



# CAMBRIDGE COURIER

Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Activity: Dr John Owen & Jan Owen – Kimberley Dental Team

**On Duty:** Club Host: Christine Tonkin

**Set up/Pack up:** Jim Berry

### Coming up soon Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Activity: Allen Graham – Inns & Outs of Fremantle – 1857 to 1890

Club Host: Rod Lane

Set up/pack up: Don Holywell

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Sunday 22 March 5.00 pm Picnic. Cate has circulated the details – be there and enjoy!!
- RYPEN nominations are now open
- The District Conference is in Northam, 13 – 15 March.
- WSJCC Sausage Sizzles continue until mid-March; please help if you can.

## NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

John Wright is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Darlington in Yorkshire and a Civil Engineer by profession, and he came along to tell us all about Aquabox – a device that provides clean water in a crisis. This disaster relief charity was founded by and is managed by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth, and it has existed since 1992. There are many problem areas in the world today following floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes and armed conflicts, and the Aquabox system removes pathogens from contaminated water, thus reducing or eliminating devastating diseases such as cholera and dysentery. Each Aquabox is distributed in a small container which also includes useful items such as tools and plates, and they are sent all over the world thanks to various organisations that help with the distribution. The Aquabox comes in two sizes – Family, which can produce 1 litre of pure water per minute, and Community, which is larger and can yield around 6 litres per minute. The cost of making a Family Aquabox is about AU \$70 whilst the Community version costs around AU \$475. The Aquabox device is very simple to make, and it is based on the principle of reverse osmosis. Another huge benefit is that it replaces the need for plastic bottles, thus eliminating an enormous pollution source that is a scourge on our planet.



*My IQ results came back last week; thank goodness they were negative.*

**Birthdays:** none this time

**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time

**Rotary anniversaries:** none this time



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Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Activity: John Wright – Aquabox / Clean Water in a Crisis

**On Duty:** Club Host: Jim Berry

**Set up/Pack up:** John Gartlan

**Coming up soon**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Activity: Dr John Owen & Jan Owen – Kimberley Dental Team

Club Host: Christine Tonkin

Set up/pack up: Jim Berry

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Jeremy advised that Speaking Comps for Juniors are now officially part of the calendar again
- Sunday 22 March 5.00 pm Picnic. Cate will send out details soon
- RYPEN nominations are now open
- The District Conference is in Northam, 13 – 15 March. Think about attending!
- We are keen to strengthen our ties with the SLSC

### NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

We had a lovely young lady as Guest Speaker this week – Matilda Gosling who was accompanied by her Mum Sarah. Matilda’s brief was to tell us about her experience at the National Science Youth Forum held in Brisbane in January, and she gave us a most comprehensive summary of the event. There were STEM Hub sessions at which forensic scientists talked about data; much discussion took place about artificial intelligence (AI) – especially whether or not it is ethical; pathology issues were explored especially relating to human organs; the Australian Research Council gave the students recipes for plant success; and Seqwater presented fascinating details about water treatment and its ramifications. There were live crosses to places like the Atlas experiment at Cern which investigates a wide range of physics and the ITER project which looks at the feasibility of fusion power. Specialist lectures were delivered on topics such as new medicines, mechanical engineering and the effect of water repellent surfaces on cancer cells. There were music sessions all about science, and of course several social events including a visit to the Art Gallery and the Modern Art Gallery as well. The most important thing that Matilda got out of it all was that it helped her to decide the focus of her future studies – and that turned out to be Architecture.



**No man goes before his time – unless the boss leaves early!**

**Birthdays:** Don Holywell (21 Feb); Libby Larsen (1 Mar)

**Wedding anniversaries:** Manny & Marina Petrelis (21 Feb); Peter & Robyn Wagner (22 Feb); John & Helen Gartlan (2 Mar)

**Rotary anniversaries:** Cate Barlow ('19); Ross Ledger ('73)

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Activity: Matilda Gosling – National Youth Science Forum

On Duty: Club Host: Jeremy Wood

Set up/Pack up: Cate Barlow

**Coming up soon**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Activity: John Wright – Engineering Miracles  
Club Host: Jim Berry  
Set up/pack up: John Gartlan

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Christine Tonkin has joined our Club’s Board – well done Christine
- The Western Endeavour Club are keen to interact with us on a regular basis
- WSJCC BBQ raised nearly \$400 last Friday
- Jeremy will continue to run Speaking Comps for Juniors
- Sunday 22 March 5.00 pm Picnic. Details soon

## NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

John Travlos was our first Guest Speaker of the new calendar year, and his topic was Zimbabwe’s Position in Africa. The former Southern Rhodesia gained independence in 1980, and Robert Mugabe became the first Prime Minister and head of government. Land re-distribution became a central issue because the minority white population held most of the fertile agricultural land, and in 2000 Mugabe implemented the Fast Track Land Reform program which resulted in the farms being confiscated and handed over to the black population. This led to a collapse of the economy, and years of turmoil followed. However, Zimbabwe is now a first world country which aspires to be the ‘Switzerland of Africa’, and the objective is to have the entire population living in the upper middle class by 2035. The population is estimated to be around 16 million people in recent times, but white Zimbabweans make up only about 1% of that total. However, since Emmerson Mnangagwa replaced Mugabe as President there has been a steady flow of white Zimbabweans returning to the country. The blacks have an insatiable thirst for knowledge, and there are numerous universities and schools there now. John gave examples of achievements by prominent Zimbabweans, and the parliamentary capital of the country is now Mount Hampden. Zimbabwe is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producer of platinum these days.



**Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?**

**Birthdays:** Rod Lane (14 Feb); Jim Berry (18 Feb)  
**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time  
**Rotary anniversaries:** Max Puddey ('04)



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On Duty: Club Host: Frank Nathan

Set up/Pack up: Peter Wagner

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Club Host: Jeremy Wood  
Set up/pack up: Cate Barlow

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

President Max announced the new Board for 2026/27 at our recent meeting. CONGRATULATIONS TO DON HOLYWELL WHO IS THE INCOMING PRESIDENT! Max will be Past President of course, and all the other existing portfolio holders will carry on in their roles. Thank you and well done!

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Our first meeting of the new calendar year was a paella night, and great fun was had by all! Only two or three of our regular Members were unable to attend, and we had a good sprinkling of Honorary Members there too.

The food was outstanding and there was much animated discussion amongst all the little groups that formed and mixed from time to time.

We were very happy to welcome back from Africa John Travlos and his wife Pipina – John will be our Guest Speaker at the forthcoming meeting.



*I mislaid my Thesaurus – I’m lost for words.*

- Birthdays:** David James (6 Dec); Max Puddey, Sybil Burns (17 Dec); Pam Veary (1 Jan); Heather Downing (4 Jan); Eileen Nathan (11 Jan); John Gartlan (19 Jan); Manny Petrelis (7 Feb); Peter Burns (8 Feb); Peter Pearse (10 Feb)
- Wedding anniversaries:** Peter & Sybil Burns (4 Dec); Roger & Pam Veary (14 Dec)
- Rotary anniversaries:** Libby Larsen ('19)



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Activity: PAELLA EVENING – CAMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB **6.00 PM**

On Duty: Club Host: **n/a**

Set up/Pack up: **n/a**

**Coming up soon**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Activity: John Travlos - Zimbabwe  
Club Host: Frank Nathan  
Set up/pack up: Peter Wagner

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Please see Max's email dated 14 Jan 2026 re the meeting on 4 Feb.

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# Welcome back everyone!



**How do trees feel in the spring? Released.**

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