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 Friday*
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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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Senator James Paterson

Senator Paterson is currently the youngest Member of the Federal Parliament, and the youngest ever Liberal Senator. Prior to entering the Senate, James was Deputy Executive Director of the free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs. James previously worked for the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and in the office of Senator Mitch Fifield.

James' address to Canterbury Rotary discussed four proposed constitutional change concepts to potentially be further developed and considered by the Australian Parliament. If any were approved by Parliament, they would then be put by referendum to the Australian people for consideration.

Senator James Paterson

The first is the proposal by the Referendum Council on Indigenous Recognition. James believes that the radical approach in their proposal for a separate Indigenous Parliament recognised in the Constitution to consider and vote on all matters affecting indigenous people, is destined not to be accepted by Parliament and will not be put to the people by way of referendum.

The second is a proposal by Senator Sam Dastyari for a constitutional change to allow Australians with dual citizenship to be legally elected to Parliament. This is in response to Greens Senators Scott Ludlum and Larissa Waters being obliged to resign from the Senate, and Senator Matt Canavan resigning from the Ministry, after their dual citizenship was realised. James believes that such a referendum proposal has no chance of getting up as dual citizenship can be indicative of divided loyalties.

The third is a proposal by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, if Labor is elected to Government in the next election, to introduce a sequence of two referenda: firstly to abandon our constitutional monarchy in favour of a republic; and if passed, secondly to subsequently develop the proposed method of election of the President. James does not believe this election policy proposal by Mr Shorten has any chance of proceeding in this manner.

The fourth is a proposal by Bill Shorten, another election policy proposal, to extend the Federal Parliamentary term from up to three years (current average 2.5 years), to a fixed four years. James believes that this can entrench a bad government for longer and damage democracy by reducing the opportunities for the electorate to have a say on changing their Government.

James answered questions on these constitutional questions and on many other issues in his always, thoughtful, insightful and intelligent manner.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday August 7	Speaker: Hon. Theo Theophanous, ***"The Victorian Energy Sector"***
Monday August 14	Speaker: Michael Whyte, ***"My Journey in Australian TV Production"***
Sunday August 20	Social Event: **Casual Meeting and Dance Evening**
Monday August 21	No Meeting
Monday August 28	Speaker: Barry Richardson, ***"Finals Football"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

August 6 - Doug Hawley, Cathie Macmillan, Carmela Dimasi/Carol Perez
August 13 - Graham Bishop, Rick Western, Steve Wylie
August 20 - Edward Gwee, Bill Granger/John McCaskill, Rosemary Waghorne/Annette Brownscombe
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

Our guest speaker last Monday night, Senator James Paterson, provided a very informative talk with much discussion and questions from the floor. Next week I look forward to another interesting guest speaker with the Hon. Theo Theophanous talking about the Victorian Energy Sector. This would be a great meeting for members to invite their friends along.

Sarah Prossor and President Rob Simpson

Sarah Prossor is our newest Rotarian

Being president for only one month, it was an immense pleasure to induct our newest member, Sarah Prossor. At 23, Sarah is one of the youngest Rotarians in District 9800. Sarah is an Honours Graduate specialising in Stem Cell Research, and a leader in the John Gardiner Rovers, the senior most section of the Scouting Association in Glen Iris.

Michael Chong is not only her sponsor, but will be her Club mentor over the coming twelve months.

Our Club has been fortunate to develop a close relationship with the scouting movement, and I particularly thank Michael Chong for his tireless efforts in Community Services. Sarah and the other Rovers have been huge supporters of the Club's activities, including the Twilight Cinema for Interchange Inner East, the Maling Road Scavenger Hunt, the Family Day Miniature Railway Picnic and the recent Emergency Food Packaging Night for the Philippines.

Sarah's parents, Steve and Fiona Prossor, were present. We also had the pleasure of other guests including Amir Salehi, Jim Chambers, Pat Little, Gilly Swimmerton, and a very warm welcome back to Keith Thompson.

Rob

The Next Speaker - Theo Theophanous

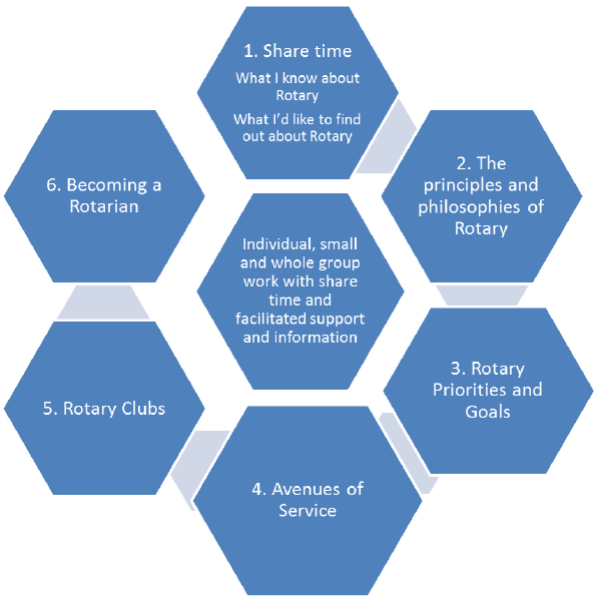
Theo Theophanous is a former politician who served in the Victorian Parliament from 1988 until 2010. During this time held various Ministerial Portfolios including Consumer Affairs, Small Business, Energy Industries, Resources, Industry and State Development, Information and Communication Technology, Major Projects, and Industry and Trade.

Following his political career Theo Theophanous has been an active political and social commentator in Australian newspapers. Last year he wrote an opinion piece for the Herald Sun entitled *"Victorian gas reserves can drive economy"*. He argued that conventional Victorian gas reserves, both offshore and onshore, could be used to drive the Victorian economy including acting as a transition away from much dirtier coal based energy sources while renewable energy technology is developed.

District 9800 Leadership and Development Opportunities

Connected Rotarians are engaged Rotarians and District 9800 has a number of programs to equip all Rotarians with skills and knowledge to make the most of their Rotary experience through a variety of programs. More details of these programs are available by clicking the following link Leadership and Development Opportunities.

The New Members Seminar will address members' Rotary knowledge, Rotary's goals and structures and further learning opportunities all in a friendly, facilitated training environment.

We know from Rotary research many new members leave our organization when they are not fully informed and in sync with what Rotary stands for and what Rotary can offer Rotary club members by way of service, personal development, mentoring and rewards in assisting others. The Training Team have developed a significant opportunity for Clubs to access a central training seminar to assist in the development of their newer Rotarians.

Date: 17th September
Venue: Montague Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague Street, South Melbourne
Cost: $20