



Canterbury Tales

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Meeting

Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Bass Centre,
 2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury
Unless otherwise stated in Diary

Register for Meeting

Guests and Club Members can
 Register on the following link
[Register for Meeting](#)

Apologies

**prior to 10AM Monday*

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*Please advise Russell of any
 long anticipated absence.*

The Rotary Radio Show

**Jenny Coburn and
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Fridays 6pm to 8pm

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Professor Jill Keefe

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President's Message

Our Past President, Professor Jill Keefe, drew a large crowd to her talk on the developments in Ophthalmology since our Club has been running our Medical Missions to the Philippines. Many of those flying to Manila on Friday for this year's project were in attendance and eager to hear Jill's stories from when she initiated the project as International Chair in 1997-8.

Jill talked about her current active involvement with the L V Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad and of how the income from the half of patients that can afford the cost of the treatment is used to fund the other half of patients who cannot afford the treatment cost.

Jill told us about programs funded by the World Bank in India and Cambodia and how the prevalence of vision loss has been halved in South East Asia since the 1990s. Excellent work has been done to reduce the cases of trachoma in the indigenous community of this country. She stressed how important it is that we actually treat every incidence of eye disease that we discover through our screening process. The Cataract Foundation Philippines and the local Rotary Clubs do a wonderful job with following up on the individual cases after we return to Australia.

Jill is a brilliant example of how one Rotarian can change the world. We will never know an exact count of how many thousands of lives her good work has changed for the better.

Our Club History shows that Jill was Club President in 2000-01, while Pam Hargreaves was Club President of North Camberwell. The other Club leaders for that year are shown in the adjacent table. Just look how many of them are still active in our Club today:

Speaker and Events Program

- Monday Oct 13 Speaker: Dr Kevin Donnelly, Chair: TBA
"Taming the Black Dog"
- Monday Oct 20 Speaker: Michelle Maglitto, Chair: TBA
"The Evolution of the English Language, the Me Done It syndrome and the Like generation"
- Monday Oct 27 Speaker: Maureen Salter - Camberwell High School
 Speaker: Josh Fergeus - International Project in Nepal

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

October 12 - Max Holland, Phil Glazier, Annette Brownscombe
 October 19 - Sue Clifford, Ray Thomas, Ian Coopes
 October 26 - Ross Merolli, Kay Gulenc, Kyle Wightman
 November 2 - Jess Siriweera, John Richards, Josh Fergeus

Contact Tony Simpson for all roster changes and requests, Home 9417 3995, Mob 0488 380 899
Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays \$50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof

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LIGHT UP ROTARY



President's Message - Continued

Val Cunniffe ran an enjoyable activity for us to raise some much needed club funds. All tables were engrossed in pictures of eyes and chins as we attempted to work out who the people were in the picture fragments she gave us. We all got Barack Obama!

John McCaskill encouraged members to sign up online for the [District Conference](#) in Hobart on the 12th - 14th March 2014. Club activities are being planned for the first day, prior to the welcome function at 6:30pm. There will be a Club Dinner on the Friday night, with the conference dinner on Saturday night at Wrest Point, after the Salamanca Market on Saturday morning. Yes, the market is part of the program!! There is a \$175 discount on the full registration fee if this is your first District Conference and a \$100 discount for partners if you book before 15th December.

We welcomed back Janine Mahoney, Roger Taylor, Ray Thomas and John Braine. Partners Shirley Granger, Judy May and Jennie Simpson were very welcome. Jennie and Tony were actually members of Jill's first medical mission to the Philippines, as was past member Bruce Gallagher who returned to meet up with his old friends, including Peter Evans. Lili-Ann brought her friend Allison Wilton and we enjoyed the pleasure of the company of a prospective member, Matt Miller. Matt found us via our website and we hope he enjoyed the night as much as everyone else, so we see him again soon.

Unfortunately two of the guests who had booked to attend our meeting last Monday night, drove up and down Rochester Road in Canterbury looking for our venue. Eventually they gave up and went home, so we never got to meet Pedro and his father. We all discovered on Tuesday that Pedro and his Dad were in England, rather than Australia. I have updated our Club website to try to avoid this confusion going forward . . .

Val is looking for members to join her with the fun she has been having with the students at Glenallen school in Glen Waverley. Gerry has loads of ideas for ways to extend our involvement with Donations in Kind, and this drives our need for additional fund raising. Lynn is planning a hilarious night of horsing around on 3rd November, if you would like to help her to plan that night. Mark 1st December in your diary, so you don't miss the night Bill Granger has organised for us to be with Major Dan Mori (do you recall the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay?).

Please let Nora Ley know if you would be willing to take on a leadership role in the Club next year. Nominations are needed in time for the AGM on 24th November. We are a very active club, so there are lots of positions we need to fill to ensure we sustain the wonderful momentum we are currently experiencing.

I leave you in the most capable hands of Vice-President John, for the next two weeks while Doug and Kyle teach me what happens on our Rotary International project in the Philippines.

Peter



The Next Speaker - Dr Kevin Donnelly

How we deal with depression caused by sorrow and loss is different for each one of us. While there are stages of grieving that might be common - shock, numbness, anger, denial, sorrow, resignation, acceptance and healing - how we deal with fate depends on our character, experience of life and the help and influence of those we love.

Life was never meant to be easy, as a famous politician once said, and tragedy and loss can strike at any time. Losing a loved one unexpectedly and without reason, facing family hardship or a crisis at work are events that can touch anyone of us. But, there are ways to be resilient and to overcome adversity and pain and to lessen the impact of depression.

Denial never addresses the issue and while burying a loss might bring temporary relief, the pain and suffering usually erupts later in the form of depression and anger. Men, in particular, are prone to denying what is most destructive and presenting a facade where all appears well. Far better is to honour your feelings and acknowledge the hurt and mood swings.

In his book *Taming the Black Dog*, Kevin Donnelly writes how literature, religious faith and the love and comfort of family and friends can help one to find a safe shore after the storms and the rough seas. While there is no closure - there is hope and a chance to live life to the full.



Let's Guess the Money in the Platypuses

Next Monday 13th October the money from the Platypus collectors will be in a glass jar. For a gold coin donation you can guess the total value of the money in the jar. The closest guess will receive a bottle of Robert Oatley McLaren Vale Shiraz. All the money collected goes towards the [YGAP 5 Cent Campaign](#).