



Cambridge Courier

Information about our next Rotary Meeting:

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Speaker: Roy Stall

Topic: The RAN in the 60s & the Navy of Today

On Duty: Speaker Host, Introduction & thanks: Cate Barlow

Set up/Pack up: Graham McHarrie

Coming up soon

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Speaker: n/a

Topic: Changeover Lunch – Windsor Hotel 11.45 am
for 12.30 pm

Speaker Host, Intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Max Puddey outlined the budget for the next Rotary year, and Pres. Frank thanked him as outgoing Treasurer for all his hard work.
- On 5th July we have our Changeover or 'Continuation' Lunch; please see Pres. Frank's email dated 6 June and **RSVP by Wednesday 28th June at the latest** if you haven't already done so.

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

Yet again we were privileged to hear from one of our own Members this week – Stan Robins gave a most entertaining talk about his Father, Chain 'Harry' Robins. Harry was born in Tel Aviv in 1911 and had 6 sisters – one of whom was his twin. He came to Australia in 1928 speaking only Hebrew, but quickly learned English whilst training in fine furniture making. Harry's surname then was Rublinsky, but he changed it to Robins in 1944. In 1936 Harry married Ada, and Stan was born in 1938. Because of his woodworking skills Harry was denied entry into the armed forces and spent his days in Fremantle making things for the American and Australian forces. After the war he moved to the Eastern States where he worked in a wood mill and made furniture, but in 1948 he bought a Chev and drove to back Perth to start a new life with his family. He was very entrepreneurial and converted a factory into a Holden dealership! This led to him buying Utes and converting them into canopied station wagons. He ventured into several activities that proved to be ahead of their time, such as making caravans, fibre-glass furniture, and hovercrafts, and in 1958 Harry got into making boats which were sold on credit. This came to an end when the government cracked down generally on credit sales. So, in 1961 Harry went into cigarette vending machines, and bought a lot from a liquidator and found many still contained coins from sales! He then set up a stall at the Freo Markets and made many products during the week to sell. Harry loved caravanning but stopped going up North when he was 86. A year later he gave up driving, but betted on horses and played bingo! He died after turning 100 in 2011.



I'm organising a Hide & Seek Tournament, but good players are hard to find!

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: Ross & Fran Ledger 2 Jul)

Rotary anniversaries: Graham McHarrie ('84); Mike Mullin ('98)