



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 links

[Register for Meeting](#)

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Apologies

**prior to 10AM Monday*

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*Please advise Russell of any
long absence.*

The Rotary Radio Show

Jenny Coburn and
David Proud

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

**3WBC
94.1 FM**

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**65km for
CYSTIC
FIBROSIS**



President's Message

Our members were treated to a wonderful story of love as we were taken from California, to London, to Wellington in New Zealand, then France, and finally to Melbourne. Susan Biggar and her husband, Darryl, have three amazing sons, Aidan, Oliver and Ellis who have enriched their lives considerably. Aiden and Oliver both have cystic fibrosis (CF), a common genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system.

Susan's book, "[The Upside of Down](#)" is moving, inspiring and hilarious. We heard a few excerpts last Monday, and it is well worth a read.

It warms your heart to hear, "As our family took up running and sports with enthusiasm, I watched my sons skip their way into adolescence and surpass all expectations: competing in the state cross-country, track, swimming and surf lifesaving finals all in one year." Also, "Mum, I heard that Oliver and Aiden have some kind of medical condition that makes them run faster."

Sue was accompanied by Cale Wilkinson from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, based at the Royal Children's Hospital in Parkville. Cale told us of the real difference the Institute is making to child health through world-leading research and disease prevention. They do so many things, but Cale was with us to support Susan, who is raising funds and awareness of CF through the [65km for Cystic Fibrosis](#) walk on 14th March. We are encouraged to join in this event or support Susan as her sponsor.

I ran a session about communication, one of my passions. It was good for our members to see some of the achievements we have made his year in setting up a database for contacts. We can all now rely on this information and keep it current as we develop our relationships with our partner organisations and those who support our Club. We have an excellent Facebook page, a website that is updated weekly and is viewed up to 5,000 times a week, with the major interest being in our Club Program, our Radio Show archive and our Aussie Pride Badge.

Five of us attended the Rotary Club of Melbourne's lunchtime Club meeting at the ZINC Restaurant, Federation Square last week. Michael Chong remarked, "I liked the way they inducted the new corporate member, and also the 'reflection'. Pretty informal, yet it was still structured and well run." It is something we all seem to take for granted, but as a Rotarian we are welcome to attend the Club meeting of any Rotary Club in the world. There is always something new to learn. From their guest speaker, we all took away the need to be more tolerant of others in our society.



Susan Biggar

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

February 22 - Graeme Hindhaugh, Doug Hawley, Lili-Ann Kreigler

March 1 - Helen Hartnett, Jess Siriweere, Edward Gwee

March 8 - Matt Miller, Malcolm Short, Neil Williams

March 15 - John Braine, Miranda Styles, Lynn Steel

March 22 - Roger Taylor, Brian Bloomer, Peter May

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



President's Message - Continued

Florey Institute Visit

As a follow up to Simon McKenzie-Nixon's presentation to our Club about Alzheimer's research, several members visited the [Florey Institute](#) this week. The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health is committed to improving our quality of life through brain research. This was a most interesting tour that was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Interchange Inner East Film Night

A meeting with the Girl Guides this week set the foundations for a productive partnership between the Guides, the Scouts and our Rotary club. We plan to work together to raise awareness of our organisations in the local community and to work together on service projects. Initially we intend to support [Interchange Inner East](#). This organisation is located in Canterbury and offers top quality, affordable specialist children's and adolescent's respite and recreation support to families in Melbourne's Inner East. On Friday 20th February Rotarians from our Club are working with local Rover Scouts to put on a Moonlight Cinema for the families, volunteers and host volunteers of Interchange Inner East. The Rovers are providing FREE ice creams and drinks and a sausage sizzle. Our Club is sponsor for the event, with income from the donation we received from the Maling Road Business Association as a result of the assistance our Club members provide each December to the Maling Road Kristkindl.

Shrine of Remembrance Tour - next Monday 23rd February

The Shrine of Remembrance Tour is a joint event with the Rotary Clubs of Richmond, Fitzroy and Melbourne Park. Our Group Study Exchange team from the USA will also be our guests. We have 42 in our group from Canterbury.

Please arrive at 5:30pm, for a 6pm start in the Shrine Auditorium. There will be a 10 min presentation by the Shrine CEO Denis Baguley, followed by a tour of the new Galleries. We arrive at 7:10pm in the Visitor Centre, for finger food and drinks, with the evening finishing at 8pm. Bookings for this event are now closed.

Group Study Exchange Presentation - next Wednesday 25th February

Our Club is invited to a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Camberwell next Wednesday. Join us to hear a presentation from the Group Study Exchange team from Louisiana. As there is no meeting on Labor Day, Monday 9th March, our next normal Club meeting at Basscare is on Monday 16th March. So much is happening during the month ahead!

Partners and Friends Movie Night - Monday 2nd March

Please join us for an exclusive screening of "[The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel](#)" at the [Palace Cinema](#), 231 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn. Our Rotary Cluster has booked the cinema to raise funds for [End Polio Now](#). Everyone is invited to come along - this is not just for Rotarians. Our Club is making a donation of \$2,000 to End Polio Now and the Gates Foundation puts in \$2 for every dollar donated. The movie starts at 6:30pm, but tickets need to be purchased in advance. You can [purchase tickets online](#), but **ticket sales end at 9am on Wednesday 25th February**. You are welcome to add a small donation when you purchase your ticket, but this is optional.



Those who would like to join us for dinner after the show at the Jazz Ria Malaysian Restaurant, 228 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn are very welcome to do so. There is a banquet for \$30pp in our own room upstairs and it is BYO. Please indicate with your online booking if you plan to join us for dinner, or notify Russell.

A Night for Your Diary - Monday 30th March

On Monday 30th March we have a very special guest speaker. Gemma Sisia has spoken to a wide range of audiences around the world. She has inspired people both young and old with her personal stories of her involvement with [The School of St Jude](#) in Tanzania. She tells how her belief in fighting poverty through education is now changing the lives of over 1,900 children and their families.

Gemma will be speaking about how she established The School of St Jude, just outside Arusha, in Tanzania. She will explain how a high-quality education was out of reach of most Tanzanian children and the reality of life without an education in East Africa.

The School of St Jude is one of a kind. What started 12 years ago with one teacher and three students is now a school with over 1,900 students, 350 local Tanzanian staff, three campuses and a fleet of over 20 school buses. Gemma will speak about how The School of St Jude is actively living out the mission of educating future leaders in Tanzania, not only for the students, but for staff and parents as well. [Book your tickets online](#). You and your friends are invited to join us for this very special night.



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