



Canterbury Tales

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Meeting

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

Register for Meeting

Guests and Club Members can
Register on the following links
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Apologies

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**prior to 10AM Friday*

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Victoria's Mechanics' Institutes

Our speaker last Monday was Ken James who co-authored with Pam Baragwanath *These Walls Speak Volumes: A History of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria*, which contains the histories of around 1000 Victorian mechanics' institutes and has 708 pages and weighs an impressive 2.5kg. All 500 copies have been sold and the book won the 2016 Victorian Community History Award.



Ken James

Mechanics Institutes started in Britain and were part of ideas for education for the masses. The first institute was the Edinburgh School of Arts for the Education of Mechanics. In Australia the first mechanics' institute was established in Tasmania in 1827. About 2,500 institutes were established around Australia, with the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution and School of Arts the first in Victoria in 1839.

The mechanics' institutes were the first public libraries and would have a reading room where books and newspapers from throughout Australia and overseas could be read at no cost. Books could be borrowed, often at no cost but sometimes for a small fee. The institute building would also have a room for meetings and a hall for public gatherings. Typically the mechanics' institute building would function as a secular community centre as distinct from the hotels and churches.

State government provided financial support for the institutes, which went by a variety of names, for example: the Ballarat Mechanics Institute, the Bendigo Temperance Hall, the Buninyong Library, the Chewton Town Hall, the Chiltern Athenaeum, the Jeparit Memorial Hall, and the Stawell Literary and Science Institute. Over time municipalities assumed a greater role in the community and often incorporated many buildings and functions of the mechanics' institutes. In particular from the 1940s many institutes found they didn't have the finances to maintain their public library collections and so local government often took over their public library role.

More than half the Victorian mechanics' institute buildings are still in existence. The Canterbury institute building is on the east side of Canterbury Gardens and currently serves as a Toy Library. The Surrey Hills institute building is occupied by Ross-Hunt Real Estate and you can see the community hall at the back of the main building looking through the yard on the south side.

The Next Speaker - John Botham

John Botham will provide a view of the early of Melbourne life through Captain George Ward Cole, who arrived in Melbourne in 1840 following a career in the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic Wars, and in the merchant marine.

'Old King' Cole was prominent in early Melbourne society, controversially marrying into the McCrae family and building one of the first houses in Brighton, St Ninians. Cole built the first private wharf on the Yarra, known as Cole's Wharf, and developed shipping facilities in Port Phillip, providing sea transport both locally and to other colonies. He established the town of St Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula, and was a leader in the development of Melbourne and served on the Legislative Council for 20 years.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday July 23

Monday July 30

Monday August 6

Monday August 13

Speaker: John Botham, **"Captain 'Old King' Cole: Port Phillip Pioneer"**

Speaker: Martin Jones, **"Home Care and Retirement Living ... Recent Developments"**

Speaker: Kate Shirley, **"My Health Record"**

Social Event: **"Dance Night at the Canterbury Basscare Centre"**

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

July 22 - Greg Vero/Annette Brownscombe, Val Cunniffe/Patrick Cunniffe, John Braine (+Steve Wylie)

July 29 - Graham Bishop, Alan Stevens, Neil Williams (+Kyle Wightman)

August 5 - Anne Josefsberg, Lili-Ann Kreigler, Malcom Short (+Rob Simpson)

Contact Janet Hay for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0411 411 732

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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David Parkin at Rotary.

Wednesday 29 August 2018 at Greenacres Golf Club.

AFL Football champion, multi-premiership coach, teacher, motivator and much more, David Parkin (“Parko”) always finds time to be a great supporter of our Rotary Club and Myeloma Australia through his continual involvement in the annual “Business of Winning”.

This will be a Camberwell Rotary Club meeting together with a number of other Clubs and guests. You are encouraged to invite spouses and potential members.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 29 August 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$35 per person for two courses; drinks at bar prices

We look forward to seeing you to what promises to be a great night.