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 Monday*
Gerry Cross
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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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Some Global Security Issues

Last Monday night our speaker was Dr Jason Thomas. Jason is well known to our Club. He was an international emergency aid organiser for the Sri Lankan tsunami recovery and our Club recognised him in 2005/06 as a Paul Harris Fellow. Last year he spoke to us on the topic of 'Terrorism and Fourth Generation Warfare' which was very interesting and informative.

Dr Jason Thomas

This year Jason spoke about some Global Security Issues involving the centre of power shifting from raw physical power to moral and social power.

He first instanced our relationship with China and the fact that more and more Australian assets are being acquired by Chinese companies. Unlike western companies, Chinese companies are often strongly linked to control by the Chinese government. This control is not necessarily top down control and there may not be explicit instructions of control, but there is nevertheless a degree of Government authority which is not present in western countries. He said strategic issues have to be carefully managed in Australia otherwise we can lose the ability to control key aspects of our society.

He then commented upon the total rejection of democratic results by many people in western society, as instanced by some people actively rejecting the Brexit vote and the election of Donald Trump. If enough people feel disenfranchised by the democratic system and can be given a reason to rally to a cause, then there is the opportunity to question democracy itself. In this regard, the control of the flow of people across borders is a key issue in western democracies.

He then spoke of Islamic fundamentalism. He was not talking about terrorism but about the promotion of ideas inconsistent with western democratic thought. He said we have difficulty naming, identifying and tackling these issues.

He felt the long term challenge is the threat to Australia's ability to make independent decisions in its own interests. Many western Governments have gone from having solid authority to becoming very fractured with an inability to show leadership. In all this we have difficulty naming the things that we are fighting against. We need to separate our moral and social values from our opponent's values to preserve our democratic system. Our opponents may have large sums of money to push their agenda using the freedom provided by our democratic process. Our opponents are unlikely to use direct conventional physical conflict, although there may be smaller proxy conflicts.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday July 10	Social Event: **Camberwell Art Show Cheese & Wine Night**
Monday July 17	Speaker: Russell Board, ***"The Story of GHD, a Global Engineering Consultancy"***
Sunday July 23	Social Event: **Guess Who's Coming to Lunch**
Monday July 24	Social Event: **Pot Luck Dinner & Cabaret**
Monday July 31	Speaker: Senator James Paterson, ***"A Perspective on Current Issues"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

July - 9 Rob Simpson/Kyle Wightman, Gerry Cross, Chris James/Kathleen Stapleton
July 16 - Jenni Nankervis, Michael Chong, Sue Osborne/Ted Waghorne
July 23 - Max Holland, John Richards, Lynn Steel/Greg Vero
July 30 - Kyle Wightman, Alan Stevens, Lachlan Wheelhouse Knight

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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Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin Recognition

At the Changeover Dinner, Past President Doug Hawley recognised the continued contribution to the Rotary Foundation and to the Club of several Club members who were already Paul Harris Fellows by presenting Paul Harris Sapphire Pins. Nora Ley was unavoidably absent from the Changeover Dinner and so, at the Monday dinner meeting, Doug said that he had the honour and pleasure of recognising the contribution of Nora Ley with these words:

Nora Ley - *Nora, you joined our Club from another Rotary Club. It wasn't long before you started to make significant contributions to our Club. You were an outstanding President of our Club the year before last and have helped out in many different ways, always without most people knowing. You have provided the special weekly printed cards that are put on our tables each week. They are professionally produced including the weekly menu and evening program plus important dates to put in your diary. You have also helped out at the Glenallen Camp. Despite having some major physical limitations, I could not stop you packing and carrying the full cartons during our recent Food Packing night. In my year as President you have made me look good by always reminding me what I needed to do and giving me valuable advice when requested. We recognise and thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Club with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*

President's Message

I wish to thank all who attended my first meeting as President last Monday, especially my dear friend Lawrence Hilliker, and a future new member, Sarah Prosser, who will be inducted on 31st July. Our speaker, Dr Jason Thomas, spoke about global security issues, a most interesting topic which prompted a robust question and answer session afterwards.

The Aussie Pride Badge and Wattle Day

What I found very inspiring was that, after the meeting, I requested that a few members join me in discussing a some ideas in my plan for the next 12 months, including a discussion about the future of the Aussie Pride Badge led by Graham Bishop. To my delight, around 15 members stayed back to what was supposed to be just a small informal group. Everyone had something to contribute and the discussion proved to be most beneficial.

Graham and Gerry Cross are planning to work together in forming a relationship with at least two or three schools in the area, to develop a program based on our national flower, the Golden Wattle, and the Aussie Pride Badge. From this trial, we are hoping to involve schools throughout District 9800, and possibly District 9810, for Wattle Day which is the first day of Spring, 1st September 2018. Graham is an inspiration to the Club, and his plan for the Aussie Pride Badge has no limits. He will need the cooperation of all members and friends of the Club to achieve a successful outcome.

Contact either graham.bishop@canterburyrotary.org or gerry.cross@canterburyrotary.org if you wish to become involved or have any close contacts with schools.

Next Monday will be a Cheese and Wine Night at the Camberwell Art Show at Swinburne University ATC Building in Burwood Road, Hawthorn. There is plenty of parking behind the Town Hall opposite Swinburne, and I encourage all members, partners and friends to take part. Please respond to the email from Kyle Wightman to register your attendance.

Rob

The Camberwell Art Show Cheese & Wine Night

Next Monday 10th July there is the Social Event of the Camberwell Art Show Cheese & Wine Night instead of the usual Dinner meeting at Canterbury. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the event runs until 9:00 pm. The venue is the Swinburne University Advanced Technologies Centre (ATC) building in Burwood Road at the corner of John Street, Hawthorn. Parking is available behind the old Hawthorn Town Hall. There are pedestrian lights across Burwood Road at the entrance to the ATC building.

Pay $15 pp on the night for entry, the quality wine & cheese and a catalogue. Club Secretary, John Braine, will have a separate desk at the entry foyer to collect the $15 pp from Canterbury Rotary members, partners and friends. Trybooking is not available for this event. Art experts will be available to walk groups around. Paintings can be purchased on the night and collection is after the Art Show ends on Friday 14 July.

This is an event exclusively for Rotary Club members, partners and friends. We need to inform the Camberwell Rotary Club of the number of people that will be attending from our Club ASAP. If you and your partner and friends are attending please contact me ASAP on mobile 0411 110 045 or send an email to kyle.wightman@canterburyrotary.org.

If I am not contacted by you I will assume that you will not be attending.

Kyle Wightman