

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Activity: Kairi Watty will give us Strength for Life

On Duty: Club Host: Ross Ledger

Set up/Pack up: John Gartlan

Coming up soon

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Activity: No normal meeting; a Sundowner instead at Jackadder Lake!

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The recent Extraordinary Meeting discussed the District Establishment Meeting to be held on Sunday 10th March at 9 am.

Special thanks to the Ladies Social Committee for organising the Sundowner for 13th March. More detail later!

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

One tends to take education for granted, but those present at our latest meeting found out that there is a lot more to it than meets the eye. Philip Goldsworthy is one of the most experienced participants in the Independent Schools sector – the other sectors being Government, Catholic, and to a lesser extent, Home Schooling. The media tends to portray the situation as Private schools versus Public schools, but the term 'Private' is a misnomer, as they are mostly Incorporated, Not-For-Profit organisations that also rely on governments for some funding and which still have to comply with Government regulations.

Philip made reference to 5 aspects of education in WA – Literacy, Enrolments, Funding, Health, and Parents, and it is sobering to learn that around 4 million kids (i.e. about 1/3rd) can't read properly. As far as enrolments go, about 64% of pupils are in the Public sector, but the swing to the Private sector has significant ramifications. The Commonwealth Government pays out about \$29 billion for education each year, \$11b to Public, \$10b to Catholic, and \$8b to Independent schools. In WA the latter school fees range from \$27,500 to \$32,700 pa. On health matters food is broken into 3 categories – Green, Amber and Red – and ham sandwiches are now in the red! Parent input is generally positive and useful, but sometimes things get ugly with one or two individuals. Fascinating stuff!



In Hillbilly-speak the medical term 'cauterise' means you made eye contact with her.

Birthdays: Libby Larsen (1 Mar); Jeanette Wood (5 Mar)

Wedding anniversaries: Peter & Robyn Wagner (22 Feb)

Rotary anniversaries: Ross Ledger ('73); Cate Barlow ('19)

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