



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
[Register for Meeting](#)
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Apologies

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**prior to 10AM Friday*

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Advise Graham of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show
Fridays 6pm to 8pm

3WBC
94.1 FM

The Aussie Pride Badge



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The Social Business Model

Last Monday Janet Hay spoke about the Rotary Shop in Camberwell. The shop has been an outstanding success and every month is providing \$1,000 to Donations In Kind. The Shop also provides a platform for Fair Trade Enterprises from East Timor, Nepal and Laos. Money from the Fair Trade Goods goes directly back to the projects.

Janet then spoke on a subject close to her heart; 'To Give or to Lend - the Charity Model or the Social Business Model'. Janet contrasted the difference between Humanitarian Aid - which is dispensed because of an emergency or disaster, and Long Term Development Aid - which is dispensed after the disaster or conflict is over, and must be much more carefully thought out. There is a time for immediate generous charity when you're starving or your home has been destroyed. Long term charity, way after the initial need has ended, often makes the poor more vulnerable and dependent.

With the Social Business Model the purpose of the investment money is to achieve social objectives. No personal financial gain is desired by the investors and this includes not receiving a tax deduction. Investors do it purely for the joy of making an impact. Janet said that this is a random act of kindness taken to a considered and monetary level.



Janet Hay

She told us of Dr Yunus who started micro-lending in Bangladesh. He received the Nobel Prize jointly with the Grameen Bank "for their efforts to create economic and social development from below". The Yunus Business Centre explains the seven principles of Social Business:

1. The business objective is to overcome one or more problems, such as poverty.
2. The company will attain financial and economic sustainability.
3. Investors get back only their original amount - no interest or dividends.
4. When the investment is paid back the profits stay with the company for expansion and improvements.
5. The company will be environmentally conscious.
6. The workforce get market wages with better than standard working conditions.
7. Do it with joy!!!

There are many YouTube clips by Dr Yunus about Social Business; the following is a small selection: [The Concept of Social Business](#), [Muhammad Yunus - Banker to the Poor](#), [TED Talk - A History of Microfinance](#), [Muhammad Yunus's Top 10 Rules For Success](#)

Janet explained that if we organise a loan of money so that a poor person can start their own business then we give them the choice of how to spend the money they earn. Her experience in East Timor was that after food and clean water, the children's education was the highest priority.

Janet told us of the website kiva.org where as an individual you can invest money to lend as micro-finance loans in accordance with the Social Business Model.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday November 6
Monday November 13
Monday November 20

Social Event - **Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner and Partner's Night**
Social Event - **FORaMEAL Food Packing Evening**
Speaker: Kyle Wightman, **"The Energy Crisis"**

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

November 5 - Jenni Nankervis, Sarah Prossor, Doug Hawley

November 12 - John Richards, Max Holland, David Zna

November 19 - John Braine, Edward Gwee, Bill Granger/John McCaskill

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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President's Message

Last meeting was well attended with several guests, including two Rovers, invited along by our own Rover member, Sarah Prossor.

The Rotary Sustainability Store

I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm shown by our guest speaker, Janet Hay, who is one of the key volunteers in the Rotary Sustainability Store, which provides much needed funds for DIK (Donations in Kind).

DIK project is often the most practical and cost effective way to help people in developing countries and it also provides excellent opportunities to help local communities. It provides Rotarians, the Public and the Corporate Sector with the chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people who need our help.

Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner and Partner's Night

Val and Bill have planned a special night for the next meeting on Melbourne Cup Eve. Bring your whips and spurs or dress to impress for a night of fun and informality. Partners are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

FORaMEAL Food Packing Evening

I remind everyone that the following meeting will be a FORaMEAL food packaging night. We plan to package up nearly 3000 food parcels, so the more people that can attend, the quicker we will be able to finish. So invite partners, friends and colleagues for this wonderful charity event organised by our own Doug Hawley. Finger food will be provided in place of our usual formal meal.

The District 9800 Conference at Warrnambool

The District Conference is coming up on 16 – 18 March 2018, with the Conference finishing on the Sunday afternoon with a FORaMEAL food packaging event organised by Doug Hawley, but involving most of the other Clubs throughout the District.

May I remind you once again that five Executive Two-Bedroom Suites at The Quest, right in the heart of Warrnambool, each with two Bathrooms, have been reserved. Costing \$349.00 per night including GST - that is \$174.50 per couple in quite large accommodation close to all the action. I believe that, at this stage, there may be one bedroom left, so whoever wishes to take advantage of this should let me know as soon as possible.

Rob

Need for DIK Helpers over the Next Month

As mentioned at last Monday's meeting, DIK is in the middle of a move from Shed 40 into Shed 39 at 400 Somerville Road West Footscray. This move has been a little delayed by the relocation of the racking to facilitate use of the fork lift in the shed. DIK is also being inundated with requests for collections and where possible these have been delayed until the store is sorted.

However, we have a collection of 7 classrooms of furniture that we must collect on Thursday 7th December from St Mary's Primary School at Lancefield. This was committed some time ago and we are locked into the date because of replacement supplies. We will need both vans and plenty of assistance both packing at the school and back at the store unloading and palletising the goods. DIK have put out the call to our members to assist so we can achieve this pickup as planned. Bob Glindemann has requested available folk to email him so that they can establish and organize the numbers needed. bob.glindemann@bigpond.com

Additional help is also needed at the Store over the next two months on any Tuesday or Thursday. This help includes lighter duties in wheeling and strapping four wheel walkers with zip ties and similar tasks that do not require lifting. There will be working bees on Saturdays 4th & 11th November to get these tasks completed.

The Rotary Club of West Footscray have offered to paint the new lunch room and the office - it is a sure thing that they would also welcome any additional painting hands that might be available. Please call to Cecil on 0432 299 622 if you can assist in painting.

Mal Short and David Zrna are coordinating our DIK efforts on these important tasks while I'm away for a few weeks.

Gerry Cross

Vale - Richard Pope

Our former Club member Richard Pope passed away last Tuesday. Richard was a Past President of our Club and served as District Secretary. He went on many Philippines Medical Missions and made a major contribution whilst thoroughly enjoying the experience.

When Richard retired he moved to Mount Eliza to be closer to his family. When he experienced mobility restrictions he became an inaugural member of the first Rotary eClub. He had a stellar career as a Rotarian and left his imprint on many Rotary activities.

Above all Richard will be remembered as someone who was a real people's person. He was the embodiment of Rotarians being great friends. We will all miss him and his wonderful smile.

Condolences and sympathy go out to Margaret and the family.

