

# Canterbury Tales

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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  
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**David Proud**

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**3WBC**

**94.1 FM**

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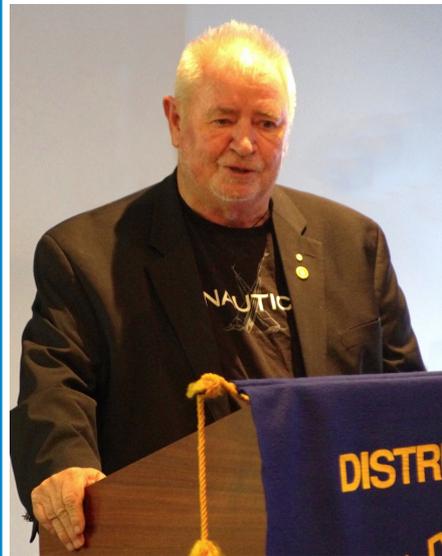
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## President's Message

This world needs more good people like Les Twentyman OAM!!

Last Monday night, Les told us about his [20th Man Youth Fund](#) and all the important work it does by providing support services and programs to assist disadvantaged and disconnected youth. He told us of the many young people who have suffered greatly due to financial hardship, discrimination, and exposure to drugs, violence and abuse.



*Les Twentyman*

With sponsorship from the Smorgon family, a crisis accommodation facility has been providing refuge for 70 homeless youth each year for the past 20 years. The Redskins Basketball Club was formed to break up the gang violence that was increasing on our streets. This club now actively supports up to 450 young people each year. Outreach staff are employed to work with young people in their own environment, often dealing with intense issues. Connecting these young people with the services for rehabilitation, recovery and reintegration, changes their lives by providing opportunities for a brighter future.

20th Man Youth Fund runs many other worthwhile programs, but a primary focus to his mesmerizing presentation was Les' explanation of the ICE methamphetamine drug issue. Whilst our local police report through Boroondara Cares that this hasn't yet become significant for the youth in our immediate area, Les told us of the catastrophe that is occurring in the country towns of Victoria and in other suburbs of

Melbourne. ICE has replaced heroin as the drug of choice. Even the ambulance officers who come to assist get attacked. We were warned not to try to rationalise with someone we suspect to be under the influence of this drug. Just back off, carefully.

Our chairman for the evening, Bob Falconer is on the board of the 20th Man Fund. In thanking Les for his presentation, Bob presented Les with a cheque for a thousand dollars from our Club to support the wonderful work they are doing for our youth. Several members have expressed their desire going forward to join the seven other Rotary Clubs in supporting this outstanding organisation.

## Speaker and Events Program

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| Monday Nov 24 | Speakers: Tim Bishop the Man with a Van and Kylie Anderson the Hairdresser, Chair: TBA<br><b>"Growing a Small Business"</b><br>The Rotary Club of Canterbury Annual General Meeting |
| Monday Dec 1  | Speaker: Lt Colonel (Ret) Dan Mori, Chair: TBA<br><b>"Dan Mori's Story"</b>   |
| Monday Dec 8  | Report from the Philippines Medical Mission Team for 2014 - Eye, Ear and teeth screening  |

## Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

November 23 - Victoria Buffon, Helen Hartnett, Neil Williams

November 30 - Malcom Short, Faren Willett, Peter May

December 7 - Roger Taylor, Tilly Brown, Phil Glazier

December 14 - Janine Mahoney, Brian Bloomer, Alan Stevens

**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

Our mentor program is well under way, with Steve Wylie and Michael Chong mentoring the student President of Enactus at Swinburne Uni. It can be very rewarding to assist young people to grow, by sharing some of our lifetime experiences with them.

Next Monday is our Club's Annual General Meeting, where we elect the board to lead us in the 2015-16 Rotary year. I spoke briefly about this at our last Club meeting. We have an outstanding Rotary Club. Our members have a great deal of fun, we learn so much at our weekly meetings and we manage around \$75,000 worth of service projects each year, in addition to all the hands-on volunteer work that our members give freely. We don't have any problems filling most of the roles in our Club. The one role that we seem continually to find challenging to fill is that of the leader of our Club, the Club President. Once again, we have no nominees for President Elect, three days out from our election.

Is it that there is a perception that this role is particularly difficult? Is there some historical baggage that makes members shy away from this important responsibility?

I can assure you all, that this is now one of the easiest Rotary Clubs to lead. The secret is in selecting the right people for your Board, then preparing for your leadership year in advance. Do that and it is a really fun role to be in. The President is not the CEO. Just be their coach and let the members make the important decisions through our committee structure. Good Committee Chairs are the ones who really run the Club. If the decision-making comes up through the committees to the Board for final ratification, it empowers the members and means the Club President actually does the best job by staying out of it. Never overrule your directors. Sometimes I feel like my main role is as the postman. As requests come in, my job is to work out to whom it should be forwarded for a decision. It is not hard.

Even the weekly meeting is run by the MC/Sergeant and the Chairman of the day. If you are a little shy about the public speaking, all you really do is welcome the guests and direct the members who wish to speak about matters in the interest of Rotary at the end. If you say too much, our members will certainly let you know - especially David.

So I urge you to give this some serious consideration. You get a whole year to learn everyone's names! District provide extensive training for the role. You have a Past President and the President Elect, in addition to the Club Secretary and the rest of your Board to support you. In our Club, members automatically support our Club President. You don't have to have any grand plans - our Club already has more than it can chew!!

Please give me a ring before next Monday to let me know that you would be prepared to accept a nomination to be our Club President for the 2016-17 Rotary year.

See you at the AGM. It will be short, so we can spend most of the evening with our two wonderful guest speakers.

Peter

### The Next Speakers - Tim Bishop and Kylie Anderson

Tim Bishop began business with one "rust bucket hippie van" and is now the co-owner of **Man With A Van** and a mini-armada of vans, trucks and bigger trucks. Tim will talk about how his business started and how he is building the business. Have a look at the [manwithavan](#) website and read this article from the [Sydney Morning Herald](#) for more details of Tim's business and how he started **Man With A Van**. Tim would welcome suggestions on how he can expand and improve his business.

Kylie Anderson has a Certificate 3 in Hairdressing and is a qualified Make Up Artist. She is the proprietor of a Camberwell salon and is keen to turn a small business into quite a large business. She will be open to suggestions as to how this can be done.

### Kooyong Giving Tree Appeal

The annual Kooyong Giving Tree appeal this year gives proceeds once again to [Servants Community Housing](#) in Hawthorn and Kew. Coordinated by our Honorary Club Member, Josh Frydenberg, the Kooyong Giving Tree appeal allows us to help those least fortunate in our society at a time of year when they need it most.

Once again the Kooyong Giving Tree calls on local residents, community organisations and businesses to support this worthwhile initiative by donating non-perishable food items including Christmas puddings and cakes as well as new clothing for men, blankets and bedding, toiletries and store gift cards.

Donations can be left at Josh Frydenberg's office, 695 Burke Road in Camberwell until 5pm on Friday 19th December 2014. When dropping off your donation, don't forget to sign the especially designed 2014 Kooyong Giving Tree ornaments which will be given to Servants to hang on their Christmas tree.

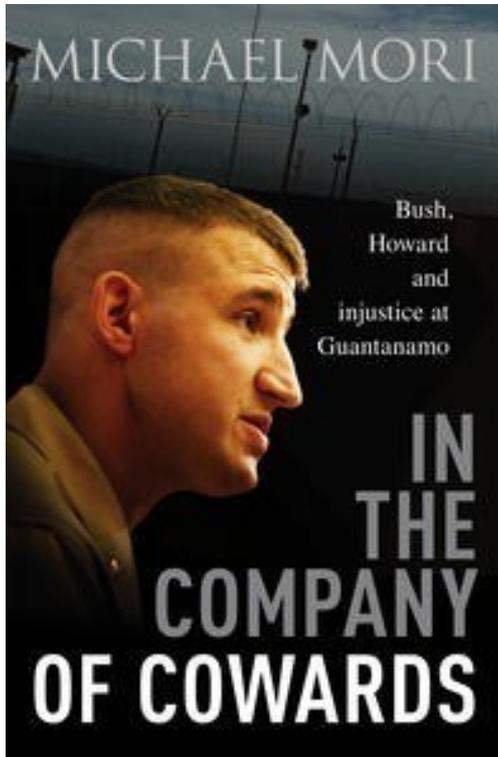
Josh Frydenberg will present all of the donated items to Servants before Christmas Day.

If you have any questions about the 2014 Kooyong Giving Tree please contact Josh Frydenberg's office on (03) 9882 3677





### *In the Company of Cowards* by Michael 'Dan' Mori



On a beautiful, balmy evening in Cuba in 2007, David Hicks walked out of Guantanamo Bay, in that moment ceasing to be a detainee of the United States and regaining his rights as an Australian citizen. Watching on was the man who had fought for four long years for Hicks's right to go home: Major Michael Mori.

Having grown up as an all-American boy, Mori joined the US Marine Corps as an eighteen-year-old, determined to give his life order and to serve the country he held dear. After training and serving as a military lawyer, he accepted a position as a defence counsel for the military commissions set up in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. And then David Hicks's case file landed on his desk.

A firm believer in the importance of due process, Mori grew increasingly alarmed by how the military and the US and Australian governments were handling the Hicks case, and others like it. Why was a distinction being made between 'unlawful combatants' and 'prisoners of war'? Why was the Australian government refusing to intervene for one of its people? And what specific crime – if any – had Hicks allegedly committed that deserved years of incarceration without trial?

What followed was a long struggle for justice, and one man's gradual disillusionment with the institution that he had signed up to fight for. Michael Mori rallied the support of the Australian people as he exposed an unfair system, changing the way we saw our government and the War on Terror.

'A compelling and sobering account of a western democratic government losing its head and sacrificing principles in the cause of national security.' Australian Financial Review

Above is a description of the book *In the Company of Cowards* by the publisher of the book, Penguin Books Australia which is available in Paperback for \$29.99 and in eBook for \$16.99 RRP.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Dan Mori has now retired from the US Marine Corps and joined [Shine Lawyers](#) in Melbourne as a Social Justice Consultant. Dan wants to provide access to justice for those who may otherwise never get it. Joining Shine Lawyers has enabled Dan to focus on helping those that need protection, who without Shine Lawyers, would have no one fighting for them.

Dan also teaches as a Senior Fellow in the Masters Program at the Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne.

Dan is the speaker at the Rotary Club of Canterbury meeting on Monday 1st December. Rather than the usual formal presentation, Dan will briefly give an outline of his background and his career and will then talk in response to questions.

### Cancer Council's 2015 Relay For Life



We are now registered as CanTrot in the Hawthorn Relay for Life walk on 21 - 22 March 2015 and you are all welcome to join our Team. Simply click on this [website link](#) and follow your nose by clicking the Participate link and searching for the CanTrot Team.

It would be awesome if you sign up now even if you do not know that you will be able to walk as for the low cost of \$20 you will receive a fashionable purple top and contribute towards \$ raised for research in cancer.

I will not be able to participate in 2015 so the other way you can help is offer to be our Team Captain. It is a pretty easy gig - all you have to do is supply chocolate and keep your team motivated to walk. I am hoping that Ray Thomas steps up to the challenge again of walking ALL NIGHT. Who else in our Club has that much stamina? Bill Granger perhaps or Peter May.

I am also hoping to have a Touch of Purple night at one of our January meetings. I will ask you all to wear a touch of purple which of course comes at a cost. The cost to our members on top of their dinner fee will be \$5 + and I can give you a tax receipt. Protocol tells me I probably have to ask permission from the Board and given that I am sure all Board members must now be members of the Yammer thingy - how about my request for a January "Purple Dinner" - you all know I have a lovely purple number that I love to share with you.

Looking forward to painting our Club purple in January - if the Board approves he! he!

Sue Clifford