rotary Club Meeting

Ms. Karen Thomas, the Governor of District 9640 is scheduled to attend the Club's meeting that will take place on Wednesday, the 17th of August.

Ms. Thomas's tenure began in somewhat controversial circumstances when she cancelled the arrangements for the re-establishment of the international Youth Exchange Programme (YEP), suspended in 2020 as a result of the worldwide outbreak of Coronavirus.

Whilst information of the history of the District is sketchy, Ms. Thomas is only the sixth female to hold the Office of 9640 District Governor in the last forty years. Previous female Governors were Heather Yarker (2000/01); Margaret Hayes (2004/05); Sandra Doumany (2012/13); Wendy Scarlett (2014/15) & the late Anne Egan (2015/16).

This is one of the first visits to a club that Ms. Thomas will make during her year in office and it will be an opportunity for her to give details of her decision to cancel the international YEP event to a club that has a long record of successfully, over a period of many years, hosting international students.

This is expected to be an interesting session; to hear her plans for District activities in the coming year. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Social & Volunteer Calendar

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

Wednesday, 17th August

Visit of the District Governor 2022/23

Wednesday, 15th August

To be Advised

Friday to Sunday,

26 - 28 August

Gold Coast Show Parking

Availability to President Brad please.

Wednesday, 7th September

To be Advised

No Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, the 3rd of August 2022 was received.

From the Editor's son's dining table

It was disappointing not to receive a report of the happenings at the meeting on Wednesday, the third of August. My calendar indicated that Sue Plummer was giving members instructions on how to operate our AED and I suspect that Sue would not have allowed attendees to snooze through her session. For those Team Leaders who may not have read my email, I was in central Queensland on Wednesday evening, en route north. I will not return to the Gold Coast until early September so I would be grateful to receive notes on the meeting of the 17th of August no later than Friday afternoon following the meeting..... to my hylandm@bigpond.net.au address please.

As reported on Page 1, at the next meeting, it is our turn to receive the District 9640 Governor for this, 2022/23 year. I am particularly interested in what her plans for the year are and, assuming that some other members may not be able to attend that meeting, they too will wish to know what the rest of the year holds for us. Gold team leader, please note.

I am writing this edition from North Mackay. The journey north from the Gold Coast was painful. Faced with "under-speed" traffic to the Sunshine Coast hinterland there was some relief further north but then the Bruce Highway becomes little more than a goat track. Peppered with potholes and patches, sags and sinks, the bone jarring and stomach churning for hours can almost make one feel air-sick. Perhaps our responsible politicians should take a day's ride north, not in the luxury limousines they usually travel in but in the old family wagon. They now have a friend in Canberra. Maybe he can help.

An illustration of comparative road conditions between States: a few months ago, we drove to Son No, 2 in the Sutherland Shire (south of Sydney): 865 km in 9 hours 15 minutes (driving time) = 93.5 km/hr. This drive to Son No.1:1,059 km in 14 hours (driving time) = 75.6 km/hr

We stopped for a break in the village of Marlborough (population about 150), between Rockhampton and Clairview. Here, there is a café / grocery store, run by an old, short-tempered lady with a gritty sense of humour. The picture below is of her information board outside the café.

Queensland now reminds me of NSW in the 70's and 80's when the governments of Neville Wran and Barry Unsworth claimed there was no traffic problems in the State as traffic gradually ground to a near stand-still. Happily, Mackay is the end of our road trip. The next leg north (Townsville) is with Virgin and the return is with Australia Rail which we accept will be slow but, at least, comfortable.

For general information, I was recently advised that my Blue Card (now called "Working with Children" card) was about to expire. Renewal is simple. With the notification came instructions of the renewal procedure. A new card was issued promptly after sending off a renewal application.



Member's Welfare

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

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthdays in August to

Brad Francis on the 3rd

Gary Bartsch & Jan Clogan on the 11th

Janet Hyland on the 23rd

Tony Ciriello & Margaret Richards on the 29th

Greg and Jan Clogan have a Wedding Anniversary on the 14th of August

Brad and Nina have Club Anniversaries on the 11th and 27th of August respectively.