Canterbury Tales

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ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

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
Notify Meeting Apology
**prior to 10AM Monday*
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Advise Gerry of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show
Fridays 6pm to 8pm
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The Yarra Riverkeeper

Last Monday Andrew Kelly, the Yarra Riverkeeper, told us stories of the River. He started his talk by referring to William Barak who was the last traditional elder of the Wurundjeri clan, the original inhabitants of Melbourne. He spoke of William Barak's tireless work for his people when they were relocated to Coranderrk Station, near Healesville. The traditional name for the River was Birrarung; the Yarra name came from a Native Australian description of the river as 'yarro-yarro' which means 'ever flowing'.



Andrew Kelly

Andrew has been the Yarra Riverkeeper since 2014 and he speaks for the Yarra Riverkeeper Association which is an independent community of citizen-advocates that work solely in the interest of the river. He said that there is a worldwide association of Waterkeepers with the movement starting over 30 years ago in the USA for the Hudson River.

Although the Yarra Riverkeeper Association is independent, they do receive support from Melbourne Water and Municipal Councils in the catchment area. They have become the primary 'voice of the river' which monitors the Yarra's health, and keeps track of the many activities affecting it. They run river tours and give presentations to educate students, community groups (such as Rotary), government and businesses about the need for us all to protect this vital asset.

Andrew specifically mentioned some of the tributaries of the Yarra that are in our area, like Koonung Creek, Glassy Creek, Gardiners Creek and Back Creek. Our local urban development has a direct impact on the health of the river through stormwater runoff.

Some water quality and pollution problems are obvious, like the floating debris that is observed when caught by booms in the river. Some pollutants are not visible and have become embedded in the river sediment, whilst other pollutants and poor water quality are taken down the river and into the bay resulting in reduced fish numbers. To stop pollution, action needs be taken at the source to remove toxins and excess nutrients, such that none flows directly into the river.

The flow in the Yarra needs to be at least two-thirds natural rate to support a rich and healthy river. Andrew mentioned some of the reports and submissions involving the Association that have been made to state and local government, including a recent report entitled 'Charting the Yarra: A Review of 40 years of Reports and Plans for the Yarra River Corridor'. This report is well worth downloading and reading as it provides a demonstration of the practical role of the Yarra Riverkeeper Association in supporting our iconic river.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday December 19 ***"The Christmas Party"***

Christmas and New Year Break from 20 December 2016 to 15 January 2017

Monday January 16 ***New Year BBQ at Canterbury Gardens***
Monday January 23 Speaker: Sussan Ley MP, Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Sport

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

January 8 - Jenni Nankervis, Gerry Cross, Anne Josefsberg
January 15 - Sarah Walters, Camela Dimasi, Michael Chong
January 22 - Oubada El-Ali, Sue Clifford, Annette Brownscombe/John McCaskill
January 29 - Ander Pederson, Regina Yuen, Graham Bishop

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Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays $50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof.