

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

GIVE A LITTLE FOR THOSE WITH IMPAIRED SIGHT

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Being sight impaired, no matter how minor, is a challenging disability. It can go unrecognised and be socially isolating. Public places can be a nightmare of unrecognised faces and unfamiliar terrain. Deteriorating sight is both distressing and depressing. But for some there is hope.

Attend this meeting to hear a presentation by Lisa Buckland from the Lion's Eye Bank who will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday 17th June breakfast meeting of the members of Rotary Cambridge. Thanks to the recent further lifting of meeting attendee numbers, Rotary Cambridge is now up and running again. We're looking forward to welcoming visitors to our meetings again.

What is an Eye Bank? Eye banks recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for vision restoration, research and education. Eye surgeons rely on eye banks to supply them with tissue for sight-saving procedures. Eye banks are tissue recovery organizations dedicated to restoring sight through corneal transplantation.



The Western Australian Lions Eye Bank was established in 1986 and is housed at the Lions Eye Institute in Perth, Western Australia. It is the only facility of its kind in Western Australia, and co-ordinates the collection, processing and distribution of eye tissue. Eye tissue can be used for transplantation to another person or for research. The cornea and the sclera are the main tissues that are transplantable. The corneal tissue helps restore the vision of persons who may have corneal disease while the scleral tissue can be transplanted for eye-patch-grafts and surgical reconstruction.

The Bank maintains a waitlist of patients who require corneal graft operations. About 100 corneas are provided by the Bank for transplant each year. Corneal transplants have a high rate of success, but Western Australia has a shortage of donated human eye tissue. By donating your eye tissue after death, you may restore or improve the sight of these people. Sight restoration makes a tremendous difference to the quality of life to those in need.

If you or a family member or friend has any sight issues whatsoever, do attend the Rotary Cambridge Wednesday 12 February breakfast meeting to be held at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue West, Floreat - start time of the meeting is 7.00 a.m. for 7.30 a.m. A \$20 attendance fee will be charged – and a light breakfast will be served. If you have any queries or if you would like to reserve your place contact Jeanette Wood on 0413 190 412 or at jp2wood@bigpond.com or visit the Club's website – www.rotarycambridge.org.au . All visitors are welcome, Rotarians or non-Rotarians alike.