

Cambridge Courier

Information about our next Rotary Meeting:

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Speaker: n/a

Topic: n/a

NO MEETING TODAY, BUT A SOCIAL BBQ AT MATILDA BAY – PLEASE SEE PRES. FRANK’S EMAIL DATED 13th MARCH

On Duty: Speaker Host, Introduction & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

Coming up soon

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Speaker: Stella Budrikis

Topic: The Story of ‘Baby Farm’ – Edward St Murders

Speaker Host, Intro & thanks: **Stan Robins**

Set up/pack up: Mike Graham

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Don Holywell needs **a few more people** for the Bunnings **Sausage Sizzle at Homebase on Sat 1st April**. Also roll and onion cutters on the Friday! Please contact Don on 0408 945 103 asap.
- Our friends Dr Scott Teasdale and his wife Dr Megan Watters were presented with Paul Harris Fellow awards by PP Jeremy and Kate Chaney. Well done!

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

We were fortunate to welcome Kate Chaney MP, Federal Member for Curtin, as our Guest Speaker this time, and as expected it turned out to be a very insightful and interesting address. Kate wasn't remotely interested in politics until early 2022, but her attitudes had been moulded over a long period of time by contact with Aboriginal people and by working in Law, the corporate world and the Not-for-Profit sector. Whilst working with Anglicare Kate realised that ideas for change couldn't move from a grass-roots level up to Ministers – the reality being only the other way around – and so when she was asked to consider standing as an Independent, she decided to take on the challenge. Kate was horrified by the lack of compassion in politics and by policies which are based on fear rather than positively trying to improve a situation, and she was delighted to be elected albeit by a slim majority. Kate realises that she needs to work on behalf of all constituents, and that the expanded cross-bench in Parliament must concentrate on realities and not ideologies. Kate has learnt a lot in the short time that she's been involved, such as that the narratives tend to focus on rights with scant mention of responsibilities; unfortunately, life is not fair to all; the community has the power to decide what it wants to be; unlikely achievements enable us to look for other audacious projects; and one must do what you think is right, but remember you are accountable! New legislation needs community input with ideology kept in the background. The Voice is all about listening to Aboriginals, and we must also look at gambling reforms and a compassionate approach to refugees. Much food for thought!



I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I never got the chants

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time