

## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Activity: A Vocational Visit to Wheelchairs For Kids**

**On Duty: Club Host: n/a**

**Set up/Pack up: n/a**

### Coming up soon

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Activity: Matthew Wright & Mikayla Snow – from  
Floreat Park Primary School

Club Host: **Jeremy Wood**

Set up/pack up: **Geoff Ivanac**

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Don Holywell gave us an update on the Karya Mulia School for Deaf Children in Surabaya – one of our fantastic long-term projects.

Jan Puddey has been driving the Back Pack Blitz project, where we facilitate a donation by Officeworks of back packs to needy children at Lake Monger Primary – an excellent effort!

### ***NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD***

This time we welcomed the Mayor of the Town of Cambridge, Gary Mack, to our meeting, and he told us about town planning with particular reference to urban infill. This is very topical in WA right now because of the escalating cost of housing coupled with the huge demand – our population has grown by over 3% in the year to September 2023 and now stands at just under 3 million people. There are 4 issues affecting the situation: labour shortages – young people are not interested in the industry; material shortages – Covid disrupted supply chains; complex building processes – we use wet & dry methods as opposed to overseas' pre-fab approach; and land availability – which is clearly limited. The Perth metro area is now about 150 km long and up to 50 km wide, and town planning is all about allocating land for specific purposes. However, the old grid plan has been abandoned and everything is now based on the Japanese model i.e. "top down". It all starts with zoning so that local planning now relates to what can happen in the zones. Unfortunately, the great Australian dream of families having a quarter of an acre in leafy suburbs is no longer sustainable, and infill actions are now increasing the density in certain locations e.g. at the Floreat Forum and the Ocean Village in City Beach. The problem in WA is that the Planning Commission (an appointed rather than elected body) makes the decisions even if it means over-riding the Minister. As a result, the Minister has handed over the decision making to that body.



***A man sued Qantas for mislaying his luggage. Unfortunately, he lost his case.***

**Birthdays:** Graham McHarrie (24 Apr)

**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time

**Rotary anniversaries:** Jeremy Wood ('14)

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