



## 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, 2 March

**Speaker: Brenton Siggs**

**Topic: Desert Exploration**

On Duty 2/3/22:

**Speaker intro & thanks:** Graham McHarrie    **Square Pupil:** Stan Robins    **Set up/Pack up:** Max Puddey

#### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Your Board is keen for all Members to be in a position to operate our credit card square which is used at the door each week and at events like the sausage sizzles, fetes etc. Each week one person will be rostered on to sit with Libby to learn to be square! *If you already know all about it, please let Roger know so that you are excluded from the roster.*
- A reminder about the Sunset Music picnic: 5.00 to 7.00 pm this Sunday at Rutter Park in Wembley.
- The 2022 Rotary District Conference takes place virtually on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. Please refer to Pres. Jeremy for details.

### Coming up soon: Wednesday, 9 March 2022

**Speaker: Alan Nelson**

**Topic: Spirit of the West**

**Speaker intro & thanks:** Max Puddey

**Set up/Pack up:** Peter McSkimming

#### NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Elliott Panos is a Route Manager at Main Roads WA, and he came along to talk to us about the Smart Freeway project on the Kwinana Freeway northbound – between Roe Highway and the Narrows Bridge. This involves the installation of sophisticated technologies to achieve more reliable journeys, safer driving experiences and reduced congestion. The project started about 18 months ago, and it uses technology to monitor and adjust traffic conditions with a view to reducing congestion by changing speed limits when needed, using ramp signals to make merging easier, and opening and closing lanes in the event of an incident. Given that the Freeway is bounded by the river on one side and the train line on the other, there is no possibility of annexing any additional space for the traffic, and so it was decided that the emergency stopping lane would be scrapped and converted into a full time traffic lane. This means that traffic entering the Freeway at the Canning Highway on-ramp does not have to merge with existing Freeway traffic, thus reducing congestion and enhancing traffic flow. There are now 6 emergency off-Freeway stopping bays which provide refuge for any vehicles which have broken down. Travel times have been improved in spite of a 13% increase in traffic volume. Elliott displayed some of the technology live from the control centre, and advised that the next Smart Freeway project will be the Mitchell Freeway southbound.



***As a kid I once stayed up all night to see where the sun went; then it dawned on me!***

**Birthdays:** Jeanette Wood (5 Mar); Jan Puddey (7 Mar); Ross Ledger (8 Mar)

**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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