

CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Activity: Dawn Testrow – City Beach Community Food Forest

On Duty: Club Host: Cate Barlow

Set up/Pack up: Rory Beattie

Coming up soon

Wednesday 31st July 2024

Activity: Rotary 4 Way Test Speaking Competition

Club Host: **Jeremy Wood**

Set up/pack up: n/a

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Our thoughts are with two ailing Members, Jim Berry and Brian Downing.

We have a teacher going to Surabaya to train the local teachers at the Karya Mulia School.

Libby is still looking for items for the hamper to be raffled at the evening meeting on 31 July – the 4 Way Test Speaking Competition.

Why not join our table at the Bowling Club's Bowlywood Night? Contact Pres. Max asap!

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB, ROTARY GENERALLY & OUR WORLD

Dr Kevin Smythe is a local Perth man who worked in operations and intelligence in the RAAF for 22 years, and later spent 15 years as a military adviser in the Middle East, and he came along to tell us about the Catalina aircraft that flew from Perth during WWII. Kevin has conducted research on this topic since his return to Perth, and the story that he told was most interesting. Basically Kevin explained to us how the United States Navy and Qantas Catalina Flying Boats protected WA, broke the Japanese air blockade, and thus created a post-war legacy for our region. The US Navy Patrol Wing 10 was established in the Philippines at the end of 1940, but after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, it relocated to various relevant locations, ending up in Perth in March 1942 after the Japanese bombing of Darwin. PW10 undertook various missions such as Operation Flight Gridiron which rescued VIPs and Nurses from Manila Bay, and Fremantle was an important port for refuelling PW10's utility planes, tenders and torpedo boats. Meanwhile Qantas had to find alternative routes for its Empire mail route, and it ended up flying 5 PBY Catalinas from Perth to Ceylon and on to Karachi – secretly taking many Allied troops on board in addition to the mail and other 'legitimate' cargo. After the end of the war the four remaining Catalinas in Perth were eventually destroyed just west of Rottnest Island, thus ending an amazing contribution to the war effort. Thank you, Kevin, for enlightening us on a subject about which little is generally known.



eBay is hopeless! I tried to look up "lighters" and it gave me 13,749 matches.

Birthdays: Margaret Lane (23 Jul); Robyn Wagner (23 Jul)

Wedding anniversaries: Ross & Fran Ledger (2 Jul); Don & Robyn Holywell (17 Jul); Stan & Gwen Robins (19 Jul)

Rotary anniversaries: Don Holywell ('18); Peter Wagner ('18)

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