



# 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



IMAGINE ROTARY

R.I. President



Jennifer Jones

## Australia Day

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

Will be on  
Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023

**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  
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### Support

Attendance: ..... Robyn Schatz  
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 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, 1<sup>st</sup> February**

To be Advised

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**

To be Advised

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

**Friday to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**District 9640 Conference -Yamba**

**Sat. to Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> June**

**Rotary International Convention**

**Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne and Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre**

January the 26th is Australia Day. It marks the anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet in Sydney Cove.

It was in 1935 that all States and Territories marked the anniversary of the landing of the first fleet as "Australia Day" and not until 1994 that all States and Territories declared Australia Day as a Public Holiday. Many of the indigenous community mark the day as a day of mourning: a day when a foreign nation invaded the shores of the country and proceeded on a policy European expansion.

Unfortunately this invasion is viewed in terms of present-day standards. It should be remembered as an invasion of powerful and uneducated people who were using culturally accepted methods experienced in their homelands for centuries. In the eighteenth century there were very few indigenous, English people in what we now call "The British Isles" for 2,000 years the country was invaded by Scandinavians, Romans, French, Dutch and Germans. Each nation carrying out a policy of genocide resulting in a situation today of perhaps less than 0.1 percent of the population being indigenous to the region and concentrated in the far west of the County of Cornwall and in western Wales.

It should also be remembered that those who arrived in that first fleet were uneducated ruffians who had achieved their positions by guile, mental and physical strength, laced with a generous amount of corruption. The first Governor's had just two years of education before being apprenticed to a whaling ship where he learnt his trade of seamanship and subordinate domination. He was responsible for perhaps as many deaths of seaman and convicts as he was of indigenous Australians. The administrators and businessmen that followed were of the same ilk, Each achieving status by the strength of their characters and a willingness to do whatever was necessary to maintain that status.

Those days are now passed. One wonders what would be the situation in this country if it had been colonised by the Spanish, Portuguese or French!

The words of the Seeker, Bruce Woodley come to mind |"We are one but we are many, and from all the lands on earth we come". To make Australia successful we must recognise our differences and celebrate our one unifying factor,

Quoting Bruce Woodley again "WE ARE AUSTRALIAN".

**Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**ED.** No meeting notes were taken. **Guest Speaker: Chris Oxenford**, speaking on the registered charity, the Australian Order of Old Bastards, was introduced to the meeting by long-time friend and co-member, Rob Deshon.

“*Bastard*” is defined in the Collins Dictionary as “a person born of parents not married to each other” and, more latterly “an obnoxious or despicable person”. In Australia, in particular, the term can also be a term of friendship as in the greeting, “g’day you old bastard”, or aggressively, as an insult. It really depends upon the manner in which the term is used.

This year, the organisation is celebrating 50 years of fellowship in Australia and, in that time has raised over \$8 million primarily for the Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Sydney. It has also donated to a variety of service organisations across Australia.

During WWII, American servicemen stationed in Australia were intrigued when they frequently heard their Australian counterparts greet one another with “g’day, you old bastard”. The “B” word to those Americans was an insult but the manner in which the Australians used it seemed to suggest mateship. On returning to their homeland, many of those servicemen remained in contact and decided that they would raise funds for charitable organisations. Australian, Leo Bradshaw joined that international group (I.O.O.B.) and gained support in founding an Australian arm (A.O.O.B.) at the British Lion Hotel in Glebe, Sydney. Leo’s prime motivation was to raise funds for the nearby children’s hospital at Camperdown. That hospital closed and moved in 1995 to the Westmead Hospital, in Westmead, a suburb of Parramatta. By 1973, the organisation had become such an influential component in raising funds for the hospital that the NSW government recognised and registered A.O.O.B. as a Charity making donations tax deductible. In 1982 Leo’s work with A.O.O.B. and the contribution it made to the children’s hospital earned him an M.B.E. Leo died in 1992 but his name lives on at the hospital as the Leo Bradshaw Renal Research Laboratory. His work continued with his wife, Joan taking over the reins, earning her an O.A.M. in 2001. Joan died in January 2003 but the work of Leo and Joan continues through A.O.O.B. to this day.

To qualify as a member of A.O.O.B. must agree to accept just five rules:-

- Marital status of parents is irrelevant.
- Members must have been acclaimed at least once by friends as an “*Old Bastard*”.
- Members must be hearty and jovial including “shouting a turn” at the bar - to avoid being dubbed “a stingy old bastard”.
- On encountering a fellow OB it is necessary to administer a hearty (or if that OB is “seniorly” senior, a gentle) slap on the back accompanied by the salutation “Hello you old bastard”.
- The A.O.O.B. Membership Card or badge must be carried at all times. Failure to produce same when challenged by another OB incurs a penalty of a round of drinks for the table (not, as in some circumstances, for the bar).

The watchword of the organisation is:-

**“WHILST EVER HOPS GROW ON THIS EARTH, LET NOT PLAIN WATER MAR OUR MIRTH”.**

The meeting closed at 19:50.

**From the Editor’s Desk**

Greetings from sunny Mackay, our base for the next four weeks. Here we have the unenviable task of “caring” for my son’s three cats whilst he and his partner swan around New Zealand. Planned travel up here last week was rapidly rearranged as a result heavy rain all down the North Queensland coast, causing flooding on much of the Bruce Highway. Thus, the car stayed at home and I used a few of my Virgin Frequent Flyer points.

There appeared to be some confusion as to the Duty Team for the meeting last week. Issue 111 of AiA identified Green Team as the Duty Team. This was confirmed by the Co-Director Administration & Club Service, Rob Deshon. Would Team Leaders please use the following as a reference for the rest of the Rotary year.

The duty Team for the next meeting on the **1<sup>st</sup> of February** is **GOLD TEAM**. For **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of February**, **RED TEAM**. For **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**, **GREEN TEAM**. I do not return to the Gold Coast until about the 18<sup>th</sup> of February so would be grateful if Team Leaders would email me the minutes of the next two meetings to me no later than Friday at

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**Member’s Welfare**

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