



## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

**Activity: NO NORMAL MEETING – DRIVER TRAINING DAY INSTEAD**

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

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

### Coming up soon

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Activity: NO NORMAL MEETING; CHRISTMAS FUNCTION  
 ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at the Bowling Club  
 Club Host: n/a  
 Set up/pack up: n/a

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *If you haven't registered for the Christmas Party on 12 Dec please do so asap – see Pres. Max's email of 20<sup>th</sup> November*
- *The Lake Monger Community Shed Open Day raised \$13,000 last weekend*
- *There are a number of Primary School Graduations coming up, & Office Works has donated items to Lake Monger Primary School*

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

Our very own Member Christine Tonkin was the Guest Speaker this week, and her topic was *Darfur, Sudan - No Peace to Keep*. Christine was a civilian peace keeper in Darfur between 2008 and 2010, and she explained that it is located in West Sudan and is about the size of Spain. Sudan as a whole is about the size of WA. Darfur was originally a Fur Sultanate consisting of farmers and nomadic pastoralists, but in 1916 the British overthrew the Sultanate and triggered many years of conflict stemming from land disputes, resource inequality and ethnic tensions. This erupted into a devastating war which started in 2003, resulting in a large-scale humanitarian crisis. In 2007 the United Nations established the African Union - United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) to bring stability to the region while peace talks on a final settlement took place, but the mandate came to an end in 2020 following another UN resolution. UNAMID did have some success e.g. by bringing sustained international attention to the region; reducing large scale conflict; and improving humanitarian access, but unfortunately there were shortcomings too, such as mandate ambiguity; lack of robust political strategy; and not including rebel groups very well. The current conflict is between the Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Forces – a Sudanese paramilitary force.



***A clear conscience is usually a good sign of a bad memory.***

**Birthdays:** Leonie Pearse (3 Dec)  
**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time  
**Rotary anniversaries:** Manny Petrelis ('71)