



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 09 July 2025

Changeover Dinner

On Duty: Club Host: N/a

Set up/Pack up: N/A

Coming up soon
Wednesday 16 July 2025

Subject: Karya Mulia Teacher Exchange – Lisa Checker and Simon Tomlinson
Club Host: Don Holywell
Set up/pack up: TBA

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Bill Boekeman is organising a bus trip to the Dowerin Field Day on 27 August. Bus will leave Floreat at 06.10. Cost is \$90 per person. Please advise Bill on 0427771884.
- Jeremy reported that he had participated in a School Review at City Beach Primary School and will be speaking on behalf of Rotary this week at both Churchlands and Floreat Park Primary school Assemblies this week.

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

David Nicolson was born in Scotland and then later moved to WA. He graduated in Electrical Engineering from UWA studying electronics. He set up his own electronics company and was in the Naval Reserve and has retained his interest in naval ships. He has been involved with the HMAS Perth Memorial Foundation since 2019. HMAS Perth was a sister ship to HMAS Sydney and HMSs Ajax and Achilles. The Ajax and the Achilles were involved together with the Exeter in the Battle of the River Plate which saw the German Pocket Battleship "Graf Spee" eventually scuttled in Montevideo. Perth was considered a "lucky ship" having mostly managed to avoid damage in the Mediterranean. She was damaged in the Battle of the Java Sea and then sunk by the Japanese in the Sunda Strait along with the USS Houston. From the Perth, 353 of the crew were killed in action, 106 died as POWs and 218 eventually returned home in a very emaciated state. Some of the survivors even suffered further sinkings while being transported to Japan.

The memorial to the ship and her crew is now complete and is located in Riverside Road, East Fremantle - adjacent to the Swan Yacht Club. It comprises a Wall of Remembrance with the names of the whole crew inscribed. In front of that is a plinth with a replica of the ship's propeller. The main part of the memorial comprises a Ship's Bow which is formed with double-sheet glass walls with a translucent montage sandwiched in the middle. Much of the cost was met by BAe Systems. None of this would have been achieved without the many volunteers who were involved.

Of interest to those living in the Town of Cambridge is that the ship's motto was "Floreat" which when translated from the latin is "Let her Flourish". Another curiosity was that the ship had a cat called "Red Paws". This name stemmed from one of the cat's misadventures when it managed to get red paint on its paws and then left red paw marks all over the ship.



Why don't engineers trust atoms? Because they make up everything.

Birthdays: Helen Gartlan on 15 July

Wedding anniversaries: None this week but Holywell next week

Rotary anniversaries: Mike Mullin in 1998

IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING
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