



## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Activity: Club Forum**

**On Duty: Club Host: Max Puddey**

**Set up/Pack up: Mike Graham**

**Coming up soon**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

Activity: OUTING TO THE HOUSE OF HONEY & SITTELLAS

Please see Frank's email of 13/03 & **respond asap**

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

**GENERAL NEWS ITEMS**

- Sunday 22 March **4.00 pm** Rutter Park Picnic. Cate has circulated the details – be there and enjoy!!
- RYPEN nominations are now open
- Cate advised that the Subiaco Club has donated \$10K to Shelterbox
- Max & Graham reported on the District Conference including a talk on Euthanasia by Dr Scott Blackwell & the use of drones by the police to flush out criminals

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

This week's Guest Speaker was Kate Chaney, the independent Federal MP for Curtin, and her topic was all about protecting the integrity of our Democratic institutions. Only 12% of the world's population lives in a true democracy, and we need independent monitoring systems to keep governments honest. Kate suggested that there are 5 principles that should be applied, namely Transparency; Accountability; Public Benefit; Strong Institutions; and Personal Integrity. Transparency is required because a culture of secrecy has developed, and freedom of information has declined. There needs to be greater openness with lobbyists. Accountability is needed so that there are timely responses to enquiries, and this can be achieved through publicly defined performance indicators. The Public Benefit test is sadly lacking these days, and community projects are funded via *pork-barrelling*, especially prior to elections. Funds should be applied to areas of greatest need. Independent resourcing and oversight are required through Strong Institutions, as currently biased electoral laws are put in place by the major political parties. Personal Integrity needs to apply throughout, as the principles of stability and respect don't apply in the House. As a result, the cross bench is called Prefects' Corner! Kate certainly gave all present much food for thought.



***What do you call a line of blokes waiting for a haircut? A barbecue.***

**Birthdays:** none this time

**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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