



Canterbury Tales

Rotary Club of Canterbury

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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 link

[Register for Meeting](#)

Apologies

**prior to 10AM Monday*

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Please advise Russell of any long anticipated absence.

The Rotary Radio Show

Jenny Coburn and

David Proud

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

3WBC

94.1 FM

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President's Message

Last Monday we were all held mesmerised by Tom Trumble's epic account of his grandfather's rescue from the Japanese invasion and occupation of Timor during the Second World War. What those brave men went through during the 58 days before the American submarine came to their Rescue puts our everyday problems into a clear perspective. To hear a true story of what Australians volunteered to do to help defend our country was indeed a great privilege. Tom is an eloquent speaker and his book is certainly a great read!



Tom Trumble

Judy and I attended the changeover dinner of the Rotary Club of Camberwell last week, along with all the Eastside cluster presidents and ADG Sandi Fulcher. It was a formal black tie occasion with a beautiful meal and some very nice wine at the Fenix in Richmond. Their Club does some great work, with every member allocated a role in the Club. They are keen to use our membership database with the Club Directory app and our attendance system.

Also last week I attended the Club meeting of the Rotary Club of Boroondara. Every Club is different! We met in a cosy room upstairs in the Kew Hotel, with beer and pizza, while listening to a very interesting talk from an air traffic controller, Greg McDonald, from Airservices Australia. Could losing Malaysian Airlines happen in Aussie airspace? Their Club secretary is keen to join us in the Philippines for our eye screening project this year and their vice president is looking forward to helping us to run the Radio Show. I'm starting to really understand the multiplier effect of Rotary.

By now all members should have received an emailed invitation to join our Club's private social network, Yammer. So far 31 members have now joined. This facility has been chosen to improve Club communications. Members should find it easy to use. Your computer and your smart phone remembers your password after you first connect, just like our Club directory app. This is the evolution of email, where you opt in for the information you would like to receive, rather than the usual email with the sender making this decision. All correspondence that I receive as Club President will go into the appropriate group in our private Club Yammer site. Yammer then notifies all those who have joined that group. I encourage all members to do the same. We can never know who is interested in a particular piece of information. If we just 'spam' members with every piece of information, many members could be turned off from Rotary by the deluge of correspondence. Yammer is a far better way to communicate.

Speaker and Events Program

Monday July 21

Partners and Friends Social Night - **Christmas in July**

MCC Sports Club Kew, 397 Barkers Road, Kew - 6:00 for 6:30pm start, cost \$40 per head

Monday July 28

District Governor's Visit - Murray and Irene Verso

Monday August 4

Speakers: Michelle Edmonson and Eliza Petering (YGAP), Chair: TBA

"YGAP - the 5 Cent Campaign to locate, support and empower local social entrepreneurs"

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

July 20 - Miranda Styles, Lynn Steel, Brian Bloomer

July 27 - John Richards, Ray Thomas, Kyle Wightman/Josh Frydenberg

August 3 - Max Holland, Neil Williams, Jess Siriweera

August 10 - Faren Willett, Kay Gulenc, Edward Gwee

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

Please let me know if you are planning any Rotary activities during August, so they can be added to our "Month Ahead" schedule of events both for the menu/running sheet table cards at our weekly meetings and for our Club's Meetup site.

Next Monday is our Christmas in July Partners' Dinner at the MCC Sports Club in Kew. Lynn's social committee have some great entertainment lined up for us and the Club is sponsoring the event to keep the cost down to \$40 per person for a magnificent spread of self-serve carvery of Christmas roasts and delicious fruit puddings. Drinks are available at bar prices. Please invite friends, but please try to register them by 18th July either via our [Club website](#), our [Meetup site](#), or contacting Russell. See you there!

Peter.

Club Board Decisions

At our Board meeting last Monday we took the strategic decision for our Club to join the Boroondara Cares Foundation. Annette Brownscombe and Gerry Cross have been representing us with Boroondara Cares. Whilst this was one of the items I had to cut at our Club Assembly due to a lack of time, this important presentation will be rescheduled for another meeting. The Foundation aims to raise ten million dollars for community projects in the City of Boroondara and will hopefully be managed by all ten Rotary Clubs. Who better to implement service projects in our local community!

Another important decision at our recent Board meeting was to fund Roger Taylor's project for Berengarra School. This is a non-profit, co-educational secondary school that meets the needs of students of normal intelligence, but with social and emotional problems. The staff at this school have considerable experience working with ADHD, Aspergers' Syndrome, OCD, teenage anxiety and depression and other mental health issues. Roger will report to us soon about our Club's support for this school to set up a Cafe Education Project in Holmesglen. Members will be invited to come down for a coffee and a cake, to experience the service of a Berengarra student when it opens.

Following the recommendation of Bob Falconer in his most interesting talk about our Aussie Pride badge at the recent Club Assembly, our Board has passed the motion to use the profits from Aussie Pride fund raising this year to fund:

- our contribution to Rotary's high-profile, international project to eradicate Polio;
- taking the four Orthoptics students from LaTrobe University to the Philippines for our eye-screening project; and
- our purchase of shelter boxes for disaster aid.

Sue Clifford's Youth Service committee proposal to sponsor one of the ten students selected for our Cluster's "Seeds of Peace" project was approved by the Board. These ten Year 10 students will be selected from the 23 schools in the City of Boroondara to attend the 100year anniversary celebrations for Anzac Day in Gallipoli next April.

Membership Committee Discussion

Our Membership Committee met over dinner last Saturday night to discuss many topics while enjoying a lovely meal. Full details can be found in this group on our Club Yammer site, but some areas covered were:

- an ideal size for our Club and what vocational classifications we might target to reach this;
- how we might best implement the scholarship program to bring five new young members into our club this year;
- possible ways forward with our club's mentoring program;
- the need for members to support our Program Manager, because the speaker program is so vital for member retention;
- the importance of running monthly partner events, including special speakers who appeal to partners;
- whether membership is too expensive and ways we could reduce our costs; and
- we decided to redefine "Friends of Rotary" as "Club Contacts" to provide more flexibility in the various external groups with which we need to manage a relationship.

Partner's and Friend's Night Christmas in July

Come along to this exciting upgraded new venue for a night of fun with delicious Christmas fare and the convivial company of our members, partners and friends of the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

- WHEN:** Monday 21 July 6:00 for 6:30 PM.
WHERE: MCC Sports Club Kew, 397 Barkers Road, Kew.
Parking in the grounds or in Mount Street at the rear of the Club.
MENU: A magnificent self-serve selection of Christmas fare - roasts and fruit puddings!
PRICE: \$40 per head, drinks at bar prices.
BOOKINGS: Register partners and friends on our [web site](#), [Meetup](#) or with Russell Hoath.
PAYMENT: Cash or EFT to Russell Hoath or cash on the night.

