



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Activity: Christine Tonkin – Darfur, Sudan; No Peace To Keep

On Duty: Club Host: Mike Graham

Set up/Pack up: Graham McHarrie

Coming up soon
Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Activity: NO NORMAL MEETING; IT'S DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- There was a very successful Pink Stump Night at the WDJCC session last Friday
- Graham McHarrie met up with an Exchange Student of yesteryear in Japan – Ayumi Miyata
- Bill Boekeman has had a stroke; we wish him a speedy recovery
- Community Shed Open Day Sat 22 Nov, 9 – 1
- Our Christmas Function: Friday 12th Dec

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

Ambrose Depiazzi is a long-term friend of Frank Nathan and has spent many years as a prominent member of Lions Australia, and although he is an accountant by profession, he came along to our Club this week to talk about Preserving Sight in Western Australia. It all started in 1925 when Helen Keller - herself a blind and deaf person – urged Lions Clubs to join her in a “crusade against darkness”, and this led to a remarkable series of events in WA spanning one hundred years. Ambrose highlighted a number of outstanding developments such as the glaucoma detection screenings in a caravan which scanned 20,000 people each year in 1964. Another was the setting up of the Lions Chair in Ophthalmology by Prof. Ian Constable in 1974, which led to the founding of the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) in 1983. It is housed in its own building at SCGH and now has a staff of 284 people. Shortly thereafter the Lions Eye Bank was established to collect, process and distribute corneas for transplantation across WA. The Lions Outback Vision Hub was set up in Broome in 2021 and there are now 3 Specialists who live in Broome. Back in 1978 indigenous people were 12 times more susceptible to eye problems but this has now been reduced to 3 times in a major step forward. There are many prominent specialists at the LEI now, including Prof. Fred Chen and Prof. Bill Morgan.



I made myself a belt containing all sorts of watches; turned out to be a waist of time

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: John Gartlan ('92/'21)

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Wednesday 19th November 2025

Activity: Ambrose Depiazzi – Preserving Sight in Western Australia

On Duty: Club Host: Frank Nathan

Set up/Pack up: Cate Barlow

Coming up soon Wednesday 26th November 2025

Activity: Christine Tonkin - Darfur, Sudan – no peace to keep

Club Host: Mike Graham

Set up/pack up: John Gartlan

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Our Member Brian Downing passed away at the weekend. He will be sadly missed
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026
- A Junior Debate will be held at the Council Chambers on 14th Nov at 9.15 am – come and support Lake Monger Primary School!
- Our Christmas Function: 12th Dec

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

Dr Judith Odgaard is WA Branch President and WA Representative of Sustainable Population Australia (SPA), and she travelled all the way from the Avon Valley to talk about population growth and the effects it has on the lands where human beings exist. Throughout the ages concerns about population have always existed – from the times of Plato, Aristotle and Caesar Augustus right through until the modern era. Unfortunately, population growth occurs at geometric rates, whereas land productivity can be increased only arithmetically. A 1968 think-tank called the Club of Rome sought to introduce limits on population growth, because it predicted that the then rates of resource consumption would lead to total collapse by the 2070s. This was, of course, highly contentious and at the same time Paul Erlich published a book called The Population Bomb which proposed population limits to counteract future inadequate food supplies. He came up with a formula $I = PAT$, where I is environmental impact; P is population size; A is affluence; and T is technology. China came up with a one child policy – for a while – and India increased its average food per person by 17% but at the same time its population grew by half a billion! There is no doubt that population numbers drive climate change, and the biggest problem is Africa. Thank you, Judith - there was lots to think about in this talk!



A thief has been seen stealing police car wheels. The cops are working tirelessly to catch him

Birthdays: Jeremy Wood (13 Nov)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: John Gartlan ('92/'21)

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Wednesday 12th November 2025

Activity: Dr Judith Odgaard – Sustainable Population Australia

On Duty: Club Host: Rod Lane

Set up/Pack up: Don Holywell

Coming up soon
Wednesday 19th November 2025

Activity: Ambrose Depiazzi – Preserving Sight in WA

Club Host: Frank Nathan

Set up/pack up: Cate Barlow

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026
- Poppy Day collection Floreat Forum 7 Nov
- A Junior Debate will be held at the Council Chambers on 14th Nov at 9.15 am
- Our Christmas Function will be held at the Bowling Club on 12th Dec; details to follow

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

This week's meeting was one of internal administration – firstly the Annual General Meeting, followed by a Club Forum. Naturally the content of the AGM is not for general publication; suffice to say that the meeting commenced at 7.30 am and concluded at 7.37 am.

The Club Forum covered a range of topics. Christine Tonkin Rode the Train for Polio Awareness on 24th October, and the funds that she raised will be matched by the Club. Any Member who wishes to do so is encouraged to follow suit. The Bridgetown weekend away was a great success, and it was agreed that we should continue to plan similar ventures in the future. Also, we should plan to have around four social activities in our Rotary year. Given the fact that the Cambridge Bowling Club is now providing Skyline Restaurant meals on Friday *and* Saturday nights, it was agreed that we should prepare a suitable advertisement (with the Rotary Wheel) which can be erected in a prominent place on those nights. The Speaker Programme was discussed, and those responsible, especially Frank and Eileen, were congratulated on doing such a fine job. In cases where the Speaker is especially desirable, we should consider changing the meeting time so that visitors and perhaps another Club can attend.



What do you call a camel with no humps? Humphrey.

Birthdays: Yvonne Graham (3 Nov)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: John Gartlan ('92/'21); Peter Burns ('86)

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Wednesday 29th October 2025

Activity: NO MEETING THIS WEEK DUE TO BRIDGETOWN WEEKEND AWAY

On Duty: Club Host: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

Coming up soon
Wednesday 5th November 2025

Activity: AGM AND CLUB FORUM

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: Christine Tonkin

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

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- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026
- Poppy Day collection Floreat Forum 7 Nov
- The Western Endeavour Club is having a Liquid Gold Dinner for Polio on 24th October

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Dr Carolyn Orr is a Consultant Neurologist who trained at Glasgow, Sydney and Rochester Minnesota, and who specialises in neurodegenerative brain disease and young onset dementia, but she also speaks out about air pollution and the related human health issues on behalf of Doctors for the Environment Australia. Air pollution kills over 7 million people per annum on our planet, affecting the entire population from unborn babies through to mature adults. Dr Orr painted a very alarming picture of what is going on here in Australia, and whilst it is not nearly as bad as some places such as India, it is still somewhat dire. She has calculated that on average 76 days of life are lost in Australia per individual, and Dr Orr went into detail about the four major contributors. They are: vehicles; industrial pollution; gas in our homes; and wood smoke. More people die each year from vehicle pollution than from road accidents, and the figure stands at around 1800 p.a. at present. Secondly, industrial pollution such as the burning of fossil fuels plays a big part, and when the statistics are viewed by postcode, WA has 4 of the worst 10 in the country. Thirdly gas in our homes increases the risk of cancer and asthma, and fourthly wood smoke is very toxic – think of prescribed burns, wood heaters, and bushfires! One of the answers is to electrify everything, but at what cost?



What do you call a bunch of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare line!

Birthdays: Frank Nathan (27 Oct)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: Frank Nathan ('82/'83)

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Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Activity: Dr Carolyn Orr – Air Pollution & Human Health

On Duty: Club Host: **Don Holywell**

Set up/Pack up: **Rod Lane**

Coming up soon
Wednesday 29th October 2025

Activity: NO MEETING THIS WEEK DUE TO BRIDGETOWN WEEKEND
Club Host: n/a
Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

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NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

Jane Rowlands joined us this week to tell us all about the Collegiate Principal Initiative which has been established to provide public school leaders with support and data; coaching; opportunities which facilitate progress; feedback; and an environment in which trust can be fostered. The Department of Education has around 61,700 employees located in seven regions and spread around 834 schools, and so far 520 Principals have chosen to go down the path of having the support of a Collegiate Principal. The Department has recognised that Acknowledgement of Country is a vital way for all people to show awareness of and respect for Aboriginal cultures and heritage, particularly as, for example, in the Kimberley region twenty four languages are taught in the public schools. In the Fitzroy region much of the curriculum is on country i.e. it is physically located on traditional land, and two-way knowledge sharing takes place. Two important accountability processes exist, the first being the Public School Review (PSR) self-assessment and the second being the Principal Professional Review (PPR). The PSR provides for commendations to be recorded as well as recommendations for improvement, whilst the PPR is designed to help Principals reflect on their leadership so that they can improve their performance. As a Collegiate Principal Jane has no office, and no desk!!



Adam & Eve had the 1st computer; an Apple, limited memory (1 byte), then it crashed

Birthdays: Judy James (18 Oct)
Wedding anniversaries: none this time
Rotary anniversaries: none this time



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Wednesday 15th October 2025

Activity: Jane Rowlands – School Inspections

On Duty: Club Host: **Jeremy Wood**

Set up/Pack up: **Mike Graham**

Coming up soon
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Activity: Dr Carolyn Orr – Air Pollution & Human Health

Club Host: Don Holywell

Set up/pack up: Rod Lane

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness
- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026
- Poppy Day School Collections are being set up
- Cate Barlow is organising activities to draw the public's attention to domestic violence

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Jarrad Lawford, assisted by newly appointed Staff member Mason, came along this week to tell us all about Recfishwest (RW), an independent not for profit organisation that exists to promote accessible, sustainable, enjoyable and safe recreational fishing in WA. In our State recreational fishers make up only 10% of the total catch (the rest being commercial fishers), but nevertheless the stock of fish in this category needs to be managed carefully and consistently. RW has been conducting clinics for 26 years, and these introduce families and children to fishing – much of the time on a catch, photograph, then release principle. RW's Community Grants programme provides funding for fishing projects and over the years these have amounted to nearly \$3 billion and created about 10,000 full time jobs. The creation of artificial reefs, funded by recreational fishing licence money, is a huge plus for nurturing fish stocks, and in Exmouth a barren area of ocean has been changed into a diverse fish farm using pieces of metal from old oil rigs plus some custom moulded concrete shapes. Another one has been created 7 km off Pelican Point near Carnarvon, and this has resulted in 90,000 sq m of reef! Other challenges for RW are sharks (if you see one, move!), and marine parks which are designed to give protection for fish – but they must be located in the right place!



Light travels faster than sound; that's why he appears bright until you hear him speak

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time



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Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Activity: Jarrod Lawford – Recfishwest (recreational fishing)

On Duty: Club Host: Cate Barlow

Set up/Pack up: Peter Burns

Coming up soon Wednesday 15th October 2025

Activity: Jane Rowlands – an education topic

Club Host: Jeremy Wood

Set up/pack up: Mike Graham

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness
- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov
- Rotary in WA celebrates its Centenary in 2027; it is hoped that we will have 100 Peace Poles in place by then (65 at present)
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026

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Jan Bant has been Chair of the Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise Inc. since it was incorporated 19 years ago, and she came to our meeting to tell us all about this critically endangered creature. The Tortoise (WST) was thought to have been extinct for over one hundred years until a young boy found one at Bullsbrook in 1953. WSTs are found only in the Swan Valley, and they are slow to grow and slow to breed. It takes at least 8 years for a WST to reach adulthood, and some start to breed only at the age of about 20. They are found in the Twin Swamps and Ellen Brook Reserves, but the latter is the only viable place for them to breed in the wild. Typically they lay one or two eggs per annum. As a result, there is a comprehensive breeding programme at the Perth Zoo, and at present there are 244 in that location. WSTs are carnivores which eat only minute insects, and when the waters in the swamp seasonally disappear, they go underground and hibernate for six months. Their numbers are adversely affected by climate change, their slow breeding, and by feral enemies such as foxes, and at Ellen Brook they are protected by electric fencing and underground plastic shields. Housing developments are also having an impact. ECU is allowing some students to analyse data now, and there is a comparison on the cards between natural birth versus incubation.



What's the best thing about Switzerland? Don't really know, but the flag's a big plus

Birthdays: Robyn Holywell (20 Sep); Anneitta McHarrie (8 Oct)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

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Wednesday 1st October 2025

Activity: Jan Bant – Western Swamp Tortoise

On Duty: Club Host: David James

Set up/Pack up: Peter Pearse

Coming up soon

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Activity: Sedin Hashanovic – Recfishwest (recreational fishing)

Club Host: Cate Barlow

Set up/pack up: Peter Burns

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness
- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov
- Poppy Day collection is on – Jim Berry will provide details in due course
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026

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We enjoyed an 'in-house' situation this week when our Member John Gartlan told us: You Know More About Shakespeare Than You Think. As a boy, John's teacher Joe O'Dwyer generated a great interest in him for Shakespeare, and John noted that if Shakespeare's father hadn't moved to Stratford-upon-Avon at an early age, the Bard of Avon might well have been the Bard of Snitterfield! Shakespeare introduced dozens of words into the English language (e.g. lonely; fragrant; and brittle) as well as many expressions such as 'tower of strength'; 'one fell swoop'; and 'milk of human kindness'. Many of the figures of speech that William brought into the language were oxymorons i.e. phrases containing contradictory words with opposing meanings such as 'sweet sorrow', and there were many paradoxes as well – such as 'I must be cruel only to be kind', a quote from Hamlet. Then there is the important observation that 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet' (Romeo and Juliet), indicating that a name is just a label which distinguishes one thing from another. On the subject of women, Shakespeare portrayed them as strong rather than inferior, and therefore he could not be accused of being sexist. They played central roles in William's writings and musings, such as Rosalind declaring in As You Like It: "Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak".



Spoonerism Conference food shortage rumours were a complete lack of pies

Birthdays: Robyn Holywell (20 Sep);

Wedding anniversaries: Frank & Eileen Nathan (27 Sep)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time



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Wednesday 24th September 2025

Activity: John Gartlan – You Know More Shakespeare Than You Think

On Duty: Club Host: **Christine Tonkin**

Set up/Pack up: **David James**

Coming up soon

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Activity: Jan Bant – Western Swamp Tortoise

Club Host: David James

Set up/pack up: John Gartlan

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *Jim Berry asked for volunteers for the RSL Poppy Day collection. Details to follow*
- *We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness*
- *Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov*

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This week's meeting was a walk along the Sikh Heritage Trail with Tarun Preet Singh as our guide. 16 intrepid Rotarians and partners ventured to the wilds of south of the river to walk the Trail at Riverton. However, upon arrival at the starting point it was bucketing down, with no letup in sight. As an act of preservation, it was decided to abandon the trail walk (now re-named the Sokh Heritage Trail), and we all decamped to the much drier local library. There, our guide Tarun Preet Singh gave us a most interesting insight into the history of Sikhs in WA dating back to the middle of the 19th century. Tarun is researching their history and told many entertaining stories of Sikh exploits. A "short" walk from the library to lunch at the Riverton Bar and Grill turned into a cross-country route march, but we all arrived safely after fording swollen gutters and surviving the suicidal crossing of High Road. A most enjoyable lunch and social get together followed. Special thanks to Tarun for his help in organising the outing (and we can't blame him for the weather) and in joining us for lunch. Better luck next time!



Tennis players can't find love because it means nothing to them.

Birthdays: Marina Petrelis (14 Sep); Robyn Holywell (20 Sep); Rory Beattie (23 Sep)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: Roger Veary ('76)



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Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Activity: NO NORMAL MEETING TODAY – instead Sikh Heritage Trail; see Frank's email 9/09/25

On Duty: Club Host: **n/a**

Set up/Pack up: **n/a**

Coming up soon

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Activity: Dick Pot - Collectors coins, stamps and banknotes
(Members – bring along any that you have for a 'show & tell' if you wish)

Club Host: Christine Tonkin

Set up/pack up: David James

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- Jim Berry asked for volunteers for the RSL Poppy Day collection. Details to follow
- We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness
- Jeremy needs help on 19 Sept: there are 4 Peace Pole ceremonies and he can do only 3 of them. Volunteer to help if you can please
- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov

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Marty Kallane - ultra marathon runner, business owner, and navy veteran - came along to talk about "doing miles for mental health" – how running marathons has changed his life. We all have the ability to find strength during times of hardship, and Marty demonstrated very clearly how he managed to do that. WA born, Marty found himself in Sydney during his early years, and he was in the navy and then the police force during that time. He suffered much trauma including marriage woes and alienating his five children, but he was helped by some very good friends and found that if you believe in yourself, you can do anything. Seven years ago, Marty gave up drinking and smoking and took up running, and in so doing he started to raise funds for headspace (which provides a free and confidential mental health service for youngsters between 12 and 25). More importantly though his aim was to establish awareness of the mental health dangers that exist and what to do about them. When headspace became government funded, Marty turned his attention to the Veterans Transition Centre (VTC) which provides respite services for veterans and their families. He found that RSL sub branches didn't really talk to one another, so by running ultra marathons through their areas he has been able to rectify this. He is one of only 11 people who have completed 3 particular runs in a year!



The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they take things literally.

Birthdays: Marina Petrelis (14 Sep)

Wedding anniversaries: none this time

Rotary anniversaries: none this time