



Ashmore in Action

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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?**



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

R.I. President



Jennifer Jones

30 Years of Gold Coast Junior Council

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The next meeting of
The Ashmore Rotary Club at the
Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
on

Wednesday, the 2nd of November 2022

DUTY TEAM: RED

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

Event Calendar

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

Wednesday, 26th October

For Senior's Month:

A DAY OUT WITH ROTARY

09:30 - 12:00 @ Southport Golf Club

Wednesday, 2nd November

Guest Speaker:

Interact President 2022-23

DUTY TEAM: GOLD

Wednesday, 9th November

Gold Coast City Junior Council
Anniversary Meeting

BY INVITATION ONLY

Wednesday, 16th November

Senior's function @ Southport Golf Club
DETAILS TO BE ADVISED



In 1992 Heather Yarker was appointed as President of the Ashmore Rotary Club for the 1992-93 year. One of the primary projects that Heather set for herself was to negotiate with the Gold Coast City Council with a view to promote the inclusion of the younger generation in formulating the region's policies by means of establishing a Junior Council. As a result of Heather's initiative and that of husband, Ian, the Gold Coast City Council established the Gold Coast Junior Council. On Thursday last, the 20th of October, the Council celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first meeting of the G.C. Junior Council and, in the process, honoured the work of Heather Yarker A.M. and Ian Yarker A.M. in the foundation of that organisation and the ongoing support over the ensuing thirty years.

Students from years 10 and 11 from Gold Coast high schools can embark on a two-year civic leadership program where they may learn the role of local government and develop skills to enable them to qualify

The program provides students with the opportunity to be involved with local communities by developing an understanding of local government; by discussing and raising awareness of local issues, developing skills of communication, consultation, leadership and program development and giving the opportunity to meet other leaders in and of the community, Heather and Ian worked with schools and local authorities to develop the principle of preparing the youth of the area for leadership through cooperation and participation in the administration of the grass-roots, local government body. The end-product was a shadow council comprising student delegates from the Gold Coast schools.

The work of the Yarkers thirty years ago and their continuing involvement with successive groups has meant that, during the ensuing years, the Junior Council has remained as a valuable source of information and advice to our elected representatives.

The picture (below) shows Past President of the Ashmore Rotary Club and Past District 9640 Governor, Ian Yarker AM delivering a presentation at the recent, 30th Anniversary session of the Gold Coast Junior Council.



Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 19th of October 2022

No report of the meeting was received.

From the Editor's Desk

For a variety of reasons, I have been unable to attend the meetings of the Ashmore Rotary Club during October which has left me somewhat out of touch with recent activities. Most disappointingly, I was hoping to sneak into the "Press Gallery" at the celebratory meeting of the Gold Coast Junior Council. If for no other reason, than to be able to report in this Issue, the meeting's proceedings and Ian's presentation to that meeting. The problem I find is that it is always difficult to get the modest, Yarkers to boast about the enormous amount of time and effort that they spend on Rotary matters or to claim credit for their achievements in helping to make their part of the world a much better place. I have no doubt that they had barely recovered from their recent, arduous "Tag-along" expedition before discussing what their next involvement for good that they would begin.

Whilst Ian and Heather continue to seek more work, I am relinquishing part of mine. The Ashmore Rotary Club has, for the past ten years or so, been involved with donations to needy individuals and groups in some of the world's poorest developing countries through an organisation in the United States called Kiva. Kiva deals with Micro-banks in those countries. PP Denise was the instigator of the project and with assistance from Kim and Robyn has arranged for Ashmore to typically deliver small amounts of money - akin to crowdfunding, to enable citizens to improve their circumstances by receiving grants for projects that may help them to expand a small business or improve living conditions where funds are unavailable through recognised lending organisations. Almost invariably, the grants are repaid from improved revenue or higher income as a result of the funds advanced. I have been the club's administrator of this project for the past two years and have found the work extremely rewarding but feel that it is now time for me to pass the work to another member of the club.

If any member is interested, you can discover more about *Kiva* by simply type <https://kiva.global> into your search engine.

Foundation Director, Greg Clogan has thus asked me to "pass the baton" back to Denise who is happy to take the responsibility for this rewarding project. The project is well up to date with, after the last distribution, only \$US.0.06 in credit so Denise should have some breathing space before the next group of funds can be allocated. I will pass the latest spreadsheet listing the outstanding loans on to Denise but if, in the meantime any club member is interested in seeing the people and places where our funds are helping families - mostly in our hemisphere but occasionally across the Pacific and in eastern Asia, please let me know and I will email you a copy of the present status of our involvement with the fund.

On Page 3 is a reminder of our commitment to Gold Coast Senior's Month at the Southport Golf Club NEXT WEDNESDAY, the 26th of October. Please come if you are able. We need to show support to our senior citizens. ***If you are able to help, please contact Denise who, I am sure will be able to assign you a job,***

And don't forget to let Joan know if you will be attending the social get-together at 18:30 on Wednesday evening at the ***Emerald Lakes Golf Club.*** Joan's contact details are ***0401 255 883 or joanadms3@optusnet.com.au***



The Rotary Club of Ashmore

Invite you to be their guest

At a special morning tea

To be held on

Wednesday 26th October 2022

From 10 am to 12 noon

at

Southport Golf Club

Slatyer Road, Southport

Please RSVP by Wednesday 12th October to: Mrs Denise Payne – 55391041 or denise@studymatch.com.au

A member of the Rotary Club of Ashmore will then contact you and arrange to transport you to and from this event.

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 Birthdays to

Brian McAllen's wife, Lesley on the 6th of November

Nina has a birthday on the 10th

and

A whole heap of people joined Ashmore Rotary in November

Rob Deshon (9th in 1973), Brad Francis (8th in 1999),

Graham Cifuentes (9th in 2012?*) and "yours truly" (12 in 2003)

* I dispute this date; Graham was with Southport North before joining us