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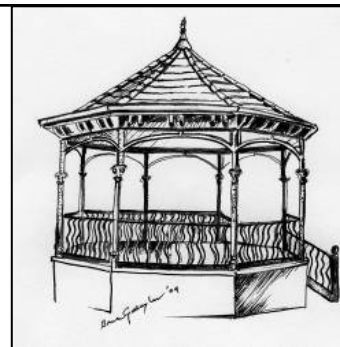
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Meeting

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](#)
[Register and Pay Online](#)

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

**3WBC
94.1 FM**

The Aussie Pride Badge



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The Safe Schools Program

Our speaker last Monday night was The Honourable David Davis MLC. He is the Member for the Southern Metropolitan Region of the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament. He is currently the Shadow Minister for Planning, for Local Government, and for Equality. He was Minister for Health and Ageing from 2010 to 2014.



David Davis MLC

At a Federal Level the Safe Schools Coalition Australia is the first national program funded by the Australian Government aimed at creating safe and supportive school environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse people by reducing homophobic and transphobic bullying and discrimination in schools. David Davis spoke on the subject of the Safe Schools Program as it is to be implemented in Victoria. He discussed the issues involved and some of the concerns that he has with the Program and it's mandatory implementation in Victorian Government Schools. He stressed the need for a truly empathetic understanding of the issues that may affect young boys and girls at that formative stage of their lives, particularly around young people who may be subject to bullying. He said that there are valid issues that need to be addressed by the Program; however, some people were concerned that parts of the Program to be implemented in Victoria may be unduly influenced by a indoctrination philosophy of a 'Marxist' nature. He spoke of his belief that the Program needs to be implemented so that it is age appropriate and educational sound. He said that the school communities and parents need to be involved and consulted about the Program.

President's Message

What a great meeting we had last Monday evening. First of all we were privileged to have David Davis MLC speak to us about the Safe Schools Program in Victorian public schools. David explained many of aspects of the Program and reflected upon the pros and cons of it. One area which appeared to be a new concept to many members was that of "gender fluidity" with which people having this characteristic fluctuated their gender emotionally, although not physically, from time to time. David expressed that generally, in his opinion, the Program had been hijacked and was being now run to an agenda that most parents would find unacceptable. Despite the Program attracting strong personal views both for and against in the general public, it was encouraging to hear that all sides appear to reflect the view that the Program is attempting to assist children who are confused and concerned about gender issues, and that every care should be made to not add to their concerns by the Program becoming a hot political issue.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday February 20

Dinner Meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Richmond

Monday February 27

Speaker: Prof Clive May, **"The Bionic Spine and other medical break-throughs"**

Speaker: Laureate Professor Adrienne Clarke AC, **"Experiences of a Scientist in Business and Government"**, Chair: Doug Hawley

Monday March 6

The 2016 Philippines Medical Mission Presentation, Chair: Rob Simpson

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

February 19 - Kyle Wightman, John Richards, Steve Wylie

February 26 - Edward Gwee, Max Holland, Lili-Ann Kreigler

March 5 - John Braine, Kathleen Stapleton/Chris James, Bill Granger/Lynn Steel

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 - Continued

Maxi and Tyson, the 'Smart Pup'

We also had a chance to meet Yael Cohn and her son Max Gill. Yael wanted to express her thanks for the Club sponsoring part of the cost of the training of *Tyson*, a special dog, who has greatly assisted her son Max. Unfortunately, Maxi has several disabilities that make it very hard for him and his family in day to day activities. He has hypothalamic obesity, high blood pressure, brain lesions and eye tumours. As a result he suffers with mobility and development delays, fatigue, nausea and has sensory and balance issues. Under Past President Peter May the Club provided funds that went to a unique Queensland based organisation that trained *Tyson* to support Maxi in his daily life. It was great to see a project reach its goal after several years of support. Here is the link to smartpups www.smartpups.org.au.

The 2017 Twilight Cinema Event

Lili-Ann Krieger gave us an inspiring talk about the success of our Twilight Cinema last Friday evening, held in conjunction with the John Gardiner Rovers and Girl Guides from Boroondara. Sarah Prosser from the Rovers and Marilyn Cunningham from the Guides along with four of the young people that helped with the Twilight Cinema also attended our meeting last Monday. Go to our Club Facebook page for some photos that show the wonderful time that was had by everyone.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to another very successful annual Twilight Cinema Event. A fabulous evening for some special children and young adults.



Yael, Tyson and Maxi

Some more Friends of our Club

We also had Paul Double and two students from our Interact Club at Camberwell Grammar come along to the meeting. It was very pleasing to hear them express their strong wish to assist our Club by volunteering for an appropriate project in the near future.

It was also pleasing to again see Jane Addis, our Councillor for Maling Ward of the City of Boroondara and John Pesutto MLA for Hawthorn at the meeting.

Demonstration of the Club's Website

Last year our website and associated computer systems were completely revised. Our Club received a District 9800 Club Service Innovation Recognition Award 2015-16 for our Club's technology and communication systems.

So following our speaker, Max Holland gave a very useful and instructive demonstration of some of the features our Club's website. Max has been the Bulletin Editor for several years and we are very lucky to have someone like Max who has had the interest and the willingness to take over more of our internet communication systems now that Peter May is no longer a member.

Max explained how the website invites members and non-members to participate in Volunteering Opportunities, to make New Friends and to learn New Things. He then explained how the [Upcoming Events link](#) provides comprehensive details of forthcoming events and activities. Members and Friends of the Club can use the home page [Register to Attend Meetings link](#). Non-members can use the home page [Subscribe to Our Bulletin link](#). He said that the weekly Bulletin is emailed to 190 subscribers who are not Club members, that is, far more non-members receive the Bulletin than members! Thanks Max.



The 2017 Twilight Cinema Event



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President's Message - Continued

The Melbourne Rotary Showcase

On Saturday 25th February, our District will have a special event at Federation Square in the Atrium. This event is called the [Melbourne Rotary Showcase](#). It will run from 9am to 5pm. The objective is to showcase some of the major projects that demonstrate "Rotary Serving Humanity". The Choir of Hard Knocks will perform at 11am and they will lead us into our Rotary Roundup at 12 noon. All members and friends are encouraged to attend this event as it gives us a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate to the general public what Rotary is all about.

In the 30 years I have been in Rotary I have heard over and over again, as I'm sure you have, that Rotary never informs the public what it does. Well this is our opportunity to do so. Please make a special effort to attend. District has asked that those attending wear something that demonstrates that you are a member or friend of Rotary. Rotary caps, hats, jackets, badges, t-shirts etc are all appropriate.

The 2017 District Conference at Shepparton

If you haven't already planned to do so, please consider coming to the District 9800 Conference from 5:00pm Thursday 30 March to 2:30pm Saturday 1 April at Shepparton. There will be many inspiring speakers and it will be great fun. You will come away from it being very proud to be a member of Rotary. Please see David Chudasko if you are possibly going to attend.

An Increase in the Meal Cost

Our Club was advised just prior to Christmas that the Canterbury Centre will increase our meal costs as from January this year. This appeared to the Board as quite fair as we have not had an increase for several years. As a result of this, the Club will need to increase its meal costs. The Board last Monday evening decided to do this in two stages. As from the first week in March, meal costs will be \$27/person and from 1 July 1 it will move to \$30/person. A review of what other Clubs are charging shows that they are generally already at \$30/head and that our current charge is well below the average. If you have any problems with this decision, please discuss it with me.

Next Monday we will have a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond to hear Professor Clive May talk about the bionic spine, and other exciting break-throughs in medical science. This will certainly be an opportunity to "learn New Things" and I look forward to seeing our Rotary members and friends there.

Doug

The Next Speaker - Professor Clive May

Professor Clive May is head of the Neuro-cardiovascular laboratory and a NHMRC Senior Research Fellow at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, University of Melbourne. Clive has worked in the pharmaceutical industry, at a London Medical School and at a medical research institute, providing a wide range of experience in different research environments. Professor May has published a total of 152 publications, including 122 papers and 18 reviews in peer reviewed journals and 12 book chapters. His laboratory is funded by the NHMRC and the National Heart Foundation of Australia and has received funding from NIH, USA. He is an originating member of the start-up company Neuprotect that is developing drugs to treat ischaemia/reperfusion injury.

Professor May will talk about the bionic spine, and other exciting break-throughs in medical science. Have a look at this YouTube video entitled [Clive May on the revolutionary stentode device](#). Also listen to the ABC AM interview of with Professor May entitled [Paralysis victims may walk again with Melbourne invention](#).



This is a joint Dinner Meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at their Richmond usual meeting venue. The Dinner Meeting is at the Amora Riverwalk Hotel, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond 3121. The Richmond Club meeting starts half an hour later than the usual time for the Canterbury Club meetings, that is, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start. Payment for the meeting is \$30 cash on the night.

Free parking is provided for Rotarians and guests. Vehicle entry is from River Street and collect the parking ticket. At the meeting the parking ticket will be exchanged for a no-cost exit pass.

The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next lunch will be at the Rotary Lunchers favourite Malaysian Restaurant - "Jazz Ria", 228 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn on Wednesday 22nd February at the usual time of 12:30pm.

A great little restaurant with authentic Malaysian flavours - this is a gem and the lunch time specials are a tasty bargain. For example, you could have a two course warming winter lunch of spicy 'Hot and Sour' soup followed by Kantan chicken - boneless breaded and fried in a sweet sauce with just a slight hint of ginger to give it the faintest amount of heat. Jazz Ria is not licensed, so BYO.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming david.zrna@canterburyrotary.org or 0467 033 092.

