



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Activity: DG Veronica Lawrence visit – joint meeting with Western Endeavour

On Duty: Club Host: Christine Tonkin

Set up/Pack up: Max Puddey

Coming up soon

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Activity: Visit to our Club by local School Leaders

Club Host: Jeremy Wood

Set up/pack up: Mike Graham

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *Our thanks to Frank for organising the outing to the Kids Institute.*
- *Jeremy reported on the junior Speaking Competition; the winner was a lad from Wembley Primary – well done all round!*
- *Peter Wagner gave an update on the Driver Training project; we are still having logistical problems with authorities would you believe!*

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

Today's talk was given by our very own Max Puddey – the President of our Club! His topic was The Battle of Long Tan. Last Monday happened to be the 59th anniversary of the conflict, and Max gave a very comprehensive and interesting account of the developments that occurred that day. The battle took place in a rubber plantation near Long Tan in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam during the Vietnam War, and the action was fought between the Viet Cong (VC) together with the People's Army of Vietnam, and elements of the 1st Australian Task Force. Max started with some very useful comments about the political background that prevailed at the time, and then moved on to a blow-by-blow account of the battle which started at about 3.15 pm and went on until about midnight. The Australian forces faced huge difficulties including running out of ammunition, but they were eventually assisted by American forces including Armoured Personnel Carriers which were able to cross a vital river – which resulted in the Viet Cong withdrawing from a very dominant position. All in all, the Western forces suffered 18 deaths and 24 injuries, whereas the Vietnamese lost around 2500 personnel. This fact was made known many years later; it had been hidden by the actions of the VC who removed their dead overnight to give the impression of limited casualties.



Hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just needed some space!

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: David & Judy James (21 Aug); Jim & Mary Anne Berry (26 Aug)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

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