

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 10th April 2024

Activity: Observations on West Africa – Bernard Aylward, Exploration Geologist

On Duty: Club Host: John Gartlan

Set up/Pack up: Peter Pearse

Coming up soon

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Activity: Gary Mack – Mayor of the Town of Cambridge

Club Host: **Cate Barlow**

Set up/pack up: **Jeremy Wood**

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The vocational visit to Wheelchairs for Kids on 24th April will start at 8.45 am and will culminate in a lunch at a venue to be advised. Block out the whole morning in your diary!
ROTARY ACTION DAY happens on Saturday 13th April at The Rise, 28 Eighth Avenue, Maylands – starting at 8.30 am. Please see DG Ineke's email dated 2nd April for all the details.

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

Nick Cook is the co-founder and Chairman of the WA Tree Canopy Advocates (WATCA), and he presented a very sobering picture of the state of our tree canopy in WA. WATCA was formed in 2022 as an umbrella group to support the various local organisations that were started about four years ago in Nedlands, South Perth and Melville, and it seeks to raise awareness generally and to provide guidance to the now 26 local groups that exist. Between 2011 and 2020 Perth lost a quarter of its tree canopy, which brought coverage down to 16%. It is thought that this has dwindled further to around 13%. Most of the degradation happens on private land, and yet WA is the only State in Australia which has no tree protection and no urban canopy target. WATCA's aim is to get the State Government to take action by regulating tree removal, but thusfar any Scheme Amendments put forward by local councils have been rejected by Government! The Local Government Association has introduced a Local Planning Policy which is not as robust as a Scheme Amendment, but at least it doesn't need Government approval to implement. Another huge problem is the polyphagous borer from SE Asia which attacks and kills trees, and the only solution at present is to fell the tree and reduce it to woodchips. So far 2,500 trees in Perth have met this fate, and early detection of the problem is of paramount importance if we are to get anywhere with this blight. This is of vital importance so that we can find a solution in the near future.



The person who invented the door knocker has been awarded a Nobel prize

Birthdays: Peter Wagner (1 Apr); Peter McSkimming (3 Apr); Mike Mullin (8 Apr)

Wedding anniversaries: Rod & Margaret Lane (3 Apr)

Rotary anniversaries: Peter Pearse ('87)

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