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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 Graham of a long absence

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

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Acting President's Message

Di Gilles

This week our Club warmly welcomed Di Gilles, from the Rotary Club of Balwyn, who is a Rotary Coordinator for Interplast. This joint venture between the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and Rotary sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

The World Health Organisation reports that some 2 billion people have no access to surgical care. Interplast has a mission to 'repair bodies and rebuild lives' and they do this through providing surgical services to those who could not otherwise afford or access these, and by building the capacity of local medical systems through their training and mentoring programs.

Di showed us some of the seventy-two programs that Interplast has run this year. There were operations to free contraction from horrible burns, removal of life threatening tumors, repairs to cleft pallets and for trauma patients. Since 1983 Interplast has undertaken over 50,000 patient consultations. Add to this the work that they do to build capacity in the local medical teams in these developing countries and we all felt very confident that our annual club sponsorship of this organisation is certainly worthwhile. With our club's annual medical mission to the Philippines, we are all particularly sensitive to the Interplast programs. We will continue to promote this good work through our annual donation, Interplast speaker gifts, and via social media.

Emergency Food Packs

Following a very successful vocational visit to Doug Hawley's food manufacturing factory, we have been receiving some very positive feedback:

- from the members who participated, who really enjoyed a hands-on project where they were able to volunteer their time for something really worthwhile;
- from our sister club Rotarians in Masbate, who saw that even though our three-year project has concluded, they are still very much in our hearts;
- from club contacts who read our weekly bulletin from cities all over the world, congratulating us on a job well done; and
- from a philanthropist, offering to fund the shipping costs to transport the 800 food packs to the Province of Masbate in the Philippines.

Whilst our Rotary Club has funded part of the costs for the grains in the food packs and the packaging for this initial pilot project, it is hoped we can get the grains donated and involve other Rotary groups in future volunteering efforts to package food for emergency needs.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday May 23	Speaker: To Be Announced
Monday May 30	Social Function: Vietnamese and Chinese Cuisine Night with Partners and Friends "***Sapa Hills Restaurant"***, 623 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
Monday June 6	Speaker: Mark Squirrell, ***"From Ararat to Everest"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

May 22 - Breanna Ban, Andrew Mastrowicz, Edward Gwee
May 29 - John Braine, Val Cunniffe, Max Holland
June 5 - Brett Riley, Reginald Davis, Helen Hartnett

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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Acting President's Message - Continued

Club Service Director's Ripper Diving Experience

From the Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia, we received this report from Michael Chong: "We finally reached our main goal of diving on Ningaloo Reef with the whale sharks and the manta rays which we did last Friday and Saturday. Sunday was a day to rest, and rest and rest. My goodness we were so tired! Both days were so much better than expectations. The reef is absolutely "alive" at the moment with the operators thrilled at the action. On Friday we swam with 4 massive whale sharks up to 8 metres long, saw a pod of about 100 dolphins that we followed for half an hour, saw the very first humpback whale of the season with her 15 month-old calf and stayed with them for about an hour. We also swam with 5 white-tipped reef sharks, two turtles, and thousands of amazing fish. On Saturday, the Manta Tour started off with a dive at a shark "cleaning station" where we swam with 15 sharks for about 45 minutes. At the station there was a school of over 100 Barracuda, 50 plus King fish, multiple dozen Red Emperor, Giant Trevally, and thousands of reef fish of all colour shape and size. Mind blowing! Then the highlight of finding 5 different manta rays up to over 4 metres wide, and swimming with them as they barrel-rolled and broke the water actually touching me twice as they gorged on the plankton rich waters."

Aussie Pride Badge Supplier

We have found a new local supplier for our Aussie Pride badge, at a lower cost when we order 10,000 badges. This fundraising project for our Club is set to earn around $22,000 in profit through supplying the badges to Australian Local Government for their citizenship ceremonies, and to Aussie Schools for student recognition. We use these funds to provide the vocational opportunity to the four final-year, La Trobe University, Orthoptics students who accompany us on our medical mission to the Philippines each October. We also use this money to support Disaster Aid Australia, the Rotary project to eradicate Polio from the world and several Australian excellence-in-education projects.

Ashwood College Permaculture Gardens

At our recent Club Board meeting $600 was approved for garden improvements at the Ashwood permaculture food garden. The funding will help to provide a new dome to house their hens, a shade sail, bird nets for their fruit trees and a wheelbarrow. Food grown in the garden is shared amongst the volunteers and the local community. The garden provides an opportunity for the students of Ashwood High School to be part of growing and harvesting healthy food.

Mock Interviews

Lily-Ann Kriegler was able to find club members to volunteer to conduct mock interviews for new migrants. We do this regularly in support of our partners in this project, the Camberwell Salvation Army.

Volunteers Needed to Pack Hospital Beds for Cambodia

Box Hill Hospital have donated another 60 hospital beds. Of these, 50 need to be packed into a 40 foot container to be sent to Cambodia. Please read full details of this, and other current volunteering opportunities, on our website. If you can spare a few hours on the morning of Saturday, 28th May, we would love to have you join us.

District Changeover

The District Changeover is to be held at the RACV Club Melbourne from 11:30am to 3:00pm on Sunday 26th June. Please purchase your tickets here, before 10th June 2016. Join Julie, Neville and Rebecca for a reflection on the year of 'Being a Gift to the World' and handing over to a year of 'Rotary Serving Humanity'.

Ladies' Style Edit Workshop

Style is a unique expression of you, your lifestyle and what makes you happy. You are invited to join us to learn how to wear different pieces for travel, work and weekends. Presented by The Ark Clothing Co. and the Rotary Clubs of Camberwell and Canterbury to raise money for the Busy Feet program in Boroondara. RSVP online by Monday 6th June for the event on Thursday, 9th June at 6:30pm. Included in the $30 ticket is a candlelight supper. Enjoy a glass of bubbles on arrival, but please bring your own drinks.

Rotary Club of Canterbury Changeover Night

It's happening again already ! Our President Elect, Doug Hawley is hard at work preparing for our Club Changeover on Monday, 27th June. Full details for this 'Cultural Heritage Evening' should be in the next edition of the Bulletin. But please make an effort to keep this night free to join us in celebrating a fantastic year under President Nora's dedicated leadership and to welcome in President Doug and his new leadership team.

Next Monday

Several of our Club members plan to attend the finals of the Rotary Club of Richmond's Ainger Public Speaking Awards. This is a very popular public speaking competition for secondary students in Melbourne. Please notify their Club Secretary or our John McCaskill, if you wish to attend, but please don't forget to notify our Club that you won't be needing a meal here too.

The next scheduled speaker, Simon McKenzie-Nickson, has just told us that he is unable to come to our meeting next Monday and so we are arranging for another speaker. Until we meet again next Monday, have a great week.

Peter May
Vice President

You are invited to a

STYLE EDIT WORKSHOP

Presented by The Ark Clothing Co.& the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury & Camberwell, raising money for the Busy Feet Program.

Style is a unique expression of you, your lifestyle & what makes you happy. Our stylists will show you how to wear different pieces for travel, work & weekends.

Thursday 9th June 2016.
6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start
BASS Care Conochie Hall
2 Rochester Road, Canterbury, 3126
Parking on street & at rear of BASS Care

Candelight supper
Cost: $30 per person
Complementary bubbles on arrival, otherwise BYO drinks. Tea & coffee provided.
RSVP: Monday 6th June 2016

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