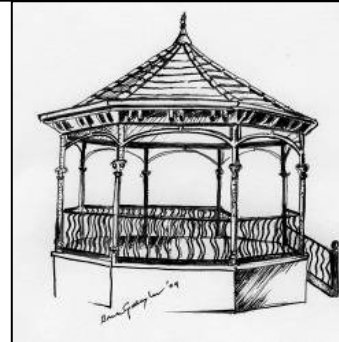


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Meeting

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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[Register and Pay Online](#)

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President's Message

Peter Buckingham showed us some of the fastest sailing vessels ever raced, doing speeds in excess of 90kph up on hydrofoils, with some fantastic footage to show the excitement of these amazing machines. Peter has always had an interest in water sports. Chairman for the day, Tony Simpson, showed us a great picture of Peter as a competition water skier in his younger days. He still sails on keel boats and Coutu boats on the Bay.

Peter was fortunate enough to go to the 34th Americas Cup in San Francisco in 2013 as a guest of his son. The events that led to the greatest sporting comeback known to man have some very good messages for businessman in terms of use of technology, persistence, faith in the process and having the capital to make it happen. The American team was facing the barrel of a gun at 8-1. Yet ORACLE TEAM USA won the 34th America's Cup in a winner-take-all 19th race, defeating challenger Emirates Team New Zealand by 44 seconds in the final clincher. Led by 35-year-old skipper Jimmy Spithill, ORACLE TEAM USA won by the score of 9-8. Watch the awesome highlights of this race [here](#).



At our last meeting members admired the result of their donations of old ties. Margaret Kilpin, a lady in the craft group at Basscare, turned our donated ties into a beautiful quilt. Now she wants us to auction or raffle the quilt, with the proceeds being donated towards research into a cure for Prostate Cancer. Maybe the Hawthorn Craft Market, that is now being run by the Rotary Club of Camberwell, is the place to find people who will truly appreciate the value of this amazing creation and the painstaking hours that must have gone into its construction.

Speaker Program

Monday March 30

Speaker: Gemma Sisia from The School of St Jude, Chair: TBA

"Why and how she established The School of St Jude in Tanzania"

Monday April 6

No Meeting - Easter Monday

Monday April 13

Speaker: David Cotter (CEO BASS Care), Chair: John Richards

"BASS Care and services provided for downsizing/aging people"

Monday April 20

No Meeting - ANZAC Day Marshals Briefing

Wednesday April 22

ANZAC Day Centenary Club Meeting at Bass Centre

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

March 29 - Alan Stevens, Edward Gwee, Ray Thomas

April 5 - Bob Falconer, John McCaskill, Max Holland

April 12 - Sue Clifford, Gerry Cross, Stephanie Mauer

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

Car Rally - Sunday 29th March

This Sunday, Keith Thompson has organised the first Club Car Rally we have had for a number of years. Many members will remember previous events and how much fun they were. If you don't want to bring your car, there is sure to be room with those who are already going (Val, Steve, Peter, Neil, Andrew, Keith, John R, David R - just give us a call). Keith is charging an entry fee of \$10 per car to cover the cost of the prizes, and the Club will throw in a few dollars too. Just bring a picnic, or food to barbecue, and be at Keith's place in Highfield Road, Camberwell at 11am this Sunday 29th March. The course is 69.7Kms.

The School of St Jude - Monday 30th March

Next Monday we have one of the best speakers we will ever experience coming to present at our Rotary Club meeting. Those who heard Gemma Sisia speak at the Rotary International Conference in Brisbane in 2003, or at one of her other presentations, will know that this is an event not to be missed. Doug Gillan, our caterer, is going the extra mile to ensure we have a lovely dinner to support this special occasion. All our readers are invited to join us and bring your friends, but you need to [register on this link](#) before 9am on Monday 30th March.

Rotarians at Work - Saturday 11th April

Please support Rotarians at Work day on Saturday, 11th April when we get out into Boroondara shopping centres to promote awareness of the problem of addiction to prescription drugs in our community. It can affect us all. Neil Williams will be leading our team in Maling Road, Canterbury on that day.

Special General Meeting - Monday 13th April

John Braine, our Club Secretary, has called a Special General Meeting of the Club for Monday 13th April at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to endorse the appointment of four new board members for the 2015-16 Rotary year. See the Club Notice Board in Yammer for full details.

A reminder that members who wish to undertake any projects within the Club that require funding, you need to submit your ideas to the chair of the appropriate committee before the 13th April Board meeting: International Service is Kyle, Community Service is Michael or Youth Service is Brett. Nora is seeking your committee preferences for the new Rotary year. Whilst our members are free to be involved with any Club projects, if you want to have a say on how we fund Club projects then you need to do this through our Club committees. The chairmen of these committees are our budget holders, not the Club President.

ANZAC Day Marshalls - Shift in Night of Club Meeting - Wednesday 22nd April

We are still short five volunteers to act as marshals for the ANZAC Day Centenary Dawn Service and the military march later in the morning. A briefing for all marshals is to be held at ANZAC House in Collins Street at 6pm on Monday 20th April. Please [contact Kyle](#) as soon as possible.

We have moved our ANZAC Centenary Club meeting to Wednesday 22nd April at 6:15pm. Payment of \$30 for this event is needed by our meeting on 13th April but you can [pay online by credit card](#).

Donations In Kind - Saturday 18th April - Hospital Beds

DIK has run out of hospital beds and has requests for another 180 to be shipped to areas of need. Fortunately, the Box Hill Hospital has just replaced 150 of their beds and have donated these if we will come to pick them up. DIK is looking for 40 volunteers to load these beds into containers on Saturday 18th April. Please notify [Gerry Cross](#) if you can be available on that day.

Rotary District 9800 Assembly - Sunday 17th May

Our District Assembly is to be held on Sunday 17th May at Tabcorp Park in Melton. It is especially relevant to those in Club leadership roles and quite important that you attend, in preparation for the 2015-16 Rotary year. It is also a wonderful day for new members or any Club members who would like to hear from our new District leaders about their plans for the year ahead. Lunch is provided, with our Club funding the costs for those who attend. We usually car-pool for this day.

Thank You to Club Members and Warm Wishes to those who are recovering

Thank you to those members who have completed the survey for the events we have planned for the next three months. It is important for Club members to support all Club events where you can, so we can continue to enjoy such a rich program in Rotary.

The Club Board approved our contribution of \$2,500 to the Ugandan Water Project; \$270 for repairs to the water supply for Ashwood Gardens and we will also make our contribution of \$2,000 to a Cambodian Speech Pathology project with Dr Chyrisse Heine. Our budget for this year is tracking well - we have implemented most of the club projects as we planned. Thank you and well done to our very effective committee members!

All our Club members extend the warmest wishes to our two Davids, who have recently undergone surgery to repair their legs. We hope they have speedy recoveries and we look forward to when they are back with us again. The partners of Club members who have not been well are also in our thoughts.

Please remember to bring your partner and friends along to join us next Monday with our very special speaker, Gemma Sisia.

Peter

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LIGHT UP ROTARY



The Next Speaker - Gemma Sisia

Gemma Sisia spent her early years on a fine wool sheep property just outside Guyra in northern New South Wales, Australia. She is the only daughter with seven brothers. After completing her secondary studies at St Vincent's College in Sydney, Gemma decided to pursue a Science Degree (majoring in Genetics and Biochemistry) at Melbourne University and then an Honours Program (where she was awarded First Class) in the Northern Territory.

After completing a Diploma of Education she fulfilled a long held desire to help the poor in Africa, and travelled to Uganda to work for three years as a volunteer. This experience led to her to a passionate belief that free yet high quality education should be the right of all children in the world as education is the strongest weapon in the fight against poverty, corruption and political instability.

On her return to Australia, Gemma decided that this was the sort of work she wanted to pursue and so started a small group effort to help educate the poor in East Africa. A gift of a small plot of land in Arusha, Tanzania, from her father-in-law allowed her to realise her dream. In 2002 The School of St Jude opened with only a handful of sponsored children. With hard work and determination, the school has exploded to 1899 students in 2015 all of whom are given a free education through sponsorship from individuals, families, clubs and schools from around Australia and abroad. The school also gives employment to over 450 local Tanzanian staff, including more than 200 teachers working across all three school campuses.

The school includes two boarding facilities for over 1400 students. Unfortunately, childhood malnutrition is common in Tanzania, but St Jude's has a team of over 40 cooks and kitchen staff that produce nutritious meals for over 2000 at lunch as well as the breakfast and dinner meals for the boarders.

St Jude's provides a free, high-quality education to children who - due to poverty and social pressure - would otherwise be unlikely to complete their schooling. Drawn from families who often live on less than \$1.25 per day, the pupils of St Jude's are shining examples of what students can achieve when they are given the opportunity to receive a quality education. The policy is to accept only one student from a family. This means 150 families each year will benefit from having a well-educated child who can then assist them in the future. St Jude's is a non-denominational Christian school where a child's religion does not have any bearing on his or her eligibility to join the school.

St Jude's is an English Medium School, teaching all lessons (except Kiswahili!) in English. The School teaches an integrated and enriched version of the Tanzanian National Curriculum, and encourages active participation from students to develop their confidence and ability to work with peers. Even though The School of St Jude is young, its academic results have already proven to be excellent with students being placed in the top 10% of Tanzania in the Tanzanian National Examinations. In 2015 the first senior class from The School of St Jude will graduate from Form 6.

Gemma is married with four children – Nathaniel (born 2001), Jacob (born 2003) Isabella (born 2008) and Louisa (born 2012). Her autobiography, *St Jude's*, was published in Australia by Pan Macmillan and remained on the best sellers list for over two months after it was released in 2007. In 2007 Gemma's achievements were honoured by an Order of Australia medal. Gemma's story featured twice in the high rating ABC TV documentary program, *Australian Story* - watch the story on [this link](#).

The School of St Jude is a non-profit organisation enjoying continuing success only because of our dedicated and generous supporters and the hard working team on the ground. Monetary contributions to St Jude's are tax deductible in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Canada. Guided by the school's philosophy of 'Fighting Poverty through Education', Gemma Sisia is determined that St Jude's will continue to grow and maintain the high academic standard it currently enjoys.

Since 2002, St Jude's has been a registered Rotary Australia World Community Service project and Rotarians continue to live up to their motto of 'service above self' through their passionate involvement. Read more about Rotary's involvement at [this link](#).

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