



# Cambridge Courier – 2020/21

*Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday 4 November 2020*

**Speaker:** Prof. Evan Ingley

**Topic:** 3 Approaches to Sarcoma Research

*On Duty 4/11/20:*

*Speaker intro & thanks: Peter Pearse*

*Set up/Pack up: Peter Wagner*

### NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Tim Chapman, a wool broker who has been involved in the industry for the last 50 years or so, came along to let us know about what he describes as a hair-raising production process! The first Merinos were introduced into Australia in 1797 – all 26 of them, and they were brought here from the Cape of Good Hope. By the 1970s the number of such sheep had reached 180 million, but these days it is down considerably to about 70 million. Nevertheless as at 2019 wool was still in the top 15 of Australia’s export products as measured by value. China is a very prominent customer these days, and so they dictate the terms of trade. In general the price of wool has fallen from around 1800 cents per kilo a couple of years ago to about 870 cents in recent Covid-19 times, and so stockpiling is taking place. The growers face volatile market conditions and unpredictable cost fluctuations, most of which are totally beyond their control. Tim explained the processes that wool goes through to get to market, and gave us an idea of the different grades and usage patterns. For example woollen vests are good for sleeping in as they ‘breathe’, resulting in a comfortable night for the user. Thicker fibres are used for items such as carpets, whilst finer fibres go into quality clothing such as suits. Thank you Tim for a very interesting talk! It was a sheer delight!

### Coming up soon – Wednesday 11 November

**Speaker:** Sean L’Estrange MLA

**Topic:** WA and Churchlands Update

*Speaker intro & thanks: Peter McSkimming*

*Set up/pack up: Jim Berry*

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Please see **Peter Pearse’s email of 25<sup>th</sup> October** regarding the Fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It outlines everything that is needed plus it gives a list of stall co-ordinators. **PLEASE DO YOUR BIT TO HELP! Thanks.**
- Please support our ongoing Containers for Change fund-raiser. **Our code** for inclusion on items is **C10307452.**
- This year’s ‘Cans for Christmas’ project will take the form of a drive-through rather than collecting from houses. We need volunteers to distribute flyers in Floreat and City Beach. Please contact Pres. Jeremy.
- If you have a potential candidate for the RYLA camp in January 2021, please contact Frank Nathan.
- **Please support the ‘Smile for a Reason’ Lottery** by promoting it amongst all of your on-line contacts. Please see **Pres. Jeremy’s email dated 12<sup>th</sup> October** and recirculate it widely. You can ‘Like it’ on Facebook too!
- Our **Christmas Party** will be held on the night of **9<sup>th</sup> December** this year. **Please note the date;** details will follow!



**Remember – in English double negatives are a no-no**

*Birthdays: none this time*

*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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