



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](#)
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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

The Aussie Pride Badge



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Preserving and Enhancing Our Freedoms

Our guest speaker last Monday was Simon Breheny, Director of Policy at the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) who spoke about “Preserving & Enhancing Our Freedoms”. Simon spoke about threats in Australia to freedom of speech, association and religion, and to our economic freedom.



Simon Breheny

He highlighted S18C of the Racial Discrimination Act that restricts freedom of speech, and to punishments by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) under that section; such as that against the QUT students who spoke out against racial segregation in that university’s computer lab.

Simon highlighted the threats to freedom of association, citing a recent the referral to the HRC of a Sydney barber who refused to cut the hair of a woman’s daughter. He refused because he is only trained to cut men’s hair, which involves a 6 month barber training course compared to a 3 year hairdressing apprenticeship. The woman, who is a lawyer, is now suing the barber. [The barber is trying to raise money to help fund his legal costs.](#)

Simon highlighted the recent legislation to enable same sex marriage, which has failed to protect freedom of religion. The IPA has made a submission to the Phillip Ruddock enquiry into what may be necessary to protect freedom of religion as a consequence of that legislation. Simon argues that calls for new laws to protect religious freedoms should be rejected, instead laws that threaten religious freedom should be repealed. Simon states that religious freedom is inseparable from freedom of speech and laws which restrict speech, such as S18C, should be repealed.

Simon also highlighted the enormous cost of red tape to the Australian economy, estimated at \$176 billion per annum. It is often green tape, that is, environmental legislation and regulation which at a Federal level alone has been progressively expanded to 80 times the size of the original Environment Act in 1971.

In conclusion, Simon highlighted the IPA’s Generation Liberty Program which is taking the Program and IPA membership into universities around Australia. Already this has attracted over 1000 new members under 25 years of age.

Thursday with the Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the “Trinitas Thai Restaurant”, 955 Burke Road, Camberwell on **Thursday** 26th April at the time of 12:30pm. The Lunchers have been meeting each Wednesday fortnight - so please come along if Thursday is better for you.

Trinitas Thai isn’t a typical Thai restaurant, it prides itself on traditional, contemporary and fusion Thai dishes that are authentic and diverse. The restaurant has an air of sophistication with mood lighting, jazz music playing softly and simple photos on the wall of the ingredients.

The Trinitas Thai Restaurant is fully licensed or you can BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming anrz47db@gmail.com or 0467 033 092.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday April 23
Monday April 30
Monday May 7
Monday May 14
Monday May 21

Social Event - Canterbury Rotary 31st Anniversary & Rotary Foundation 101st Anniversary
Speaker: Fiona Patten MLC, **“Victoria’s Voluntary Assisted Dying Law”**
Speaker: Tim Smith MLA, **“Victorian Education Challenges”**
Speaker: Veda Surapaneni, **“National Youth Science Forum”**
Social Event - Partners & Friends Night at Di Palma’s Restaurant, Kew East

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

April 22 - Sarah Prossor, Chris Mellett, Ian Mellett

April 29 - Rick Western, John Braine, Nevena Andric

May 6 - George Dolezal, Bill Granger/Sue Osborne, Annette Brownscombe/Carmela Dimasi

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

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

The Great All Aussie Trivia Night

**Celebrating the 31st anniversary the Rotary Club of Canterbury
and
Rotary Foundation 101st Anniversary**

You are invited to join us as we travel down the Nostalgic Road
to test your knowledge and memory of
the Aussie film, television and music recording industry.

Great chance to win novelty prizes and bragging rights
in this unique Trivia Night.



**Monday 23rd April 2018 at 6.00 for 6.30p.m.
Bass Centre, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury
Dress Code: Casual. Retro gear reflecting the era if you wish**

**\$15.00 per head BYO and bring a plate to share
Some beer, soft drink and wine available by donation.**

Be prepared for some fabulous gift vouchers for everyone on the winning table