



## **CAMBRIDGE COURIER**

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

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Activity: Katherine Jafari – from the Stroke Foundation; all about StrokeSafe

On Duty: Club Host: Peter McSkimming Set up/Pack up: Rod Lane

## Coming up soon Wednesday 12th March 2025

Activity: 'Raising Fens Tigers' – John Taylor

Club Host: Ross Ledger Set up/pack up: Rory Beattie

## **GENERAL NEWS ITEMS**

- The Rotary District 9423 Conference is taking place at Margret River from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March. How about forming a group to enjoy a weekend down there? The Principal of Kapinara Primary, Natalie Oddy, is keen to co-operate closely with our
- Jim Berry: Poppy Day raised \$3,250 for the RSL.

## NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

Blake Nelligan, now a Year 12 student at Churchlands Senior High School, came along to tell us all about his experience as a participant in Rotary's National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) which took place in January this year. NYSF has been going for just over 40 years and has hosted around 15,000 Year 12 students in total. The current CEO is Dr Melanie Bagg. This year the intake involved 510 students who were split between Canberra and Brisbane, and Blake chose to go to Brisbane because he has been to Canberra before. The program extended from 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January and it embraced the STEM approach to learning i.e. by combining Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics into a cross-disciplinary curriculum. This approach helps students to develop skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and creativity. Blake described each day of his experience in some detail, and backed up his talk with a range of slides. Examples of the activities were spending time at Griffith University to investigate ground water filtration techniques; and a day at the University of Queensland learning all about the UQ Space Rover Challenge and how their robots participated in a simulated lunar mission. Blake wants to study mining engineering at Curtin and hopes to do a Rotary Exchange in 2028. An impressive young lad who will certainly go places in this complex world!



The butcher backed into his meat grinder and so got a little behind in his work

Birthdays: Don Holywell (21 Feb); Libby Larsen (1 Mar); Jeanette Wood (5 Mar)

Wedding anniversaries: Peter & Robyn Wagner (22 Feb) Rotary anniversaries: Cate Barlow ('19); Ross Ledger ('73)

IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING Either by telephone (0438 462 917) or email (libbylarsen@westnet.com.au). **Bulletin Editor: Roger Veary**