

## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Speakers: Betty Dvorak  
Geoff Ivanac**

**Topics: Our Rotary Exchange Student  
Who am I?**

**On Duty: Speaker Host, Introduction & thanks: Acting President**

**Set up/Pack up: Peter McSkimming**

### Coming up soon

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Speaker: Richard Offen

Topic: Perth Bells

Speaker Host, Intro & thanks: **Max Puddey**

Set up/pack up: **Mike Graham**

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

1. Social Curry Night — 4/10/2023. Please RSVP one way or the other NOW if you haven't yet done so.
2. Please COLLECT for the Fete! Christine Tonkin has donated much needed storage space in a shed.
3. World Peace Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023. Please contact Jeremy asap if you can assist with events.

### NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

Dr David Haig has been retired for 20 years or so, but that hasn't stopped him from making a huge voluntary contribution to Earth and Planetary Sciences in his role as Senior Honorary Research Fellow at UWA. He started his address by announcing that since this time last year, the Bowling Club room in which we meet has moved 7 centimetres to the north! Of course, the rest of the building and indeed our whole continent has done the same thing. In contrast to this Asia is moving in an easterly direction at the rate of 3 cm per annum and this is part of the reason why the Indian Ocean is slowly closing down. David outlined the changes that have taken place during the millions of years between the Jurassic period and now, and demonstrated that the Australian shoreline is constantly changing. David then drew our attention to Timor-Leste off the northern coast of WA, and gave us a very informative description of how the island was formed some 1.6 m years ago. He focussed on the Matebian mountain which runs from north to south and has two peaks – Feto and Mane – and explained how it was formed, including by moving plates and a huge collision. David and a handful of local colleagues in Timor found out that adjacent rocks came from two distinct eras, namely early Jurassic and deep-sea crustacean. The former fell like a large pebble into the latter and this resulted in Olistolith rock sediment – a chaotic mass of materials. A little closer to home, the Batavia micro-continent used to be very close to where Perth now is, but it is now about 1,600 kms west of our coastline. David concluded by reminding us that change is continual, but the human species does what it can to conserve health, wealth and its environment.



***The inventor of computer auto-correct died last week. The funnel will be held tomato.***

**Birthdays:** Robyn Holywell (20 Sep): Rory Beattie (23 Sep)

**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time

**Rotary anniversaries:** none this time

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