



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

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Apologies

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**prior to 10AM Monday*

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Advise Russell of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show

Jenny Coburn and
David Proud

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

**3WBC
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Thorold Merrett

President's Message

A living legend delighted us all with his stories last Monday night. Collingwood great, Thorold Merrett, took us from his days in Nashos at Pukapunyal, where he met our Trevor Donkin and guest for the night, Ross Walboys at the age of 18; then through his 180 VFL games in eleven seasons, where he laid his fame as wingman and then a rover to win two premierships in 1953 and 1958.

We were then entertained with stories of the characters with whom he worked on radio and television, where Thorold was a member of the ABC Footy Panels during the 60's and other shows for some 15 years.

Thorold has also been one of the most successful businessmen his mates have known. From his enterprises for the troops at Pucka, to his partnership with Australian Cricket Captain, Lindsay Hassett, where they ran sports stores throughout Victoria, Thorold entertained us with his stories. What a great night!

Our entertainment for the evening was preceded with a fines session. Appropriate for old times sake, but it was so funny. The week before, Trevor had bemoaned that we didn't fine members any more. So Val started by fining Trevor. Then member after member stood up and told a funny story about poor Trevor that resulted in another fine. All his invited mates were hooting with laughter! It is a Rotary dinner we will long remember.

As the annual budget shakes out to what will get approved for the new 2015/16 Rotary year at our next Club Board meeting in June, I discussed at our last Monday meeting the three significant things I have learnt as Club President about our Club's budget process: firstly at budget time not all is yet known about the projects we will be undertaking in the year ahead, so we need to allow for this in the budget; secondly we need to ensure we have the cashflow to be able to pay our commitments as they become due; and thirdly we need to maintain a cash reserve that allows us to meet commitments to our committees' projects, regardless of the budgeted income for the year.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday June 1

Speaker: Nick Pane (O'Donoghues First National Real Estate), Chair: TBA

"The Domestic Real Estate Market"

Monday June 8

Queen's Birthday Holiday - no meeting

Monday June 15

Speaker: Bee Ismail, Chair: TBA

"Prescription Medication Misuse"

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

May 31 - Malcolm Short, Matt Miller, Graeme Hindhaugh

June 7 - Peter May, Graham Bishop, Jimmy Fan

June 14 - Kay Gulenc, Jess Siriweera, John Braine

June 21 - Brian Bloomer, Roger Taylor, Russell Hoath

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



President's Message - Continued

Return of District 9800 Group Study Exchange Team

Last Tuesday night was a special dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand for the return of our District's Group Study Exchange team. This Club meets in the Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown and they put on a magnificent spread of Louisiana fare. Our Past President, John McCaskill, gave a fitting speech, as he always does, as the Chairman of the District GSE program for this year. It made me feel very proud that a member of our Club that had done such an outstanding job for the benefit of all who were associated with this incredible program both here in Melbourne, but also in the USA. There is no way these young people could have learnt so much about their careers and themselves without the support of so many Rotary Clubs, Club contacts, and host families. Next year our District's Group Study Exchange will be with the Philippines.

City of Booroondara Citizenship Ceremony

Last week I had the pleasure of attending another City of Booroondara Citizenship Ceremony. There were 133 new Australians who all received one of our Club's Aussie Pride badges as we sang the national anthem and they waved their Aussie flags. It is wonderful to see the delight and pride on people's faces as you shake their hands to congratulate them on now being an "Aussie" - especially the kids !



Donations In Kind Containers for the Philippines

Gerry Cross reported that the first of four shipping containers would complete loading this week. This one contains kidney dialysis machines, eye microscopes and dental chairs along with requested medical equipment for the clinics we support in the Province of Masbate in the Philippines. We are returning there for another eye and ear medical mission this October. It looks like many of those who came with us last year are very keen to go back. Our Club is funding the shipping costs to send two large sea containers, but we need financial support from other Rotary Clubs or generous donors to cover costs of around \$8,000 to ship the other two. Can you or your Club help with \$500?

Change Over Night - Monday 29th June

Our social committee is well on the way with their planning for our changeover night on Monday, 29th June. The function is to be held at the MCC Sports Club in Kew with a delicious meal, a Jazz band and lots of fun, as we celebrate another good year and welcome in the new leadership team. Tickets will be available through [Trybooking](#) soon.

Port Fairy Social Weekend

A big social weekend ahead for our Club, as members head down to Port Fairy from this Friday. Club member, Alan Stevens, makes his lovely motel available to us for this event. Participants can choose from an array of activities from a Griffith Island walk, to visiting a wild life reserve in Australia's most recent volcano, a game of golf, a massage or spa, or my favourite, "reading a book by the fire in the Jago room". We haven't done this as a Club for a few years, so we are all very much going to enjoy sharing dinner together with partners and great friends in the Stag Restaurant, along with everything else.



Next Monday we learn more about the booming local Real Estate market from Rotarian Nick Pane who is a member of the Rotary Club of Camberwell. Hope to see you there.

Peter

The Next Speaker - Nick Pane

Nick came to real estate after a long career in sales and accounting. Through his career history he progressed to sales leadership and management. But his active interest in property saw a firm decision to move forward in real estate. This led Nick back to study, where he qualified as a fully licensed agent and obtained REIV membership.

Creating wealth through property, Nick is a firm believer in the wealth building power of property. He has invested much personal development expanding his knowledge in this area and is ready and willing to help others. With an attention to detail founded in his sales and accounting background, Nick offers insightful investment guidance to all property owners.

Nick's candid qualities and positive attitude to see others succeed in property transactions will form the basis of a most interesting and informative talk about residential real estate.

