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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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Apologies
Notify Meeting Apology
**prior to 10AM Monday*
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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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The Changeover Dinner

Last Monday night the Changeover Dinner was held at the MCC Sports Club in Kew to send off President Doug Hawley and Averil and to welcome new President Rob Simpson and Karin and the new Board. There were 78 people at the Changeover to enjoy the food and to dance to the music of 'Code One'.

The Club's Rotarian of the Year

Outgoing President Doug Hawley said it was the tradition of the Rotary Club of Canterbury since 1988-89 to make an Award to the Rotarian of the Year. Looking at the names on the Award recipients Doug noted that Val Cuniffe, Michael Chong, Bill Granger and Graeme Hindhaugh all figured prominently. The 2016-17 Award was given to Max Holland. Doug acknowledge Max's work as bulletin editor over several years and, in the current year, his efforts in taking over the operation of the Club's website and IT functions.

Kate Cross - Paul Harris Fellow

Doug then spoke of the tradition of the Club to recognise outstanding contributions by making Paul Harris Fellows. The presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow recognition is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. Doug then said that he had the honour and pleasure of recognising **Kate Cross** as a Paul Harris Fellow. Kate has been a wonderful support to the Club in so many ways over many years, and Doug then listed a few of the ways:



Kate Cross

You have hosted many Club dinners at your home including our Christmas Parties.

You have also hosted several Rotary Exchange Students at your home.

You have supported Gerry through his two terms as President of the Club including attending many Rotary functions and conferences.

Finally and most importantly, you have participated in and been a leader on many Medical Missions to the Philippines. There are many young people today in the Philippines who can now hear as a result of your enthusiastic efforts.

All of these activities have been truly selfless efforts. Doug congratulated Kate and thanked her for her commitment to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and the Club. Assistant DG Jonathan Shepherd then presented Kate with some emblems of appreciation given to Paul Harris Fellows.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday July 3	Speaker: Dr Jason Thomas, ***"Global Security Issues"***, Chair: John McCaskill
Monday July 10	Social Event: **Camberwell Art Show Cheese & Wine Night**
Monday July 17	***"The Story of GHD, a Global Engineering Consultancy"***
Sunday July 23	Social Event: **Guess Who's Coming to Lunch**
Monday July 24	No Meeting

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

July 2 - Neil Williams, Roger Taylor, Bill Granger/Helen Hartnett
July - 9 Brian Bloomer, 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 Recognitions

Outgoing President Doug Hawley then recognised the continued contribution to the Rotary Foundation and to the Club of some Club members who were already Paul Harris Fellows by presenting Paul Harris Sapphire Pins. Doug asked Assistant DG Jonathan Shepherd to present Paul Harris medallions to each of the following Club members, after these words:



David Proud - *David you are a charter member of our Club, a Past President, you have been to the Philippines on a Medical Mission and been involved in many Club projects. In particular, you have been involved in a major way in organising our Club's Rotary Community Radio Program on 94.1 FM for many years. This program is broadcasts every Friday evening for 2 hours. This has been a major undertaking and not one that many of us would be prepared to do. It is truly an example of service above self. We recognise and thank you for all your efforts with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*

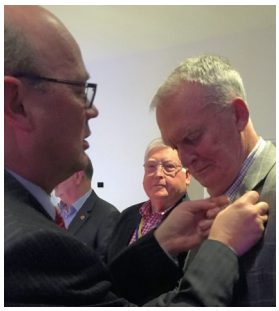


Max Holland - *Max you have one of the hardest jobs in the Club being editor of our Bulletin. This a weekly major effort you do for the Club and it is done to a very high standard. I can testify that you have made me look good when you have modified what I have written in my weekly contributions to ensure that it has been recorded properly, and with correct grammar and spelling. Not only that, but with the resignation of Peter May, you also took over the IT functions of the Club which was a herculean task. It is another example of service above self. We recognise this and thank you for your efforts with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*

John Braine - *John, no matter what tasks are required to keep the Club running smoothly, you have been involved in one way or another. Being a great Club Secretary, on the front desk every week, handling constitutional matters that needed to be thought through and organised, standing in for Andrew on treasurer issues has been a fantastic support for me. We recognise this and thank you for your efforts with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*



Tony Simpson - *Tony, you are a charter member of our Club and have been involved in so many ways over the last thirty years that it would take too long to go through them. I will just highlight a few. First of all, it was your idea to ask Jill Keefe if our Club could do the medical missions to the Philippines. You and Jennie were part of our first team and the stories about how our participating Club members could make such a difference in the lives of people found and operated upon to overcome blindness laid the foundation for the next 19 years of successful missions. Over the past I don't know how many years, you have organised the roster for our weekly market duties. This has been done in such a professional way that there has never been any complaint about the organisation. This has been a thankless task and goes well beyond service above self. We also recognise this and thank you for your efforts with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*



Gerry Cross - *Gerry you came to our Club having been a member at one or more other Clubs. You involved yourself in many Rotary activities both within our Club and outside our Club. You have been on I think 5 medical missions to the Philippines. You have been President twice and more recently have been Chairman of DIK at which you spend several days most weeks collecting or packing donations in kind to be sent overseas. I heard Kate mutter the other day that she felt like that you were married to Rotary. We also recognise this and thank you for your efforts with the addition of a sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*



Alan Stevens - *Finally to you Alan. Now before I start, I hope that there are many cameras at the ready because Alan only provides fleeting glimpses when photographs are taken. Alan you have been a charter member of our Club and have been President. You have also, like Tony and David, undertaken numerous tasks for the Club including being treasurer, auditor, and Program organiser, including this Rotary Year. And what a wonderful array of speakers we have had. However, the one thankless task that you have endured but most members have enjoyed has been your wonderful generosity and assistance in organising our Club's Rotary Social Weekends at Port Fairy. We also recognise this and thank you for your efforts with the addition of a second sapphire to your Paul Harris Pin.*

Resignations of Ray Thomas and Ian Coopes

Doug told us of the resignations from the Club of Ray Thomas and Ian Coopes. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Ray has only been able to participate in a few projects, most notably, the Relay for Life. Due the marching on of father time, Ian unfortunately has felt that it was time to finish his formal membership of our Club. Ian was a charter member of our Club but Doug was sure that we will still see him and Barbara at some Club functions. Ian is a Past President of the Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was the Club Secretary when Doug was President the first time and has had many roles and responsibilities within the Club. He was on the second mission to the Philippines. Doug thought that everyone would agree that Ian has been Mr Dependable in the Club. No matter what Ian was asked to do, he would undertake it with quiet efficiency. Doug couldn't remember one word of dissatisfaction or criticism ever being uttered by Ian. He was the ultimate in moderation. We all wish Ian, Barbara and Ray our best wishes for the future and thank them for their contributions to the Rotary Club of Canterbury.



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Acknowledgements



Earlier in the night, Assistant DG Jonathan Shepherd, on behalf of District Governor Neville John, presented the Rotary Club of Canterbury with a District 9800 Citation for successfully undertaking a minimum of 12 activities as outlined in the District 9800 Strategic Plan.

Doug said that as it was his last time speaking as President, other than with the induction of Rob as President, he wanted to thank all members, partners and friends for being so supportive of him as President during the 2016-17 year. He thanked everyone for their efforts - which he greatly appreciated. He said that he enjoyed the year very much and it was a highlight of his life in Rotary.

He acknowledge the wonderful assistance received this year from our Assistant DG Jonathan Shepherd. Jonathan had been a great strength and was always willing to provide advice when requested. Doug believes that Jonathan has brought the East Side Cluster of Rotary Clubs closer together in a way that will have benefit for years to come.

Finally, Doug acknowledged Averil for her support during the year and told us that *I could not have done it without her*.

President's Message

As incoming President, I wish to thank all members who attended a most enjoyable changeover night last Monday at the MCC Sports Club in Kew. I was so fortunate that my family and many dear friends made the effort to come, especially two of my children who surprised me by flying down from Sydney. I also wish to convey my sincere gratitude to the social committee and others for assisting in the organisation of such a fabulous event.

The New Board for 2017-18

Congratulations to the members of the new Board for taking on their various roles:

Doug Hawley	Vice President
John Braine	Secretary
Andrew Mastrowicz	Treasurer
Steve Wylie	President Elect
Bill Granger	Chair of Club Services
Carmela Dimasi	Chair of Community Service
Greg Vero	Chair of International

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Following the Dinner meeting at the Bass Centre next Monday, I invite members of the Board along with other Club members for a sit down chat about the Club's activities for the next 12 months. The next formal Board Meeting will follow our regular Dinner meeting on the 17th July. Some ideas that I would like to explore with Club members are:

Encouraging new and younger people to become involved with our Club and to grow membership.
Encouraging our Friends of Rotary to become more participative.
The expansion of the Aussie Pride Badge project.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be the President of our wonderful Rotary Club. I will endeavour to emulate the achievements of previous Presidents, especially Doug Hawley, who has guided our very vibrant and active Rotary Club.

Rob

Wearing the Wattle

Our Club and others in our District will be approaching school principals to take part in the National Wattle Day Celebrations on 1st September, the first day of Spring. Students will be encouraged to produce a one page essay about our official national floral emblem, its botanical and cultural significance, and the role it played within indigenous communities. The title will be 'What about the Wattle?'I suggest that our Club members can do the same over this weekend and submit their one page entry at the meeting next Monday. **'Whattle we give the best entry'?** You'll find out.

A sample Aussie Pride badge will be sent to all the District 9800 Presidents so that these Clubs may contact their local schools and arrange to join with them in celebrating Wattle Day with the badge. They may then discuss issues around citizenship, National Pride, Peace and Unity. We are able to provide Aussie Pride badges to the Rotary Clubs and of course to the schools.



The Next Speaker - Dr Jason Thomas

Dr Jason Thomas specialises in geo-political assessments and stability operations in complex environments. Jason is well known to our Club as an international emergency aid organiser for the Sri Lankan tsunami recovery, for which he was a Paul Harris Fellow of our Club in 2005/06. He has previously spoken to the Club on issues relating to international matters, with his most recent talk last year on the topic of 'Terrorism and Fourth Generation Warfare' - a very interesting and informative presentation.

Jason's topic for this meeting will be on Global Security Issues.