



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
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**prior to 10AM Monday*

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Advise Graham of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show

**Jenny Coburn and
David Proud**

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

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President's Message

At a time when we are being constantly misled into fearing Muslims, we heard a truly heartwarming account from a Principal of an Islamic School called Ilim College last Monday. Principal Aynur Simisirel and her school, had enabled eleven boys from Penola Catholic College and Mount Ridley College to travel to Gallipoli for the ANZAC Centenary last April. In Helen Schiele's talk, titled "From War to Peace - A Walk of Harmony", she explained how these boys had undergone a deeply moving experience, not unlike that of our own Seeds of Peace Scholars.

Our speakers told of these boys from the City of Hume spending time looking at the Gallipoli conflict through two different lenses. Firstly, the one we are all familiar with as Aussies, but then they switched and followed the footsteps of the 57th Turkish Regiment. These were the first Turkish troops to confront the attackers. After the first three hours of fighting only 80 members of this proud regiment were left standing. Their losses were horrendous. Did you know that the Turkish trenches were only 8m apart from the ANZAC troops?



Aynur Simisirel and Helen Schiele

To Helen's dismay, when they arrived with 25,000 other people to make this march, they found that the promised tents and sleeping gear had not been provided. The boys had to find bits of cardboard to sleep on and it was bitterly cold. Thankfully a group of Turkish boys, seeing their plight, shared their blankets and made some great new friends.

Helen would like to take another group to Turkey in 2016 and is looking for sponsors. Having seen first-hand the growth in the boys who went this year, she is keen to create a band of brothers every year, who learn to embrace both sides and understand that Peace is Possible.

Our Club is considering hosting a dinner on 11th April 2016 as a special ANZAC commemoration function. Those students from the City of Hume who will be travelling to Gallipoli next April would be invited to hear from those who went in 2015, along with our Seeds of Peace Scholars and their parents. These kids have some very powerful stories to share with us. I'm sure they would all really enjoy a night together. Maybe Bill could organise another short debate?

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday June 29

Changeover Dinner - 6:30 for 7:00pm until 10:30pm

MCC Kew Sports Club, 397 Barkers Road, Kew

Monday July 6

Club Forum and Report for 2014-15 - Peter May

Monday July 13

Speaker: Helen Jurcevic

"The Work in Kanthi Village in Kenya"

Monday July 20

Club Meeting with ADG Therese Mc Kenney

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

June 28 - Edward Gwee, Alan Stevens, Max Holland

July 5 - Andrew Mastrowicz, Dean Barnett, Ian Coopes

July 12 - Gerry Cross, John McCaskill, Val Cunniffe

July 19 - Bob Falconer, Stephanie Mauger, Kyle Wightman

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

Just when I thought my final Club meeting as President had arrived, so I could relax and enjoy the evening, I was hauled onto the stage to discover the scheming that had been going on between our wonderful entertainment manager, Val, and my better half, Judy. The audience was asked to predict what my answer, or Judy's answer, to various questions would be. Points were awarded to correct, or 'innovative' answers. "What will Judy say was Peter's most romantic moment?", "What will Judy say is Peter's most enduring quality?" and other questions that my memory has blanked out from the shock. All this was backgrounded with cute childhood pics from my age of three. It certainly generated considerable laughter, particularly when a certain member from the winning table kept yammering on . . . even the President can't take himself too seriously in this Club! Well done, Val.

Approval of the 2015-16 Budget

Our Club Board has approved the budget for the 2015-16 year. This means the Service Committees can hit the ground running from 1st July, knowing that their projects are funded. I know that a great deal of work goes into our club's budget process to reach this point, so I thank all of you for your valued contributions. Our Club has a unique budget process that is designed to ensure we spend every dollar of our expected income wisely, on well planned projects. This year the budget process was enhanced to provide each committee with a pool of funds that can be allocated to additional project proposals that are presented throughout the year.

2016 National Youth Science Forum

Brett Riley, Sue Clifford and Helen Hartnett have selected two outstanding candidates for the 2016 National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Two girls this year, I am told. Where only one in three make it through the next round of district interviews, our selection committee are fairly confident of success. Brett will then organise a night where our successful candidates can come along to introduce themselves to our members, and to hear a report from Jimmy Fan on his experiences at the NYSF last January.

2016 Philippines Medical Mission

Doug Hawley has locked in the date for the Philippines Orthoptics students' interviews for the morning of Sunday, 12th July. We have to select the best four, from the top applications of these final year students at La Trobe University. La Trobe Lecturer, Dr Linda Malesic, is a fantastic member of our interview panel, as we rely very much on the technical knowledge of those we select. Please lock in the date of 28th September to come to meet the successful applicants. On this date, Orthoptics graduates from past trips will present on a night where we showcase this incredible project. Our Medical Mission team of twenty people will meet in Manila on 9th October. This will be our 19th year and we have screened over 100,000 people, restoring sight to thousands.

The Rotary Club of Camberwell Changeover Dinner

Nora, Val, Patrick, Judy and I had the privilege of attending the Rotary Club of Camberwell's Changeover dinner at the Kooyong Tennis Centre last Wednesday evening. Their Club is a bit more formal than ours, so it was nice to dress up. The food and wine were divine, as was their entertainment by singer Paris Zachariou. The highlight of the evening was the induction of their new Club President, Anne Murphy, who is the first female Club President in the history of their Club.

Best Wishes to Kay and Joyce

On a sadder note, Kay Gulenc and Joyce Sutton have resigned as Rotarians, with effect 1st July. Joyce's decision is unfortunately due to her ill health. Researching our Club history reveals that Kay has been a member for ten years. During this time she has been our Club Treasurer three times, spanning six years of dedicated service. Whilst this is a huge loss of experience for our Club, Kay assures me she is not leaving because of any dissatisfaction with either the Club or with Rotary. She has reached a point in her life where she wishes to focus on other priorities. Both members know they are always very welcome to join us at any meeting in the future and we wish them well.

The Changeover Dinner next Monday

Next Monday is the night when I pass on the baton to our next Club President, Nora Ley, at our annual Changeover Dinner. Being a bit of a 'Larrikin Club' we don't always follow the usual formalities of some other Rotary Clubs. Rather for us, this is a night of fun and celebration as we look forward to the exciting year ahead. We hope the District Governor, Julie Mason and our Assistant DG, Therese McKinney aren't too shocked by how much fun we all have. It is fantastic to see how many representatives from our partnerships and past participants from our Rotary programs have decided to join us for this special occasion.

Peter

The Melbourne Fun Run

This is a photo my daughter Louise took of me, having a photo shoot for The Weekly Review today. I was photographed in Enni Boutique to advertise my walk in The Melbourne Fun Run on Sunday 26th July 2015. I am walking to raise awareness of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. Please come walk with me or donate by clicking on the donate button at www.alpha1.org.au

Canterbury Rotary also gets a mention in my interview so hopefully they don't edit that bit out.

Jenni Nankervis

