



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Activity: NO MEETING TODAY; INSTEAD, IT'S DRIVER TRAINING DAY!

On Duty: Club Host: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

Coming up soon

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Activity: This is our Christmas Party Day! See Pres.
Max's email dated 10th Nov and reply if you haven't!!
Club Host: n/a
Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *Lake Monger Community Shed Open Day 23 November, between 9 am and 1 pm.*
- *Volunteers please for City Beach Surf Life Saving Club tent; 15 Dec. Contact Pres. Max.*
- *Attendees at our Christmas function to be held on 4th December have agreed to donate \$10 per head. The proceeds will go to the Salvos to support their great work in the community.*

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

Unfortunately our designated Guest Speaker had to pull out due to illness, so President Max stood in at the last minute and gave a stellar performance! He chose to tell us about what happened in Singapore during the Second World War years, right up to the fall of Singapore early in 1942. Australian troops went to Singapore and Malaya in February 1941, and their mission was to prepare for a possible attack by Japanese forces. The Japanese landed troops in Thailand and Malaya on 8 December 1941, just about at the time that their country was attacking Pearl Harbour in the USA. Those forces advanced down the Malayan peninsula and soon threatened Singapore itself. Australians fought alongside troops from Britain and other parts of the British Empire. The Allied forces were surprised by the speed of the Japanese advance, and so they withdrew to the island of Singapore where they were soon overwhelmed by the Japanese - who started the attack on the island on 8 February 1942. The surviving Allied forces surrendered to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. Singapore was once considered an impregnable fortress, but it had now fallen to the Japanese after the Japanese had outwitted thousands of Australian, British and other Allied troops who then became prisoners of war. Many of them would not survive being captives of the Japanese. Thank you Max for bringing the remarkable story to us; many of us were unaware of the facts behind those dark days of World War II.



To him who stole my Microsoft Office software, I will find you; you have my word.

Birthdays: Leonie Pearse (3 Dec); David James (6 Dec); Sybil Burns, Max Puddey (17 Dec)

Wedding anniversaries: Peter & Sybil Burns (4 Dec); Roger & Pam Veary (14 Dec); Brian & Heather Downing (15 Dec)

Rotary anniversaries: Manny Petrelis ('71)

IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING
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