



# Cambridge Courier – 2020/21

*Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 2 June*

**Speaker: Peter McSkimming Topic: WA Farm Management Consulting History**

*On Duty 2/06/21:*

*Speaker intro & thanks: Stan Robins*

*Set up/Pack up: Jim Berry*

### NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

David Motta, a Rotarian from the Osborne Park Club, came along to tell us about Rotary’s support of the My Home Project here in Perth. We are all aware of rough sleepers, but they comprise only about 10% of homeless people around Perth. Many such people have been subjected to domestic violence, and they land up sleeping in cars or other unsuitable places. A Government strategy exists, but social housing is woefully under-funded. However, a key component of the policy is the principle of Housing First – i.e. that safe and secure housing should be provided quickly prior to addressing other health and well-being issues. The My Home Project was established in WA by architect Michelle Blakely, and it uses a partnership model which brings together Government, the Church, the private sector and community housing providers (CHP) to join in creating housing for homeless people. The major cost of housing is the land, and if Government provides land at a token rent, the private sector (via ‘big business’) builds the house, and the CHP manages the logistics, then homeless people can have a small (about 31 sq m) but decent roof over their head for the equivalent of about 25% of their personal income. There are various requirements such as the land being close to public transport, and so far 2 sites have been identified; in North Fremantle and Victoria Park. Rotary raises funds locally and uses its connections to furnish the houses, and so there is a good possibility that the Community Shed movement in WA could end up making furniture with donated timber.

### Coming up soon – Wednesday 9 June

**Speaker: Prof. Shirley Bowen**

**Topic: CEO – St John of God Subiaco**

*Speaker intro & thanks: Frank Nathan*

*Set up/pack up: Mike Graham*

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- The Bunnings Homebase Sausage Sizzle, originally scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June, has been changed to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July due to the Community Shed formal opening now being on the former date. Please reaffirm your commitment or volunteer for the new date if you haven’t already put your name down
- *Bill Boekeman of the Wongan Hills Club drew our attention to a 2 day trip by coach to the Dalwallinu area towards the end of October. Rod Lane will circulate details in the near future. Sounds good!*
- This week Frank gave an update on Youth as well as the Fete; Max was Runner-up in the ToC Volunteer Awards & gave an update on the Shed; and Graham reported on the International portfolio
- *Another date for the diary: Changeover Night on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July; more details in due course*



***What does one call scared dinosaurs? Nervous Rex!***

*Birthdays: none this time*

*Wedding anniversaries: Max & Jan Puddey (3 Jun); Peter & Jean McSkimming (6 Jun); Graham & Anneitta McHarrie (7 Jun)*

*Rotary anniversaries: none this time*

We meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), 7.10 am for 7.30 am. **IF A MEMBER CAN’T ATTEND OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY MONDAY MORNING via telephone (0438 462 917 or 9446 2917) or email (libbylarsen@westnet.com.au).** Bulletin Editor: Roger Veary.