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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
Register and Pay Online

Apologies
Notify Meeting Apology
**prior to 10AM Monday*
Graham Bishop
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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

Mark Read, bookmaker and serial entrepreneur entertained us with the ups and downs and sideway pathways of his childhood, family background, bookmaking and associated business ventures on Monday night.

The thrill and excitement of bookmaking has always been part of Mark's life. Mark's grandfather, uncle and parents were bookmakers and big punters. He recalled growing up in Fitzroy and his early introduction to bookmaking through his parents' local SP trading. At that time SP bookmakers were located in laneways behind inner hotels as the publicans were afraid of prosecution for on-site betting. At nine years of age Mark took prices received on the home telephone and delivered them to the laneway where they were posted, which was more rewarding for a boy than selling newspapers.



Mark Read

Mark attended St Kevin's and then studied science at Melbourne University, but he spent many hours attending race meetings rather than attending lectures. He overcame his absences by persuading 'dux' students to share notes. At that time in the 1970s it was considered acceptable by some that you did "whatever it takes to achieve your goal".

Mark became a 'Paddock Bookmaker' and then at the age of 24 was granted a rails bookmaking licence by the Victoria Racing Club. His drive and style revolutionized bookmaking and he was the first bookmaker in Australia to turn over $1 million per day. He moved to Sydney and his bookmaking venture then included buying and training horses. However, by the 1990s on-course attendances and bookmaking declined. This coincided with betting extending beyond the racecourse as technology was introduced. Mark reinvented his business and International All Sports Ltd (IAS) purchased his betting and racing information technology systems. Mark moved to Darwin and was Managing Director of IAS until it was sold in 2009 by which time its annual turnover was more than $1 billion.

Mark considers Melbourne to be the best city to live and has found his promised land in the Upper Yarra Valley. He has given away the daily wagering game and now trades on the Hong Kong racing scene two days per week with a ten to twelve week break each year. His business now acts as a 'fund manager' for the wagering market. His take home message is to be adaptive, be prepared to reinvent yourself, have people with brains to help you, develop endurance strategies and have a little bit of luck on your side.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday September 28	Speaker: Dr Trevor Gin, ***"Cataract Surgery with 'Eyes for Africa' foundation"***
	Speakers: Orthoptic Graduates Jess and Gareth, ***"The Philippines Project and Eye Care"***
Monday October 5	No Meeting
Tuesday October 6	Movie Night at the Palace Cinema, Balwyn to raise money for PolioPlus
Monday October 12	Speaker: Ray Jones, ***"Schools for Nepal"***
Monday October 19	Speaker: Lindsey Ritchie, ***"Foodbank - Help Fight Hunger in Australia"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

September 27 - Gerry Cross, Andrew Mastrowicz, Steve Wylie
October 4 - Dean Barnett, Dominique Brown, Ross Merolli
October 11 - Bob Falconer, Michael Chong, Sue Clifford

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

Some Important Dates for Your Diary

Aside from our normal Club meetings on Monday nights, there are many exciting events and activities to look forward to, so please put the following dates in your diary:

Tuesday 6th October 2015 - Movie Night at the Palace Cinema, Balwyn for PolioPlus
Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th November 2015 - Beechworth Food and Wine Festival
Saturday 14th November 2015 - Box Hill Miniature Railway with Interchange Inner East (if you are not at Beechworth)
Friday 4th December 2015 - Maling Road Kriskindl Festival
Saturday 27th February 2016 - Interchange Inner East Cinema Night
Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th March 2016 - District 9800 Conference at Bendigo

The 19th Medical Mission to the Philippines

Next Monday we will have a Special Dinner for this year's 19th Medical Mission to the Philippines. We will hear from Jess and Gareth who came as two of the four wonderful Orthopticians last year. We will also have Dr Trevor Gin speak about cataract surgery and his experiences with the 'Eyes for Africa' foundation. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting next Monday.

Nora



The Next Speaker - Dr Trevor Gin



Dr Trevor Gin is an Associate Ophthalmologist at Eye Surgery Associates specialising in Medical Retina. Dr Gin is involved in numerous international clinical trials for Medical Retinal Unit and for the Eye and Ear Hospital. He also has an interest in third world eye disease and has operated in eye camps in Nepal, Vietnam, Kiribati, Nauru, Ethiopia and the peripheral islands of Vanuatu.

Eyes For Africa is a small Australian not-for-profit, non-government, non-denominational organisation that is run entirely by volunteers and is dedicated to free sight-restoring cataract removal and other eye care, in poor communities of remote, rural Ethiopia. Dr Gin will be speaking about cataract surgery and his experiences with the Eyes for Africa foundation.



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 30th September at the usual 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 Mal Short know if you are coming Malcolm.Short@canterburyrotary.org or 0404 805 933.

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The Salvation Army
'Bridges to Employment' Program

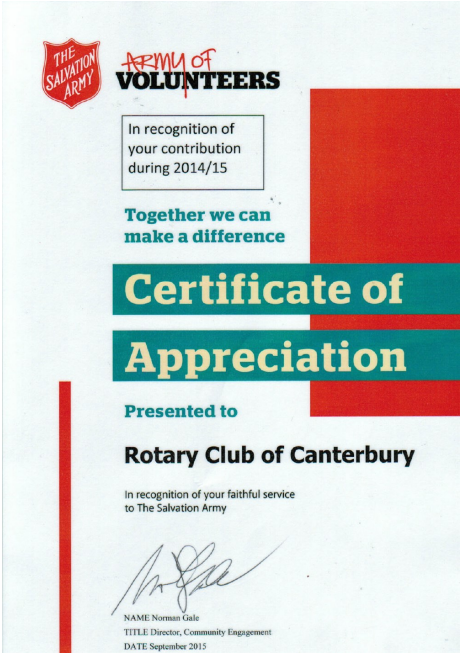
The Camberwell Corps, Australia Southern Territory of The Salvation Army has written the following letter of volunteer appreciation to our Club:

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I am pleased to be able to write to your Club expressing our sincere appreciation for your contribution to the Bridges to Employment program, especially the Mock Interview activity.

I have enclosed a Volunteer Appreciation Certificate in appreciation of the members who participate in the Mock Interviews - especially to Michael Chong. Your generous provision of 50% of the cost of running this program has made it possible to continue the program, which has now been running for several years.

Sincerely,
Norman Gale
Director, Community Engagement



The Maling Road Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger Hunt was held in Maling Road, Canterbury last Saturday 19th September. The activity was organized by the Rotary Club of Canterbury in partnership with the Boroondara Girl Guides, the John Gardiner Rover Crew and with the support of the Maling Road Business Association.

The money raised will provide funds for Interchange Inner East which provides family respite for children and young adults with a disability.







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Rotary District 9800

Learning, Leading and Development Pathways



2 hour New Members Seminars

Monday 28th September or October 20th

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
(Refreshments provided)

Tuesday 29th September

at Kangaroo Flat Function Centre, Kangaroo Flat 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
(Refreshments provided)

Register Now

to meet other new members and Rotarians and to learn more about Rotary.

Cost: $20.00 per head which will be invoiced to your club after the event.

For more information see the New Members Seminar Registration Form
or contact District 9800 Learning and Development Chair Bronwen Scarffe – scarffebronwen@gmail.com