



## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Activity: Alecia Benzie – The Kids Research Institute**

**On Duty: Club Host: Peter Wagner**

**Set up/Pack up: Jim Berry**

**Coming up soon  
Wednesday 21st May 2025**

Activity: Toni Crossland - Eglantyn Jebb, the Founder of Save the Children  
Club Host: Peter Burns  
Set up/pack up: Peter Wagner

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *Jeremy Wood chaired the meeting in Max Puddey's absence.*
- *A Peace Pole is to be installed at Churchlands High School.*
- *Changeover is on 9<sup>th</sup> July at Prego Restaurant. Please make a point of attending.*
- *Well done to John Gartlan for an entertaining Sergeant's session, in Roger's absence.*

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

Tarun Preet Singh provided a most interesting insight into the history of Sikhs in WA. Tarun came to Australia in 2002. He had a background in the IT profession, however found it difficult to secure a job in that field. He found work in logistics, and after becoming redundant last year pursued his interest in documenting Sikh history in WA. The Sikh faith emanates from the Punjab region of north-west India and Pakistan. Tarun explained a Sikh is a seeker. A seeker for truth. All male Sikhs have Singh as their last name, and all female Sikhs have Kaur as their last name. Sikhs are known to have been in WA and Australia since the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. They followed the trading routes at the time and found roles as Cameleers (or camel drivers) and Hawkers, in the goldfields, the south-west and other regions. Sikhs were pioneers in transport in the goldfields. Their role is often confused by the common reference to camel drivers as Afghans. Sikhs were eventually allocated blocks of land and obtained rights, including permission to cremate. They came to Australia on 3 year visas, though many stayed for 30/40 years. They were unable to bring their families, so eventually it was necessary to sell their properties and possessions and return home. Australian Sikhs owe much of their enterprise and inspiring spirit to the Sikh pioneers.



***Why do accountants make good lovers? They are great with figures.***

**Birthdays:**

**Wedding anniversaries:**

**Rotary anniversaries:** Rod Lane ('85)

**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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