



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 6th May 2026

Activity: Gary Mack – Collapse of the International Rules-based Order and the Attack on Democratic Principles

On Duty: Club Host: John Gartlan

Set up/Pack up: Graham McHarrie

Coming up soon
Wednesday 13th May 2026

Activity: Dr Rhys Clark – The Basics of Arthritis

Club Host: Graham McHarrie
Set up/pack up: Peter Wagner

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *Changeover will be on Wednesday 24th June. Details will be advised a little closer to the time.*
- *Jim Berry reported that our ANZAC Day collection was a big success – we raised about \$1500 for the RSL.*
- *The Fish Extravaganza at the Bowling Club last Sat was most enjoyable.*
- *Jeremy is continuing to introduce Peace Poles to schools around Perth.*

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

We had a very sobering address this week delivered by Trevor Quick of the Meningitis Centre Australia, who told us all about the perils and dangers of various types of Meningitis. Meningitis is basically the poisoning of the brain with subsequent swelling and pressure, and is caused by bacteria and viruses which find their way into the base of the spine and then proceed upwards into the brain. The traditional vaccines for various diseases help to block the affliction, but babies are at high risk because they haven't yet had a chance to be immunised widely. The bacterial form of Meningitis is very threatening, as are Meningococcal and Pneumococcal, and one in ten people who contract these diseases will die. Of the survivors, one in four will have permanent disabilities such as brain damage, loss of limbs, or deafness. Meningococcal B requires costly vaccinations (\$500 - \$600), and whilst these are provided free of charge in SA, Qld and the NT, they are not freely available in WA! Trevor outlined the various symptoms that many babies with the affliction display, such as high fever, vomiting, sensitivity to light, high pitched crying and a bulging soft spot on the head, and his advice to parents or grandparents who encounter such signs is to seek medical attention urgently and avoid getting stuck in an emergency department queue.



I went to the shops to buy a camouflage shirt, but I didn't see one

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

Wedding anniversaries: Peter & Leonie Pearse (4 May)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time