



Cambridge Courier – 2020/21

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 31 March

Speaker: *Brian Downing*

Topic: *Swiss History & Culture*

On Duty 24/03/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: *Peter McSkimming*

Set up/Pack up: *Stan Robins*

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Over 50 people attended our last meeting to hear Erica White, a member of the Aged Care Assessment Team at SCGH, talk about ACAT assessments and the complications of the process. Teams consist of medical, nursing and allied health professionals, and they assess eligibility for Government funding in four broad areas – Permanent Residential Care (where costs vary between facilities); Residential Respite Care (which provides temporary admission to a care facility on a short term basis); Home Care Packages (at one of 4 levels from level 1 at \$9,000 pa to level 4 at \$52,000 pa via MyAgedCare – MAC); & Flexible Care (short term restorative care to slow down progression into full care). Mostly one must be 65 or older to qualify for an assessment, or 50+ years old in certain demographics, and arrangements can be made by phoning MAC, going to their website, or via your GP or Specialist. Those who go to MAC direct will be assessed at either low or moderate/high levels, with the former being referred to a home support programme through the Regional Assessment Service, and the latter going to the local ACAT. ACAT assessments involve assessors coming to one's home and delving into a wide range of topics, after which a decision is made about care needs including temporary home care packages. Then one lands up on a waiting list prior to being admitted to a permanent care facility. If one is receiving ACAT services but needs to go to hospital, the ACAT side will be suspended *pro tem*. A short question time rounded off a very informative session.

Coming up soon – Wednesday 7 April

Speaker: *tba*

Topic: *tba*

Speaker intro & thanks: *Rod Lane*

Set up/pack up: *Peter Pearse*

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *The District Rotary Club Officer Training session is on this Sunday 28th March from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm via Zoom. Pres. Jeremy will circulate timing details as soon as they become available.*
- *The Town of Cambridge has invited us to do a sausage sizzle at the Youth festival at Perry Lakes on Friday 9th April between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. Please set aside the date; more details soon.*
- *Volunteers are being sought for an important fundraiser, the Bunnings Innaloo Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 18th April. Please see Roger's email dated 22nd March and respond asap.*
- *Cate, Peter Pearse & Jeremy helped out at a backyard cricket match held at Government House last Saturday. It was to raise money for research into childhood brain cancer via the Pirate Foundation.*



Last night I ate a clock; it was very time consuming, especially as I went back for seconds.

Birthdays: *Peter Wagner (1 Apr); Peter McSkimming (3 Apr)*

Wedding anniversaries: *Rod & Margaret Lane (3 Apr)*

Rotary anniversaries: *none this time*

We meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), 7.10 am for 7.30 am. **IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY MONDAY MORNING via telephone (9446 2917) or email (libbylarsen@westnet.com.au).** Bulletin Editor: Roger Veary.