



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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, 4 August

Speaker: *Dr Kit Prendergast*

Topic: *Australian Native Bee Researcher*

On Duty 4/08/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: Brian Downing

Set up/Pack up: Peter Pearse

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Our guests this week included many pupils – student councillors – from Floreat Park Primary School, some parents, staff and the Principal, Jane Rowlands. It was lovely to see you all; thanks for coming along
- The Social Committee has organised a visit to the WA Museum Boola Bardip on Wednesday 25th August at 10.00 am. The cost is \$10 per head (\$8 if we have over 20 attending) and invitations will be distributed soon. In the meantime, tell the family and enter it into the diary please!
- Our Rotary Four-Way Test Primary School Speaking Competition heat takes place on Wednesday evening 18th August. Details to follow, but no morning meeting that day

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 11 August

Speaker: *John Travlos*

Topic: *Aristotle Onassis*

On Duty 11/08/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: Peter McSkimming

Set up/Pack up: Cate Barlow

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

As part of our Schools Programme we welcomed Peter Ewers who told us all about his father, sculptor Ray Ewers. Ray lived from 1917 to 1998, and was born in Wyalong in NSW. However he moved to Melbourne at a young age, and entered what is now the RMIT where he studied for five years up until 1940 whilst working under the watchful eye of prominent sculptor William Bowles. During this time he assisted with sculptures of King George V and General Sir John Monash. Ray enlisted as a Sapper in 1941 and was transferred and made a War Artist with the rank of lieutenant, having been recommended by William Bowles. In the early stages of his career, Ray worked at the Melbourne office of the Australian War Memorial and in his own studio at Frankston. Between 1943 and 1958 Ray researched and created sculptural elements of 32 dioramas, all showing aspects of the Second World War. He also produced many commemorative sculptures for the War Memorial and 22 of these are held in the Art Collection. Amongst these is his *Australian Serviceman*, a work originally displayed in the Hall of Memory but now in the Sculpture Garden. From the 1960s Ray's output waned a little but he still produced a statue of Sir Thomas Blainey and the well known *The Mounted Memorial*, showing two Australian horse riders. The latter is a replacement of statue that was erected in Port Said in 1932, but damaged beyond repair in 1956 during the Suez crisis. Ray Ewers created two replacements – one erected in Albany in 1964 and the other in Canberra in 1968. In 1995 Ray was awarded an OAM, just three years before he passed away.



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Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: Peter McSkimming ('65); Jim Berry ('81)

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