



Cambridge Courier – 2020/21

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday 7 October 2020

Speaker: Stan Robins

Topic: A Brief History of Me!

Stan is our newest Member, and we look forward to hearing about him and his wife Gwenda

On Duty 7/10/20:

Speaker intro & thanks: Peter Pearse

Set up/Pack up: Peter McSkimming

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Apart from 18 Members we also welcomed 6 Wives and 29 visitors from the Rotary Clubs of Osborne Park and Western Endeavour, who all came along to hear Celia Hammond MP, Federal Member for Curtin, give an update on her perspective of politics today. Celia's first 6 months in politics was 'lost' due to the mental challenges of adapting to the system, as well as to the physical challenges of Parliament House in Canberra! The pre-selection and selection processes are brutal in themselves, so a thick skin is needed! The onset of Covid-19 meant that all politicians suddenly had to help people with things like accessing Centrelink and advising them on how JobKeeper works! The worst fall-out from Covid-19 is the mental health impact, which is enormous. The resultant budget deficits can't prevail forever, and so support measures must be curtailed in the long run. Celia will continue concentrating on community issues and education matters, and on the latter she says that university degrees are not for everyone. However higher education has now reached 40% (up from a traditional 20%) of student activity, but this erodes the demand for training in trades and related skills, thus causing an imbalance. Many questions followed, all of which contributed to a most interesting morning. Thank you Celia for coming along once again!

Coming up soon – Wednesday 14 October

Speaker: David Thomas of the RSL **Topic: Discussion about Poppy Day & how it will work**

Speaker intro & thanks: Jim Berry

Set up/pack up: Don Holywell

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL MEMBERS & WIVES!** Please see Peter Pearse's email dated 28th September regarding the Fete on Saturday 21st November, and **PLEASE RESPOND ASAP!** Thank you.
- **The Club received a Presidential Citation in the Gold category for the year ended 30 June 2020. Well done all round; are we punching above our weight?! No, we're a sturdy bunch!**
- *Sausage Sizzles at the Wembley Junior Cricket Club will start on Friday 23rd October and we'll need weekly volunteers as in the past.*
- This year's 'Cans for Christmas' project is going to take the form of a drive-through rather than collecting from houses.



Two silk worms had a race; they ended in a tie!

Birthdays: Anneitta McHarrie (8 Oct)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

Covid-19 measures aside, we meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), 7.10 am for 7.30 am. **IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND OR IS BRINGING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE JEANETTE BY MONDAY MORNING via telephone (0413 190 412) or email (jp2wood@bigpond.com).**

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