



## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 06 August 2025 at 5.30pm**

**Subject: 2025 Year 6 4-Way Test Speech Contest Club Heat**

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

**Set up/Pack up:** Jeremy Wood

### Coming up soon

**Wednesday 13 August at 10.30am**

Subject: Visit to The Kids Institute

Club Host: Frank Nathan

Set up/pack up: N/A

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- The Year 6 4-Way Test Speech Contest Club Heat will be held on Wednesday 06 August
- The visit to the Sikh Heritage Trail will now take place on Wednesday 17 September. More details will follow.
- The club now has card-type promotion hand-outs for possible members

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

Peter Jacka was the Guest Speaker at the club's meeting on 30 July 2025. Peter is a Civil Engineer/Traffic Engineer. While working as a Civil Engineer for a Local Authority in New Zealand he made a remark to his then boss about a traffic engineering issue whereupon he was appointed as the council's traffic engineer – a "one-way street" his boss called it. He became involved with computerized traffic management systems and found himself installing the SCATS system in cities around the world; SCATS stands for Sydney Co-ordinated Adaptive Traffic System. All traffic signals in the city of installation are connected to the central computer which adapts signal timing to suit traffic conditions through measurement by sensors. The system also reports failed traffic signals and stores traffic volumes. All traffic signals are traffic actuated by loop detectors cut into the road. Many signals in local sequences will be linked to minimise delays. There is now experimentation with video sensors. Peter gave his impressions of Perth's new SMART freeway and its ramp metering. He has concluded that this is not always as straightforward as it seems and there can be unforeseen results depending on the level of congestion on the freeway itself. This becomes more problematic on the final approaches to the city resulting in congestion on the freeway on-ramps. There is now evidence that some drivers are heading in the other direction to find a location where they have outrun the congestion and then enter the freeway there. People will always find a way to get around the best-intentioned measures that have been put in place.



***What did the Mechanical Engineer say when faced with a problem? I'll just wrench it out.***

***Birthdays: None***

***Wedding anniversaries: None***

***Rotary anniversaries: Peter McSkimming in 1965.***

**IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING Either by telephone (0438 462 917) or email ([libbylarsen@westnet.com.au](mailto:libbylarsen@westnet.com.au)).**

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