



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, 27 October

Speaker: n/a

Topic: n/a

No normal meeting today, but the Taste of Italy lunch will take place (Bowling Club @ 12 noon) for those who've responded

On Duty 27/10/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Our Fete is just over 4 weeks away! Frank Nathan gave us an update on the progress with collecting stock, and we are about to start a Community Announcement on Capital Community Radio advertising the event.
- *Jim Berry brought along all the poppies etc. for several of our Members to take to various schools ahead of the Remembrance Day collections early next month.*
- Max Puddey gave an update on the development of the Community Shed down at Lake Monger, including the fact that the Town of Cambridge is very kindly installing an internal wall to separate various key functions of the operation. Also, a busy bee was held recently to help set things up.

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 3 November

Speaker: Daniel Lombardo

Topic: Telethon Speech and Hearing

Speaker intro & thanks: Peter Pearse

Set up/Pack up: Jim Berry

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Our very own Member Brian Downing did the honours today, telling us much about his life and career, and it was a very interesting and at times humourous presentation. Introduced by Rod Lane, who dubbed the talk "The Life of Brian", our Speaker explained that his very young days were not easy as he was somewhat unco-ordinated and kept out of sight by his dad in particular. Brian's father was a gifted musician, and during the WWI days he would sit on the docks at Harwich in Essex, welcoming various visiting sailors with a rendition of the appropriate national anthem! Mr Downing became a crack pistol shot, and when he went off to WWII, Brian was dumped on the local Dominican nuns for a while. After the war the family moved abroad and Brian was sent to a free public school in southern Rhodesia, but his Mum declared that he should be a geologist or a botanist. He therefore moved to a private school in order to gain access to university, where he studied not only geology and botany, but also got into philosophy! That gave his parents something to think about! For a while Brian went to the north eastern part of Rhodesia to do survey work where he came into contact with various political people and also landed up in the army! Surprise, surprise, Brian went back to university and then he proceeded to Zululand where he met and soon married Heather (after an encounter with a rhino!). After moving to Australia Brian became an independent consultant working with various development agencies in many remote parts of the world. He described the significant challenges of corruption, lack of infrastructure and consequent lack of progress. Thanks for a fascinating summary of your lot in life Brian!



Why do people go into a baby changing room and come out with the same one?

Birthdays: Anneitta McHarrie (8 Oct); Judy James (18 Oct); Frank Nathan (27 Oct); Yvonne Graham (3 Nov)

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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