



# 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  
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*\*prior to 10AM Monday*

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Advise Graham of a long absence

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## The Aussie Pride Badge



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## President's Message

When we have the Team Presentation from the La Trobe University Orthoptics students who have been with the Philippines Eye and Ear Screening project, it is guaranteed to be a highlight meeting. This week was no exception and it was shared with previous ear and eye screening team participants, Therese McKinney, our East-side Assistant Governor, members of the Rotary Club of Boorondara, members, partners and friends of our Club.

Jasmine Peldys and Breanna Ban, two of the Orthoptic students from LaTrobe University shared their experiences of the trip. The beauty of the country is apparent. The appreciation of the Philippine community members is heart warming and the distances that these people are prepared to travel for the opportunity for any type of medical care is amazing. The poverty and malnutrition is very evident and the poor living standards of many is most apparent.

Despite the usual humidity and heat of the tropics, long days, varying standards of accommodation and forms of transportation and the strangeness of the armed security and challenges of providing services in the open, sports stadiums, hospitals and halls and an add on this year of both a typhoon and an earthquake, the team completed the screening of 1,600 people's eyes and 4,682 children's ears.

Of those screened, 130 had cataracts removed, 80 had pterygiums removed (a fleshy growth on the white of the eye that may encroach onto the pupil) and other eye conditions were identified, with 370 reading and 150 sun glasses distributed.

The children often have reduced hearing processes due to impacted wax. Others have middle ear infections that require antibiotic administration and there are often surprises with varying foreign bodies present, from beads, organic matter and in some cases insects.

Jasmine and Breanna gratefully acknowledged the opportunity that they were given in going to the Philippines as part of Eye and Ear Medical Team and thanked all Club members for their sponsorship. We all wish Jasmine and Breanna best wishes for the future, for their personal life and their chosen career.

The 2015 mission appears to again have exceeded the goals of the project and is certainly a very worthwhile and rewarding undertaking. I would like to acknowledge and thank each and everyone one of the participants for their contribution over the last 19 years.



*Jasmine Peldys*



*Breanna Ban*

## Speaker and Activities Program

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| Monday May 2  | Speaker: Karen Hayes, Chief Executive Officer of <b>Guide Dogs Victoria</b>                  |
| Monday May 9  | <b>"Disaster Aid Food Packing Vocational Activity"</b> at Doug Hawley's Factory in Dandenong |
| Monday May 16 | Speaker: Kim Groizard, <b>"Solar Powered Dental Chairs"</b>                                  |
| Monday May 23 | Speaker: Simon McKenzie-Nickson, <b>"Alzheimer's Research Update"</b>                        |

## Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

May 1 - David Zrna, Graeme Hindhaugh, Steve Wylie

May 8 - Sue Clifford, Dean Barnett, Lyn Steel/Trevor Donkin

May 15 - Peter May, Alan Stevens, Annette Brownscombe/Sue Osborne

**Contact Tony Simpson for all roster changes and requests, Home 9417 3995, Mob 0488 380 899**

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### Acting President's Message - Continued

Of course the Medical Mission Team always acknowledges the support and participation of the local Philippine Rotary Club members. They not only act as interpreters for the screening processes but in the down times they host the various activities and catering. One important component is Karaoke participation. The students always make an important face saving contribution on those Karaoke nights. Whilst Karaoke may be a lot of fun for the musical Filipinos, it is a daunting experience for our Aussie team members and I am sure we only see the smallest video snippet of the events!

Our President-Elect, Doug Hawley told us about the outcomes of his preparatory trip to the Philippines for the 2016 program, which he recently undertook with President Nominee, Rob Simpson to the Province of Mindora. A completely new area for screening that no doubt will hold more challenges but will have the same fantastic rewards and outcomes for the Filipino community members, as well as our Club members and volunteers. We wish you all happy planning for this, the 20th mission.

### Donations In Kind Hospital Equipment Delivered to Masbate

Gerry Cross explained the high that the 2015 Team felt when the hospital in Masbate received the Donations In Kind containers with beds, microscopes, dialysis machines, other equipment and supplies. It was over 2 years since the hospital had opened and to date was providing some services with very limited equipment and supplies. The biggest reward of all was to see the surgical team actually using the newly arrived equipment to perform some of the eye procedures. Gerry told of the difficulties associated with shipping and obtaining final clearances within countries, such as the Philippines.

Other benefits of our association with the Masbate Rotary Clubs has been the establishment of Sister Clubs within the various Provinces visited over the years. These arrangements enable reliable and rapid transfer of funds to assist when the inevitable natural disasters occur and the locals can rapidly distribute funds and goods to those in the most need.

The contribution made by the Rotary Club of Boorondara in the funding of the bio-sand water filters was acknowledged. Thanks to the combined efforts of our Clubs, over 200 poor Philippine communities now have access to clean water and have been trained in the setup and maintenance of the filters to ensure sustainability of the clean water supplies into the future.

Doug Hawley also spoke of the humanitarian food packages that will be processed, as part of our vocational visit, at his factory in Dandenong South on Monday 9th May. These packages will be shipped to Masbate and stored for distribution following natural disasters and nutritional supplementation as needed.

### Thanks to the 2016 ANZAC Day Marshals

Kylie Wightman has passed on the thanks of David Blackwell RFD, Chief Marshal of the ANZAC Day March, to our 22 Rotarians and Friends that helped with this years event. This is the third year in which our Rotary Club has been involved in providing Marshals for the ANZAC Day March and so contributing to another very successful March.

Finally, I wish to extend thanks and appreciation to Peter May for taking up the reins during my absence last week at both the general and board meetings and for conducting the proceeding of the last Club meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club meeting next Monday when Karen Hayes from Guide Dogs Victoria will be the speaker.

Nora

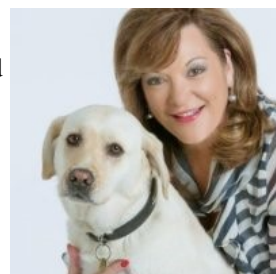


### The Next Speaker - Karen Hayes

Karen Hayes is the Chief Executive Officer [Guide Dogs Victoria](#). She leads a talented team of committed and passionate people who do truly extraordinary work.

As the CEO, Karen is building on a solid foundation taking Guide Dogs Victoria into the next phase of its evolution through a process of significant change and challenge.

“As a result of the ageing population, our very dedicated and talented team is **Taking the Lead** in positioning ourselves to being able to respond to a significant increase in the number of people with vision impairment, requiring our support.”



### The Rotary Lunchers

The next fortnightly lunch will be at the “Izakaya Mizu” Japanese Restaurant, 509 Riversdale Road, Camberwell (near the Camberwell Market entrance) on Wednesday 4th May at the time of 12:30pm.

An Izakaya is a type of Japanese establishment which serves food to accompany drinks. As expected with this style of Japanese restaurant there is a very good range of dishes at the Izakaya Mizu. There is a special lunch menu and it is fully licensed or you can BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming [anrz47@iinet.com.au](mailto:anrz47@iinet.com.au) or 0467 033 092.

