

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Activity: Allen Graham – Inns & Outs of Freeo & it's Hotels from 1829 to 1856

On Duty: Club Host: Rory Beattie

Set up/Pack up: Don Holywell

Coming up soon

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Activity: Wilco Veerman – topic to be confirmed

Club Host: **Don Holywell**

Set up/pack up: **Max Puddey**

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Many news items today:

Leonie Pearse is out of hospital; welcome home!
Exchange student Betty is on a NW Safari.

Pres. Frank laid a wreath on Anzac Day – Cate Barlow & Eileen also attended.

The Berry's granddaughter Libby won the nation-wide Yr. 9/10 Lester Portraiture Prize. Well done!!
Social Thai dinner night on 29 May. Details soon!

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

This week we had an action-packed time thanks to the Principal, Jane Rowlands and Staff at Floreat Primary! Our Jeremy Wood started off by reminding us how the ties with Floreat Park Primary School (FPPS) had evolved, and then Deputy Principal Matthew Wright set the scene about how learning is now enhanced in schools by technology. In giving a brief history of education over the centuries, Matthew told how the role of the teacher has changed dramatically to what it is now – it's showing students *how to find information*. The use of technology in schools is not about 'hands on, brain off'; or watching videos; or a reward for something; or playing games. What it IS about is 'hands on, brains on'; creativity; collaboration; problem solving; and communicating. Jemima Salisbury then explained how a literary programme enhances learning, and she used a "live" example from her class. Similarly, Mikayla Snow told us all about the reading activities for year 3 students, and again used examples from her class. Owen Linehan followed with an explanation about reading, and how some students can read but not write. Technology can now help such students to effectively publish a book within a couple of months of starting. All present were then treated to mini-lessons so that we could experience what actually happens in class. Fascinating stuff! The two major education challenges right now are the lack of writing skills (the basics are still taught), and affordability – the parents in many schools simply can't afford the technology.



She was alone at home, lying in the bath – when suddenly she felt a tap on her shoulder.

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: Mike & Helen Mullin (3 May); Peter & Leonie Pearse (4 May)

Rotary anniversaries: Rod Lane ('85)

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