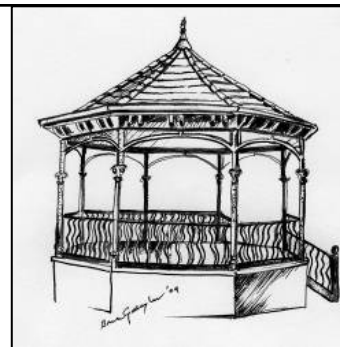




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Meeting

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

Register for Meeting

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The Victorian Energy Sector

Theo Theophanous has had a long career in public life, particularly as a Member of the Victorian Parliament for 22 years, as a Minister for 9 years and as Leader of the Opposition in the Upper House for 5 years.

Theo's talk focused on some of the history of, and build up to, the current energy crisis in Victoria and Eastern Australia. He noted the unfortunate increasing polarisation of the political environment about energy, with more people moved in their attitudes and policies from the sensible centre to the left or to the right. Theo outlined that during his time as Energy Minister he:

- introduced the Victorian Renewable Energy Scheme;
- supported construction of Wind Energy Facilities throughout Victoria;
- supported the construction of Basslink electricity connection between Victoria and Tasmania; and
- negotiated a 15 year extension of the Hazelwood power station agreement.



Hon. Theo Theophanous

Theo then spoke about the long developing and current energy wars which are based on fear,

- on the one hand, climate alarmism fears which have led to policies mandating and subsidising high cost and unreliable "renewable" energy, and
- on the other hand, "lights will go, and are going, out" fears as a consequence of those renewable energy policies.

Theo described the power failures and ongoing highest global electricity cost situation in South Australia as a succession of politically driven breakdowns, having four components:

- a failure of the regulatory authorities;
- a result of the leftist SA Government pushing for maximum "renewable" power;
- the failure by the SA Government to support the operation of backup base load coal and gas power, and to in fact encourage the shutdown of such backup power by mandating and subsidising renewable energy; and
- the SA Government's preparedness to rely for base load power on the insufficient capacity of the interconnector from Victoria, and the foreshadowed and now realised declining available base load power generation capacity in Victoria.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday August 14
 Sunday August 20
 Monday August 21
 Monday August 28
 Monday September 4
 Tuesday September 5
 Monday September 12

Speaker: Michael Whyte, **"My Journey in Australian TV Production"**
 Social Event: **Casual Meeting and Dance Evening**
 No Meeting
 Speaker: Barry Richardson, **"Finals Football"**
 No Meeting
 Social Event: **Movie and Dinner Night**
 Speaker: John McCaskill, **"Boroondara Cares"**

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

August 13 - Graham Bishop, Rick Western, Steve Wylie

August 20 - Edward Gwee, Bill Granger/John McCaskill, Rosemary Waghorne/Annette Brownscombe

August 27 - John Braine, Graham Bishop, Chris James/Kathleen Stapleton

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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The Victorian Energy Sector - Continued

There are three facts which the Greens and the Labor left, and some in the Coalition, are not prepared to realistically discuss:

- that Ultra Super Critical brown coal fired power can reduce emissions by 20%, and if the coal is dried, by 30% from existing levels thereby significantly contributing to emission reduction targets;
- that retrofitting existing coal fired power stations with such technology would contribute far more to emissions reduction than all of the existing renewable projects in a more cost effective manner; and
- the pursuit of underground Carbon Capture & Storage in conjunction with coal fired power is a massively expensive and pointless exercise.

Theo made a number of comments about the emerging gas shortages in Eastern Australia including Victoria:

- Premier Henry Bolte negotiated the original Bass Strait Offshore Gas and Oil Development with Esso/BHP at a very advantageous long term price for consumers, which has underpinned Victoria's now heavily gas reliant energy market and manufacturing and rural industry. This advantageous situation is now under severe threat as these contracts expire, Bass Strait reserves and production winds down, and in the face of onshore gas bans for the last five years now extended to 2020. Local gas prices are soaring to unprecedented levels, far higher than international prices for gas;
- the Greens and Labor left have abandoned the option of gas as a transition fuel from coal fired power to renewables, thereby making them against any form of gas development;
- both the Victorian Coalition and Labor have been irresponsible imposing bans on exploration, development and supply of conventional onshore gas, not just bans on gas obtained by fracking. Thee said onshore gas can be explored, developed and supplied at a quarter of the cost of offshore gas;
- both major parties are not prepared to stand up and advocate objectively for conventional onshore gas;
- the SA Labor government sold for export the Moomba gas allocation for SA's Pelican Point gas fired power station so that this station could not be used for electricity generation during the recent SA power outages. This decision was to give priority to "renewable" energy and so regarded Pelican Point as "uneconomic" and not needed for base load power;
- The Gillard Labor Government was responsible for approving LNG export contracts at a volume beyond that of onshore gas supplies already secured, proven and approved for development. This has put pressure on gas available for domestic purposes, particularly after the subsequent onshore gas exploration bans in Victoria and parts of NSW.

In relation to solar power, Theo commented:

- It takes at least 7 years of operation of solar power for the emission savings to equal the additional emissions involved in manufacture and installation of the solar panels; and
- The SA Government's 100 MW of battery storage deal with Elon Musk is a joke as it will only provide 100 MW of power for 1 hour from a recharge, a massively expensive and extremely limited source of power at say \$300/MW compared with \$40/MW from Loy Yang brown coal fired power.

Theo concluded by recommending that for the electricity market:

- the Federal Government should scrap the mandatory Renewable Energy Target and Direct Action subsidies for "renewable" energy; and
- replace them with an Emissions Trading Scheme.

President's Message

At last Monday night's meeting, thanks to Kyle, we had another amazing guest speaker, The Hon Theo Theophanous, who gave a most comprehensive and informative talk about the Victorian Energy Sector. From the number of earnest and penetrating questions following his talk, the meeting could have well lasted late into the night. Unfortunately, we have a tyrannical President this year, who insists on keeping meetings to time.

We also warmly welcomed our newest member, Sarah Prossor, to her first meeting as a full member of our Rotary Club.

Casual Meeting and Dance Evening

This is a reminder of the Canterbury Rotary Club's Partners & Friends Night on Sunday, 20 August, instead of our regular meeting on Monday 21 August. This will be a Casual Meeting and Dance Evening held at Chambly Hall, 405 Camberwell Road, next to the Camberwell RSL from 6:30pm until 9:30pm.

It will simply be a fun night of entertainment with the opportunity to learn a few simple dance moves for those who want to participate. Everyone is welcome, including family and friends.

There will be plenty of delicious finger food (including gluten free food) and it is BYO drinks. As usual, there will be some drinks available by donation.

It is only \$20 per person, but to ensure adequate catering, please contact Karin by Tuesday 15 August on mobile 0425 741 006 or email karinsimpson@bigpond.com and pay on the night, or book tickets on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/301536>.

Rob



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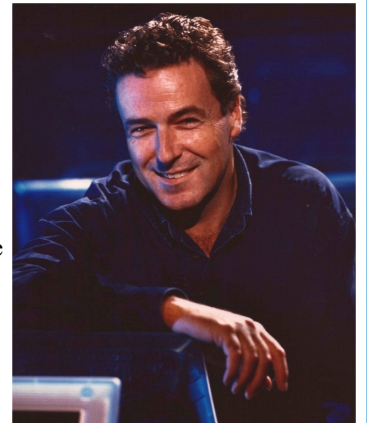
The Next Speaker - Michael Whyte

Michael Whyte has had a long and illustrious career serving as Producer, Executive Producer and Executive in Charge of Production of many great game shows, including *The Price is Right*, *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, *The X Factor*, *Blankety Blanks*, *Sale of the Century* and *Temptation*.

Michael started at Channel 9 in 1973 and worked his way up from being a mail boy through the system to cameras and eventually floor managing and some production work. Mostly tonight shows - *The Don Lane Show*, *The Graham Kennedy Show*, *The Ernie Sigley Show*. Plus a lot of drama like *The Sullivans* which was peaking at the time. *The Paul Hogan Show* started at that time and there also was a lot of sports as well

In 1981 Michael moved to Grundy's as a Producer of shows shot 360 - which means you see the audience and all the set that is involved in the show. He later spent some time working for Gundy's in the UK producing shows for the BBC involving quiz contestants from 15 countries.

Michael's talk is entitled "*My Journey in Australian TV Production*".



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