Canterbury Tales

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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 Friday*
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Advise Graham of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show
Fridays 6pm to 8pm
3WBC
94.1 FM

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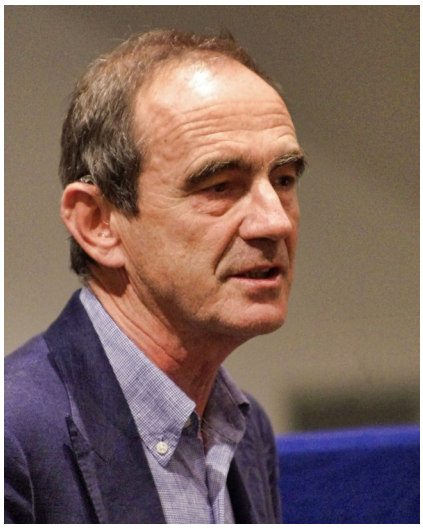
The US and the Australian Constitutions

Last Monday, Barrister and Author Stephen Marantelli told us how he came to write his recent book entitled *The Three Brothers*. The book is a unique work, that weaves a meticulously researched history of the troubled and similar foundations of the American Republic and Australian Commonwealth into a riveting narrative that reads like a gripping novel filled with fly-on-the-wall vignettes about both nation's scrappy, freedom hungry founding fathers. Stephen focused his talk on one particular aspect of the book, namely " Slaves and Indians and the American Constitution, and Aboriginals and the Australian Constitution".



Stephen Marantelli

The US Constitution was created or agreed in September 1787, ratified in June 1788 and came into effect in March 1789. The Constitution was created by confidential negotiations between representatives of the various States to achieve an acceptable outcome. The Congressional representation was based on electorates counting the population of free persons, including three fifths of all other Persons (that is, primarily African slaves, former slaves and descendants… although the word 'slave' is not used), but excluding native Indians (unless living within the general community and paying taxes). The Indians were regarded as separate 'nations' that so were not to be represented in Congress. The slaves, along with women and certain non-property owning people, did not get a vote which meant that the southern slave owning states had greater representation in Congress by needing fewer actual voters to be elected. Following the American Civil War constitutional amendments were made in 1868 removing racially based exclusions from Congressional representation.

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia was approved in a series of referendums held over 1898–1900 by the people of the Australian colonies, and the approved draft was enacted as a section of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900, an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom which became law on 9 July 1900, and entered into force on 1 January 1901. The US Constitution was used as a primary source for framing the Australian Constitution. Representation in the Australian Federal Parliament for the various electorates was based on the "numbers of the people of the Commonwealth". Aboriginal people were excluded from the count of the people of the Commonwealth for representational purposes. The Federal census did actually count aboriginal people where they lived in accessible locations but not for representation in Parliament or allocation of Federal monies; matters dealing with aboriginal people were the responsibility of the States. The 1967 Referendum recognised aboriginal people Federally, although further steps were required to implement full citizenship.

Stephen sold a number of his books to Canterbury members and guests, and very kindly donated $10 of the $30 price for each book to Canterbury Rotary.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday June 4	Speaker: Josh Frydenberg MP, ***"Energy, Environment and Other Current Issues"***
Monday June 11	No Meeting - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday June 18	***Presentation of the 2017 Philippines Ear and Eye Screening Medical Mission***
Monday June 25	***The Rotary Club of Canterbury Changeover Dinner***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

June 3 - Steve Wylie, Edward Gwee, Val Cunniffe/Patrick Cunniffe
June 10 - Amir Salehi, Lili-Ann Kriegler, Rosemary Waghorne/Ted Waghorne
June 17 - Doug Hawley, David Chadasko, John McCaskill/Greg Vero

Contact Janet Hay for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0411 411 732

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

Our guest Speaker last Monday was Stephen Marantelli discussing the issues around the relationships of American slaves and Indians to the American Constitution, and Australian Aboriginals to the Australian Constitution. Stephen is a practicing Barrister and Author who kept all present captivated by his most interesting talk followed by in depth questions and discussion.

2019 Multi-District Conference

Members and Partners are encouraged to Register for the 2019 Melbourne Multi-District Conference just as soon as bookings are open in July. On the first day. Friday Evening 15 February, there will be a Combined Dinner with the Rotary Club of Camberwell. The Dinner venue is The French Brasserie in Malthouse Lane, just off Russell Street, and Flinders Lane between the 70, 75 and 109 trams. The 109 tram also runs directly to the Convention at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Clean Up Australia

Last week, Bob Falconer organised a working bee at Auburn Railway Station to help him maintain the surrounds of the iconic station. Bob has recently obtained confirmation from Mr Gary Mogford of KVB that VicTrack have approved his proposal to become a "Stationeer". Following the big clean up of the northern side of the station, where we filled a six metre bin with green waste, Bob will continue with the regular cleaning up of the area. Congratulations to Bob on such a wonderful effort.

The Next Speaker - Josh Frydenberg

The speaker next Monday is Josh Frydenberg, the Federal Member for Kooyong and Minister for the Environment and Energy.
Josh will talk about Energy, Environment and Other Current Issues.

Rob

Rob Simpson, Bob Falconer, John Braine, Gerry Cross, Keith Thomson (hiding behind a rake) and Graham Bishop

Multi-District Conference 2019 in Melbourne

Friday 15th February to Sunday 17th February 2019

Canterbury Rotary Club Fellowship Night
Monday Evening – Monday 9th July 2018
Camberwell Rotary Art Show

$15 per person will get entry, cheese, biscuits and a glass (or 2) of wine.
The night is for everyone to interact and enjoy the paintings.
Afterwards, we will most likely end up at a local diner or pub – to be decided.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

Heads Up! Dinner

TO CELEBRATE OUR 2018 CHANGEOVER

Monday • 25 June, 2018 • 6.30pm
Kew RSL • 63 Cotham Road • Kew

WEAR FANCY DRESS OR ADORNMENT FROM THE NECK UP
AND WEAR A TOUCH OF ***PURPLE*** JUST FOR FUN
... and don't forget your dancing shoes!

COST $70 PER PERSON
Early Bird Discount $65 for Payment before 08 June
Drinks at Bar Prices

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