



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, 25 May

Speaker: Alan Nelson

Topic: Spirit of The West

On Duty 25/5/22:

Speaker intro & thanks: Peter McSkimming **Square Pupil:** David James **Set up/Pack up:** John Gartlan

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Peter McSkimming advised that Arbor Day has been cancelled by the Town of Cambridge this year due to COVID. Hopefully it will be re-instated next year.
- Best wishes to Helen Mullin for a speedy recovery after her recent surgery.
- The Garden Festival weekend at Bridgetown is on 4th and 5th November.
- The Wongan Hills Club Wheatbelt two day Coach Trip is on Wednesday 3^{1st} August & Thursday 1st September. Please contact Bill Boekeman on 0427 771 884 or billpam@westnet.com.au. It'll be a great couple of days!
- Changeover Night will be on Wednesday 6th July at 300 Acres, Wembley Golf Club. Mark this in your diary now!

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 1 June 2022

Speaker: n/a Club Social Night – La Casetta Restaurant 6.30 pm Topic: n/a

\$25 per head – payment asap to the Club's account BSB 016 305 Acc 1025 20218 please

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Gordon Hudson, a Rotarian with 56 years' service, provided a presentation on Rotary Scarborough's "Wheelchairs for Kids" project. Gordon has been the CEO and driving force since its foundation in 1996. The principal aim is to provide custom made wheelchairs to poor, disabled, needy children in developing countries. Most are built for rough terrain. Gordon provided some amazing statistics - over 51,000 wheelchairs distributed so far; currently building 350 per month; distribution to 82 countries; a workforce of 240 mature age non-Rotarian volunteers working at the Wangara factory; 800 volunteers Australia-wide overall, with many working from home across Australia making knee rugs and soft toys. All workers are volunteers. Each chair costs approx. \$250 to build, so fund raising is of major importance. Many companies provide goods and services at greatly reduced costs or free. An average of \$80,000 is required per month to maintain current production. Funding is obtained from the State Government, 400 schools, businesses, 200 Rotary and other clubs, church and local groups, retirement villages and individuals. "Wheelathons" are a popular source of revenue through schools. A new factory was opened last year courtesy of a private loan of \$2m. More recently a cash donation was received from a private benefactor in Catherine NT which enabled 95% of the loan to be paid off. One of the great Rotary projects! (Thanks to Frank for providing the summary this week, and to Peter Pearse for standing in as Sergeant)



If you buy a Jacuzzi you could be in hot water with the missus!

Birthdays: Fran Ledger (28 May)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

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