



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 transplantaion 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)

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).

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