



District 9423

Set up/Pack up: David James

## **CAMBRIDGE COURIER**

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Speaker: Ella McDonald Topic: Agricultural Seed Industry

On Duty: Speaker Host, Introduction & thanks: Don Holywell

## Coming up soon

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Speaker: Chris Olney

Topic: Friends of King's Park

Speaker Host, Intro & thanks: David James

Set up/pack up: John Gartlan

## **GENERAL NEWS ITEMS**

- Pres. Frank, Jeremy & Jeanette Wood, and Don & Robyn Holywell had a good Zoom meeting with our incoming Exchange Student Betty and her parents recently. Betty arrives in Perth on 20 July.
- Members were made aware of the fact that nominations for DG of our District 9423 for 2024-25 are now open, but close on 29 July.

## NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

Judith Amy of the Western Suburbs Branch of U3A (University of the Third Age) came along to inform us all about that organisation, and it was a real eye opener! Life consists of three ages – childhood; working life; and retirement (otherwise known as 'me time'!), and U3A is designed to facilitate older people learning from each other. The word University in the title refers to the learning, but there are no assignments or degrees! Teachers are learners and learners are teachers. U3A was started in France in 1973 by Prof. Pierre Vellas, and the Australian version commenced in 1984. The WA aspect was set up by Dr Maureen Smith, and WA now has 10 autonomous Branches with around 1200 Members. The motto is "Learn, Laugh, Live", and the management is done by a Council which consists of delegates from each Branch. The objective is to provide people with the ability to remain mentally, physically and socially active, and they do this by arranging talks, presentations, book clubs, creative writing, and excursions to name but a few. There is also a U3A Choir which started in 2012, and the Branches get together for an Annual Seminar on a Saturday in July. This year the Seminar is titled "The Arts Perspective WA". Each year U3A puts on three Free City Lectures at the Library Auditorium, and these feature speakers of high calibre such as Dr Anne Ali, the federal Member for Cowan. U3A is the fastest growing adult education group in Australia, and is part of the international Alliance that fosters communication between networks. The Western Suburbs Branch meets weekly at The Grove Library on Monday afternoons, and usually has 2 speakers – one a member and the other an outsider.



The Middle Ages were called the Dark Ages because there were so many knights

**Birthdays:** Margaret Lane (23 Jul); Robyn Wagner (23 Jul) **Wedding anniversaries:** Stan & Gwenda Robins (19 Jul)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time