



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE COURIER 2021 - 2022



District 9455 Western Australia

We usually meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), at 7.10 am for 7.30 am.

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 16 February

Speaker: Club Forum

Topic: n/a

On Duty 16/2/22:

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- The District 9455 District Conference will now be a Virtual Conference due to the Covid restrictions, and it will take place on Saturday 12th March from 8.00 am onwards. Any Rotarian from the District can log in, so please watch out for details in the near future!
- Moves are afoot to merge the two WA Rotary Districts into one: District 9423. More details will follow in time.
- The Social Committee is organising an outing to Sunset Music between 5.00 and 7.00 pm on Sunday 27th February at Rutter Park in Wembley. It will be a BYO picnic with live music plus a pizza van as well. Watch out for all the details soon!

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 23 February 2022

Speaker: Elliott Panos

Topic: Smarter Roads – a Main Roads project

Speaker intro & thanks: Peter Burns

Set up/Pack up: Frank Nathan

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

The Speaker at our first meeting of 2022 was John Adeney, who addressed us on The Boer War Battle of West Australian Hill which took place exactly 122 years ago on 9th February 1900. John is a retired environmental scientist and practising archaeologist, and his interest in this Battle was triggered by an Archaeology Honours project that he completed at UWA. John, together with Bill Edgar, Ray Ward and Allen Duff, undertook an archeological survey of the battle zone in 2019. The defence of West Australia Hill was a 12 to 13 hour encounter during the South African War (1899-1902) between 28 West Australians of the 1st WA Mounted Infantry stationed at Slingsfontein near Colesberg in the Cape Province, and 300 to 400 Boers. John's project was conducted to determine how the West Australians maintained tactical superiority throughout the encounter. By locating fired cartridges, artillery artefacts and archival evidence, John's team showed that the successful all-day defence was due to good tactical positioning on West Australia Hill and superior shooting capabilities, aided by accurate British artillery support. There were only 3 casualties on the Australian side, and it is most unfortunate that this historic encounter has received little or no recognition in Australia's war history. However John published a paper in the Journal of Conflict Archeology, and Bill Edgar wrote a book called '30 Against 300', and slowly the details of the event are gaining recognition at last.



Doing nothing is a very hard ask: you never know when you are finished!

Birthdays: Jim Berry (18 Feb); Don Holywell (21 Feb)

Wedding anniversaries: Manny & Marina Petrelis (21 Feb); Peter & Robyn Wagner (22 Feb)

Rotary anniversaries: Cate Barlow ('19); Brian Downing ('19)

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