



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE COURIER 2021 - 2022



District 9455 Western Australia

We usually meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), at 7.10 am for 7.30 am.

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 20 April

Speaker: Michael Hammond

Topic: Groundwater Re-balancing

On Duty 20/4/22:

Speaker intro & thanks: Frank Nathan

Square Pupil: Mike Graham

Set up/Pack up: Peter Burns

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Cate Barlow did the honours in the Induction Ceremony of former Melbourne Rotarian John Gartlan this week, and we are very happy to formally admit him and his wife Helen to our Club. Welcome to both of you!
- Please see Jeanette's email dated 12th April regarding the Campbell Barracks visit, and please respond asap whether you can attend or not.
- There is every indication that the Town of Cambridge Anzac Ceremony (starting at 8 am on Monday 25 April at the West Leederville Memorial Gardens and Cenotaph) will go ahead as planned, so please refer to the Town's website for more details.

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Speaker: n/a

Topic: Tour of Campbell Barracks

THIS EVENT WILL START AT 10.30 AM. PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT SHEET CIRCULATED BY JEANETTE

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

On the face of it the topic of *Paymasters in WWI* doesn't hold much interest, but Brendan Cook changed all of that with fascinating details about what actually went on. He gave us the history of the Australian Army Pay Corp (AAPC) that operated during WWI, and interestingly it had its roots in the British system which goes back to the 16th Century. The individual pay books were introduced in 1815 and because they carried the fictitious name of Thomas Atkins in the instructions, the British soldiers became known as Tommies! Things developed in the pay system, but during the Boer War these improvements were reversed and the Commanding Officers landed up being responsible whilst at the same time deploying their troops as required! The AAPC was formed in September 1914, and paymasters were assigned to locations around the globe including Gallipoli. Australian soldiers were relatively well paid, and they received 5/- per day during training and 6/- per day in action. Of that 1/- was a deferred amount which they could take away when they left the army or their family received if they perished, and they could also allot another 2/- to family members to keep them going whilst the bread-winner was on active service. Soldiers were paid fortnightly and manual records had to be kept about all of this. The AAPC had 1151 men serving and they dealt with about 300,000 troops! Women also played a major role in the AAPC and there were about 1200 of them contributing to the well-being of our soldiers.



Just got back from my mate's funeral. He was hit on the head by a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.

Birthdays: Graham McHarrie (24 Apr)

Wedding anniversaries: Jeremy & Jeanette Wood (25 Apr)

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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