

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 1st May 2024

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

On Duty: Club Host: Jeremy Wood

Set up/Pack up: Geoff Ivanac

Coming up soon

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Activity: Perth Rotarian Wesley Sim will bring us up to date on ShelterBox

Club Host: **Rory Beattie**

Set up/pack up: **Don Holywell**

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

At the end of our visit to Wheelchairs For Kids President Frank thanked Greg Hebble, Olly Pickett and all the other volunteers present for an eye-opening morning. He also announced that our Club is donating the cost of two wheelchairs to mark the occasion. If any individuals would like to follow suit, please go to the website: <https://wheelchairsforkids.org>

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

An unusual get together this week – instead of the normal morning meeting we had a full vocational visit to Wheelchairs For Kids in Wangara, followed by a social lunch at the Greenwood Tavern. There were 13 Rotarians present including our friend Bill Boekeman from the Wongan Hills Club, plus 7 Partners and a handful of guests, and a great time was had by all. The Scarborough Rotary Club founded the facility in 1998, and the project has been supported by the Christian Brothers – in particular Brother Olly Pickett who is still a big contributor. The first CEO was Rotarian Gordon Hudson, and that role is now filled by Greg Hebble. The organisation relies on volunteers and donations, and the production line has to be seen to be believed – it is absolutely remarkable! There are literally hundreds of volunteers, and the wheelchairs that are produced can be adjusted to precisely fit the child who is in need of help. These days each wheelchair costs about \$275 to produce, and they are distributed around the world by companies that literally give freely of their time and resources. Since the factory started it has produced 59,207 wheelchairs which have been distributed to 81 countries around the globe, and the Australian Rotary Club input has paid for 5,400 chairs at a value of around \$140,000 i.e. just under 10% of the total output – a remarkable effort. We all enjoyed a tour, a discussion, a couple of videos and a morning tea which included cake and biscuits kindly supplied by Eileen Nathan. An inspirational morning indeed!



Recently at the recycling yard they were giving out batteries – free of charge.

Birthdays: Graham McHarrie (24 Apr); John Travlos (30 Apr)

Wedding anniversaries: Jeremy & Jeanette Wood (25 Apr)

Rotary anniversaries: Jeremy Wood ('14)

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