



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE COURIER 2021 - 2022



District 9455 Western Australia

We usually meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), at 7.10 am for 7.30 am.

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 20 October

Speaker: Brian Downing

Topic: My Life and Consulting Career

On Duty 20/10/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: Rod Lane

Set up/Pack up: Don Holywell

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Our Fete is less than 6 weeks away! Continue to publicise it widely please – we still need lots of everything! Please contact Frank Nathan for access to the storage shed, and don't hang back!
- *Pres. Jeremy is looking for volunteers to do the Sausage Sizzle at the Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club between 22nd October and mid December. Please see the emails of 10th October for details.*
- Pres Jeremy has circulated an email from Lindsey Francis of the Matilda Bay Club (dated 13th October) outlining ways in which Rotarians from our District can assist by volunteering their time at tool sheds set up to help residents with the fire restoration exercise.

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 27 October

Speaker: n/a

Topic: n/a

No normal meeting this day; instead many (those who RSVP'd and paid!) will be attending the Taste of Italy lunch at noon

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Our latest meeting was a combined one with the Matilda Bay Club, and what a beautiful setting they enjoy each week! The two Speakers of the day were Peter Durrant and Rick Sneeuwjagt; Peter spoke about the Wooroloo and Giddegannup area fires, whilst Rick outlined the role that Rotary has played and still plays in the recovery process. The fires started at Wooroloo on 1st February 2021 as a result of a spark from an angle grinder, the countryside having been set up for such an event by a very wet November followed by a very dry December and January. Slowly houses started to succumb after embers spread across the area, and all in all 86 properties were destroyed. Aerial water bombers proved to be somewhat ineffective in the circumstances. The devastation underlined what precautions should be taken to avoid such disasters: areas near and around houses should be clear of growth, and special care should be taken with trees; firefighting equipment and sprinklers should be available and regularly serviced; communications between neighbours should be established and maintained; options for pet and livestock care should be explored; and insurance cover should be checked regularly. Furthermore, weather forecasts and fire alerts should be monitored; people should evacuate sooner rather than later, leaving only fit people behind; and spot fires should be put out if possible. Rick explained that Rotary has been assisting by providing advice and funding and so far about \$350,000 has been spent on restoration and other measures.

Those present also celebrated Big Hat Day for Australian Rotary Health by wearing a suitable piece of headgear.



If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Birthdays: Anneitta McHarrie (8 Oct); Judy James (18 Oct)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: Frank Nathan ('82 Bunbury)

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