



Canterbury Tales

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Meeting

Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Bass 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 Monday*

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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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President's Message

At the meeting on Monday, Etienne de Lavaulx told of the history of the Chord Zither and demonstrated his skill on the instrument with soothing melodies. Etienne is a player, composer and teacher of the Zither and one of his pupils is our Club member Me Te Madakbas. Me Te performed with Etienne and this even included one of Me Te's own compositions.

Etienne was born in France and began playing a Zippy Zither with printed melody cards inserted beneath the strings, when he was 6 years old. By 11 years of age he learned to play the classical guitar and then after coming to Australia with his parents he started playing full sized Chord Zither. He is self taught and gains great enjoyment performing at concerts, shows and festivals around Melbourne as well as teaching others to play the instrument. His repertoire includes numerous well know classics and contemporary pieces, along with his own original compositions. He has several CDs featuring the Chord Zither and the Acoustic Guitar which can be purchased from his web site www.etiennedelavaulx.com.au.

The zither is a class of musical instrument where the strings are stretched over a resonating chamber (sound box) and, unlike a guitar, does not have a separate neck assembly. Virtually all ethnic groups have a heritage of zither like musical instruments, with the earliest surviving zither dated to 433BC. In 1880s to 1910 zithers were played extensively in Europe including Vienna and were in great vogue as a parlour instrument in many homes in the USA.

The Chord Zither that Etienne played has a thin, flat body which serves as a sound box and usually has 12 – 50 strings stretched across the top of the body. On the left the strings are in groups of 3 – 4 and are used by the left hand to play chords, and hence the name Chord Zither. On the right, the strings are single or in pairs and are used to play the melody. Zithers are played by strumming or plucking the strings with the fingers or a pick, or by sounding the strings with a bow or by beating the strings with a special shaped hammer. The zither as a musical instrument has limitations due to the lack of sharps and flats.



Speaker and Activities Program

Monday November 30
Monday December 7
Monday December 14
Monday January 11
Monday January 18

Annual General Meeting and Club Forum
Speaker: John Hopkins, **"Are Sales Professionals Born or Trained?"**
Christmas Festivities
Speaker: Scott Harris, **"Rehabilitation Resilience and Overcoming Adversity"**
Speaker: Peter McCall OAM, **"beyondblue"**

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

November 29 - Lynn Steel, Malcom Short, Me Te Madakbas/Keith Thompson
December 6 - Breanna Ban, David Chudasko, Steve Wylie
December 12 - Max Holland, Brett Riley, Peter Mangiapane

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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President's Message - Continued



In 1920s and 1930s zithers manufactured in Germany or the USA were sold door-to-door in Australia, often with payments by instalments. Tuition was provided by correspondence courses. The salesman would tune the zither around the corner and then demonstrate it in the home to the potential purchaser. The instrument would soon fall out of tune and the purchaser would then not have the ability re-tune the instrument, which then left a disappointed purchaser. Etienne suggested that members check their garages or under their houses as there may well be a discarded zither there. Today with cheap electronic tuners it is much easier to tune a zither, although some skill is still required to ensure the correct string tension is maintained.

The zither is an easy instrument to play, as was demonstrated by our Club members Rob Simpson, Helen Hartnett and Lyn Steel who were enticed by Etienne to accompany him in playing some well known pieces. Etienne was able to demonstrate by the performance of our three untutored members that the simple Chime Harp Zither is a suitable musical instrument for children from 4 years upwards to play! Cards with numbered string sequences are available for popular songs or carols and other well known tunes. These cards are simply placed under the strings and the notes plucked by the player in sequence. Etienne sells these Chime Harp Zithers along with melody cards and a Play-along CD for \$225, he also sells Chord Zithers for \$595 - see his web site for details www.etiennedelavaulx.com.au.

Thank you to Etienne for a most enjoyable presentation and thank you to Me Te for arranging for his Zither teacher to speak to our Club about such an interesting musical instrument.

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

Paul Minahan, the incoming Chair of the [Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre](#) (CNC) addressed the meeting last Monday. The purpose of his address was to inform Club members of the background of the CNC and to seek expressions of interest for the five current vacancies on the CNC Committee of Management Board. Club members or community contacts of Club members are encouraged to seek appointment to the CNC COM Board. Paul said that the Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre:

- Was established in 1981;
- Is funded by the Government Neighbourhood Program;
- Is staffed by salaried management staff and volunteers;
- Has a Committee of Management whose members are volunteers from the local community;
- The COM has a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, CNC Manager and general members;
- Has an annual budget of approximately \$250,000 – from government funding and course fees.

Current programs run by the Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre include:

- Fitness & Well-being - Walking, Qi Gong, Pilates;
- Creative - art, painting, upholstery;
- Literature - history & culture, writing and language;
- Special Interest - First Aid;
- Social - Scrabble.

Paul also said that the role of the Committee of Management is to:

- Support Management;
- Review and approve correspondence;
- Assess performance and issues;
- Establish and execute a Strategic Plan;
- Identify and develop opportunities to support CNC.



Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

Challenges for the COM 2015-16 include: Filling the Board vacancies, Expanding relevant classes, Communicating with the community and Adapting to the new location at Rochester Road. Paul acknowledged and thanked our Club members Michael Chong and Neil Williams for the support given by our Club to date. Paul anticipates that the Mentoring Program relationship will provide additional support and direction for the COM over the next twelve months. This Mentoring Program will provide focus, clarity, suggestions and direction to the Committee of Management.

For further information contact 9830 4214 or email: office@canterburynh.com.au or visit the staff on the First floor of Basscare, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury 3124.

Kristkindl Festival - Assistance Required

Michael Chong is urgently seeking at least six more volunteers to fill the [Kristkindl Festival](#) time slot from 6:00pm to close at 9:00pm on Friday 4th December 2015. Please contact him at MichaelChong@canterburyrotary.org or mob 0438 171 370.

Next Monday we will gather for our Annual General Meeting and Club Forum - until then, have a good week in Rotary.

Nora



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Rotary District 9800 Conference at Bendigo 12th - 13th March 2016

The District Conference Team continues to work hard to make the [2016 Conference in Bendigo](#) the most exciting conference so far. Click the following link to download a copy of the [Conference Brochure](#).

In Bendigo the Conference will focus on inspiring international, national and local speakers. The weekend will be fun, relevant and provide insights into programs and projects that through partnerships develop resilient, harmonious communities. Rotarians will be informed, entertained and dined whilst networking and sharing ideas to improve communities at home and abroad.

[Book Online Now](#)



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CLOSES NOVEMBER 30TH

Register **BEFORE 30th November 2015**

First time attendees \$225 (normal \$300)

Others \$275 (normal \$350)

The option of [registering](#) and paying by bank transfer or cheque is now available

The Rotary International President Elect John F Germ Interviewed on Our Rotary Radio Show



Ron Beaubien, David Proud, Suzanne Blair, RIPE John F Germ and Tom Blair who did the interview.



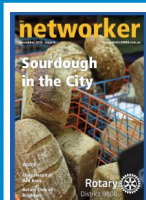
Our Club member David Proud presenting Aussie Pride Badges to Rotary International President Elect John F Germ and his aide Ron Beaubien

The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The last Canterbury Rotary lunch for 2015 will be at the [Box Hill RSL](#), 26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill on Wednesday 2nd December at the usual time of 12:30pm. There is free car parking for diners (not just members) at the Box Hill RSL with the carpark entrance from Nelson Road.

The Seniors menu is only \$14.00 with soup or desert at \$2.50 each, also the venue is fully licensed with drinks at reasonable prices. The Box Hill RSL has excellent meals - click this link for the [Seniors Selection Menu](#).

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming so that he can reserve a table at this very popular venue anz47@iinet.com.au or 0467 033 092.



Rotary District 9800 Networker

November is 'Rotary Foundation Month'. To find out more about Rotary District 9800 activities, news and events click on the links to download a pdf of our Networker Magazine.

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



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FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2015
5PM – 9PM

Come to one of Melbourne's best street events.
Fun for all the family. Bring your kids and friends.

NEW RIDES | ANIMAL FARM | GIANT SLIDE | SANTA

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Canterbury Kids from 18 November 2015.

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