

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Speaker: Chris Olney

Topic: Friends of Kings Park

On Duty: Speaker Host, Introduction & thanks: David James

Set up/Pack up: John Gartlan

Coming up soon

Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Speaker: Primary Schools Speaking Competition

Topic: various

THIS WILL BE AN EVENING EVENT – 6.00 FOR 6.15 PM

Speaker Host, Intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Our Exchange Student Betty arrives from the Czech Republic on the evening of 20th July. We will all meet her soon!
- The Mandurah weekend happens from 27th to 29th October; let Pres. Frank know if you want accommodation at the Sebel; let Jan Puddey know if you want to attend a concert on the Sunday afternoon. Should be a wonderful weekend!

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

Ella McDonald is a local Perth lass who moved to Wyalkatchem in 2016, and she has worked in various occupations over the years, finally landing up back in Perth with Pacific Seeds in 2022. Ella is one of four people in the sales team in central WA, and she told us that one of Pacific Seeds most prominent products is Canola. Other products include sorghum and corn. Ella focussed on Canola though, and she described how her Company provides seeds for numerous growers around the State, many of whom are part of the CBH Co-operative. WA produces around half of all Canola crops in Australia, and there are large tracts of land devoted to this pursuit in our State. The last two years or so have seen bumper crops of Canola which has latterly been priced at nearly \$800 per tonne. The product is used to make cooking oils, margarine and biodiesel – a form of diesel fuel. Interestingly Pacific Seeds has introduced Hybrid Canola Seeds, as these have a higher yield potential as well as better growing reliability across a variety of farming environments and differing seasons. These Hybrids are also herbicide tolerant and disease resistant. They are grown in relatively isolated fields, pollinated by bees, and after harvesting are sent to Toowoomba for processing. Canola products are largely genetically modified (GM) to make them herbicide tolerant, and independent research has found that the risks associated with GM Canola are negligible. Producers of and retailers selling GM products are required to do a stewardship programme to better manage the impacts of products through their life cycle. We were all blissfully unaware of these things, so it was very interesting to learn all about it!



She said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I've never met herbivore

Birthdays: Cate Barlow (28 Jul);

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: Peter McSkimming ('65); Jim Berry ('81)

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