

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Activity: Gary Mack – Mayor of the Town of Cambridge

On Duty: Club Host: Cate Barlow

Set up/Pack up: Jeremy Wood

Coming up soon

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Activity: Vocational visit to Wheelchairs for Kids – see
Pres. Frank’s email dated 9th April. **RSVP
needed!!**

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Pres. Frank announced that Max Puddey is to be our 2024/25 Club President. Congratulations Max, and we look forward to seeing you in the chair!

Rod Lane is no longer in hospital and is now recovering at home. Yvonne Graham has also ‘been in the wars’ and is also making a slow but steady recovery at home. Get well soon please!

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

We don’t often get the opportunity to learn about distant lands, but this week was an exception! We were fortunate to welcome Bernard Aylward, a geologist who has had a lot of experience in Africa - especially in Mali and Ghana. Mali is a landlocked country in West Africa, and although it is about half the size of WA, it has a population of around 21 million people. 13 different languages are spoken there, and the capital Bamako has a largely hot and dry climate – often reaching a maximum of 45 degrees Celsius. Malaria is endemic to the region, and cholera, meningitis and yellow fever also prevail. 46% of the Mali population lives below the poverty line, and much subsistence farming takes place. The country is largely desert in the north and savannah grassland in the south, and the predominantly Muslim population still relies on witchdoctors and mystical healers. Many people fish in the Niger river which flows through the land, and it is host to a range of wildlife but also a high degree of pollution. Mali exports cotton and also produces a shiny cotton-based fabric called Bazin. Bernard’s company is working on a lithium project at present, and this will be exported via the Ivory Coast. The company supports the local community in many ways including paying for a teacher and various facilities at the local school which has about 50 pupils. 30% of the country’s power comes from hydroelectric plants, but these often shut down for several hours a day. Mali is certainly an interesting place in spite of its circumstances.



I’m glad I know sign language; it’s pretty handy.

Birthdays: Roger Veary (14 Apr)

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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