



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 30 July 2025

Subject: Traffic Management – Peter Jacka

On Duty: Club Host: Max Puddey

Set up/Pack up: Cate Barlow

Coming up soon
Wednesday 06.00 pm

Subject: 4-Way Test Speech Contest
Club Host: Jeremy Wood
Set up/pack up: Jeremy Wood and Assistants

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Bill Boekeman is organising a bus trip to the Dowerin Field Day on 27 August. Bus will leave Floreat at 06.10. Cost is \$90 per person. Please advise Bill on 0427771884.
- The Year 6 4-Way Test Speech Contest Club Heat will be held on Wednesday 06 August

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

Lucy Hair was the speaker at our meeting this week. She is Project Officer assisting UWA Professor Ben Smith and A/Professor Yu Tao on their project to compile a history of the Chinese people in Western Australia. Initial research work was done by Anne Atkinson and started with an entry for Hea Sam who arrived in WA in 1830 perhaps by accident. He owned a Market Garden in Osborne Park and owned a Vegetable Shop in Fremantle. Between 1847 and 1848, 51 Chinese men arrived from Singapore as indentured labourers. In the 1870s and 1880s Chinese men were brought in on 3-year contracts and by 1897, the Chinese population in WA had reached 1937. These people worked as Market Gardeners, Laundry Workers, Furniture Makers, in retail including restaurants and in domestic service. Up to the end of the second World War, the numbers were very small and were mostly men; men outnumbering women about 4:1. This came about because of the "White Australia" Policy which had become Law in 1901, the year of Federation.

Those who worked as Market Gardeners lived a very hard life. Typically, 2 to 3 men would operate a garden and had only very basic accommodation. Chinese Laundries also faced many difficulties and obstacles – they had to apply for a licence on an annual basis under the "Factories Act" and could operate only from leased property. Cabinet Makers (Furniture manufacture) fared no better but produced work of a higher quality than competitors. Grocers, drapers and those in restaurants and domestic service also faced many uncertainties because of the regulations imposed.



In Alaska, at a police interview, a suspect was asked menacingly – "Can you account for your movements on the night of October to March?"

Birthdays: Cate Barlow on 28 July

Wedding anniversaries: None

Rotary anniversaries: Jim Berry in 1981 in Geraldton.

IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING
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