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
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President's Message

Last Monday night we had "Person behind the Badge" talks by two of our members, Rosemary Waghorne and Greg Vero. Like all of these talks by members, they were both most interesting. We learnt many things about Rosemary and Greg that we didn't know before.

Rosemary Waghorne

Rosemary told us of her first job after graduating from university which was with the SEC in Gippsland. This job did not inspire her much and so she moved into Education within the TAFE and University system. While she was in Gippsland she met Ted. They now have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Rosemary is interested in genealogy and shared with us a little about her ancestry. She has been inspired by two remarkable women in her family tree. The first was Elizabeth who was from Cornwall. She married a miner and they moved to Australia with 7 children. Her husband got a job at a copper mine in Burra, South Australia. They subsequently moved to Adelaide and then to Melbourne. Her husband died of the miners' black lung disease and so Elizabeth had to fend for herself. She became the licensee of the Market Hotel and was quite successful, so much so that she acquired many assets. The second women who inspired Rosemary was Rebecca who was born in 1830. She married and moved to Ballarat where her husband died quite young. However, before he died he acquired an entitlement to 250 acres near Donald. Rebecca took up the entitlement and worked it so that she met all obligations of receiving that entitlement. Rosemary was subsequently brought up living on a farm in Kerang taken up by her great grandfather. Rosemary explained that what inspired her about these two women was that they overcame significant adversity in life and made a success of their lives.

Greg Vero

Greg told us a little of his ancestry as well and demonstrated how his surname was originally pronounced. The first ancestor of the Vero's in Australia settled in Newcastle. Greg, when he was 18, undertook a motorcycle trip around Australia. He subsequently went to university and graduated as a Chemical Engineer. His professional life has included 15 years with Exxon Mobil, 19 years with Orica and 2 years as a consultant. He showed some of the major plants related to water treatment that he has designed and constructed in Australia, which were very impressive. He has recently started a new commercial activity in selling Fulvic Acid. This product stimulates the roots of grasses and other plants to grow deeper into the soil. It has application to race courses to help minimise the hooves of horses digging out sods of turf during races. The product also has many other applications in stimulating root growth such as in hydroponics and golf courses. Greg is married to Jenny and has two daughters (both engineers) and one son. Greg has assisted in the design and construction of Rotary clean water projects in Nepal and the Philippines. His other interests have recently included singing as the bass singer in the Silver Tops Quartet.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday May 15	Speaker: Hope Aban, ***"How an Australian Filipino family creates education opportunities in their home province"***, Chair: Rob Simpson
Monday May 22	Speaker: Phil Lambourne, ***"Estate Planning"***, Chair: Neil Williams
Monday May 29	Social Event - Restaurant Night
Monday June 5	Speaker: Cathie Macmillan, ***"Volunteering in NE Arnhem Land"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

May 21 - Lachlan Wheelhouse Knight, Cathie Macmillan, Sue Osborne/Helen Hartnett
May 28 - David Zrna, Edward Gwee, Alan Stevens

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

The Food Packing Evening

Last Friday evening 12th May, we had a **FORaMEAL** food packing evening at Canterbury Girls High School. There were about 50 volunteers from the four Rotary Clubs in our Cluster. On the evening, 2,380 food packs were produced in 1½ hours which is sufficient to provide nutritious food for 13,800 people for one meal. It was a successful night as all four Clubs worked seamlessly together and had great fun in doing so. Thanks particularly to David Chudasko and Neil Williams who gave wonderful assistance with the logistics of doing the project at an alternative location to my factory.

Another Food Packing Evening

We will be having another food packing event at the Canterbury Centre on Thursday 25th May between 6:00pm and 9:00pm to which we have invited the orthoptists that our Club has sponsored on our Philippines Medical Missions, as well as other young people that have been associated with our Club over the years. Please try and make it if you can as we will need more of our Canterbury Rotary Club members to attend than last Friday night. On Friday our numbers were augmented by many Rotarians from the other Clubs in our Cluster and this will not be the case of the 25th May. It will also be a fun night and we will again achieve a great outcome for those people in need of food following a major catastrophe. These catastrophes seem to occur with great regularity in places like the Philippines and it is always the poorest of the poor people that are most adversely affected.

Doug

Glenallen School at Camp Getaway

Last week our Club sponsored a camp for students of Glenallen School at Camp Getaway. Michael Chong, Nora Ley and Anne Murphy (Camberwell Rotary) cooked up a storm in the kitchen and spent many happy hours engaging with the kids. It was all joy!

Patrick and I just mucked around the edges assisting in the kitchen and also engaging with the kids. We had 5 students, 5 teachers and aides and 5 Rotarians. Sounds a bit in excess of requirements but, believe me, we all worked hard and came home tired.

The kids were so happy and we were able to do so much with them over the days there. The staff from Glenallen all commented that the camp has such potential for disabled students as they seldom get a chance to live away from home in a rural setting and within a region of such historical significance. We managed to have a Crazy Hat Night using the hats from the Club's Thirtieth Anniversary Lunch, a visit to the Chinese Dragon Museum, picnics in the park, a creative pottery workshop at Bendigo Pottery, a trip to the Planetarium and Science Works and a final night Talent Quest which was a great hit. Cooking marshmallows in front of the fire was also fun. So all in all it was highly successful. Not bad for 2 days!

Thanks to the club support in enabling us to do this.

Val Cunniffe

The Glenallen Gang

Talent Quest on Thursday Night

The Crazy Hat Dinner