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The Auto Classico and other Maling Road Events

The meeting last Monday gave us a glimpse of 'From little things big things grow' in an interesting talk by Peter Barclay - the vice president of the Maling Road Business Association - who outlined the development of his Maling Road café business and the Auto Classico Event.



Peter Barclay and Athena Katopodis

Peter started with some photographs of his extensive memorabilia collection, including 'Shell Petrol' and 'Peter's Ice Cream' signs which were stored in his garage. Much of the collection had been retrieved from an Olinda General Store. Peter then segued from this memorabilia collection to explain 'how this turned into that'. After 40 years in corporate life Peter started a café in Maling Road, named the Alley Cat Café. Although a little anxious about how the locals would react, Peter wanted to bring his personality into this new business. So he decorated the café with some of his beloved memorabilia. He needn't have worried because the locals enthusiastically supported the café. It was at about this time that Peter joined the Maling Road Business Association.

Seeking to improve custom, Peter thought he needed to attract more men to Maling Road, to this end he put a Vesper at the front of the café. He had no previous interest in Vespers but his interest grew and he joined the Vesper Club. Through this club he then met members of the Italian Club from Lygon Street, Carlton. This led to the purchase of many Vespers, which he eventually concluded he really didn't need. So he sold most of the Vespers, many of which can be seen in Hairdressers in High Street, Prahran.

Peter chatted with the Canterbury locals who suggested it would be a good idea to show movies in Theatre Place. The first movie shown was *Roman Holiday* which features a Vesper. The Vesper Club attended the evening and watched the movie from the seat on their Vespers. The $4,000 proceeds from the evening was donated to charities. So popular was the movie night that Peter ran three more, and even returned to help the café's new owner run another one.

The first Maling Road Auto Classico displayed 100 cars and closed half of Maling Road. It was so popular that the following year it attracted 145 cars and closed the whole street. The second event was assisted by a beautiful sunny day in the middle of a week of rain. A less than ideal weather forecast for the third Auto Classico had Peter worried, as at 8:00am no cars had turned up but by 9:30am there were 170 cars lining the street. Despite atrocious weather conditions and threatening hail with a top temperature of only 8 degrees, the event was attended by around 6,000 people. For more from the 2018 event, click this YouTube link. Peter explained that the Maling Road Auto Classico is the first event in the annual 'car event calendar' and so benefits from this early timing, but also runs the risk of the variable weather in late August. Peter says that he had ordered a sunny day for 2019.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday November 5	**Melbourne Cup Eve Celebration**
Monday November 12	**FORaMEAL Food Packing Evening** at the Basscare Centre
Wednesday Nov 14	Speaker: Stephanie Woollard, ***"Seven Women international Aid Project"***
	A multi-club dinner organized by the Rotary Club of Camberwell at the Basscare Centre
Monday November 19	Speaker: Alan Wilson, ***"Holy Trinity Kew - Parish Centre Development"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

November 4 - Trent Burns, Rachele Stin, George Dolezal (Greg Vero)
November 11 - Sarah Prossor, Sophie Gutknecht, Rachele Stin (Rob Simpson)
November 18 - Rachele Stin, Kalanie Gunatillake, Sophie Gutknecht (Doug Hawley)

Contact Janet Hay for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0411 411 732

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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Maling Road Events - Continued

When Peter finished his talk, the president of the Maling Road Business Association, Athena Katopodis, explained her role and the Business Association's involvement with Rotary. Athena said that she is the practice manager of Canterbury Eye Care which she and her husband, Chris, have operated for 22 years. Athena and Chris have a well established involvement with the Rotary Club of Canterbury through donations of glasses for our Club's Philippines Medical Mission and to Donations In Kind.

Athena professed a love of 'Special Shopping Strips'. Over coffee with Graham Bishop she was invited to come to our Rotary meeting to explain more about the Association's activities in the Maling Road Village Area. Katopodis Optometry is one of 70 businesses in Maling Road, with the Eye Care business employing 7 people. From these business owners or managers, six people volunteer to form the Maling Road Business Association. A levy is paid through Boroondara Council by all businesses to improve and promote the Maling Road Village. The Business Association then employs a marketing co-ordinator to enable Maling Road to develop a business environment with community involvement that can 'compete with the likes of Chadstone and the Doncaster'. Click on the following Maling Road website link developed and run through the Business Association.

The Business Association uses events such as the KrisKindl Christmas Festival and the Auto Classico to promote Maling Road Village, not just to locals, but also to people living elsewhere and who may not even be aware of Maling Road Village. Athena praised the work of Rotary and expressed a willingness to promote Canterbury Rotary Club activities through the Maling Road Business Association.

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On behalf of the Club, Graham Bishop thanked Peter and Athena for giving up their time and looked forward to a strengthened relationship with the Maling Road Business Association.

ALPHA-1 Fundraiser Movie Night - 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

Movie night on Thursday 15th November at the Palace Cinema, 231 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The movie is a chronicle of the years leading up to Queen's legendary appearance at the Live Aid (1985) concert.

The cost is $30 per person for movie entry, nibbles and glass of wine. The movie starts at 6:00 pm. Click on BOOK NOW to book tickets or to donate to AAA. November is Alpha-1 Awareness Month and the money goes to the Alpha-1 Association of Australia.



Thursday with the Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the "Trinitas Thai Restaurant", 955 Burke Road, Camberwell on **Thursday** 8th November at the time of 12:30pm. The Lunchers have been meeting each Wednesday fortnight - so please come along if Thursday is better for you.

Trinitas Thai isn't a typical Thai restaurant, it prides itself on traditional, contemporary and fusion Thai dishes that are authentic and diverse. The restaurant is fully licensed or you can BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming david.zrna@canterburyrotary.org or 0467 033 092.

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Janet Hay - Microfinance and Social Business

Some will know I am heading off overseas next week but what you may not know is that I will be giving a talk at nine Rotary Clubs, four in the Denver area, USA and five in Edinburgh, Scotland. I was introduced to the Rotary Club of Canterbury when I gave my talk on microfinance and social business in October 2017. I have refined the talk and have given it now to quite a few Rotary Clubs in Melbourne. I have joined RAGM - the Rotary Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development and it is my passion to share the information on how lending small amounts of money to people in developing countries can make such a huge difference.

My inspiration is Dr Muhammad Yunus who started The Grameen Bank and his theories on economics and capitalism are quite literally changing how the International Aid community is thinking about money. Dr Yunus and The Grameen Bank won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for "Their efforts to create economic and social development from below". Dr Yunus was invited by Ian Risely to attend the Rotary Presidential Peacebuilding Conference held in Sydney in March this year. You can see Ian holding Dr Yunus's latest book "A World of Three Zeroes. The new economics of zero poverty, zero unemployment and zero carbon emissions". I was lucky enough to get a happy snap with Dr Yunus at the conference held on Social Business earlier this year.

I am the Treasurer of a registered Charity in Australia called Ten for Tamils. www.tenfortamils.org.au The Rotary Club of Canterbury is assisting Ten for Tamils in the work we are doing in Sri Lanka. Tenzin Lekdron is a Buddhist Nun and she lives in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Anila, as she is known, lived in Melbourne for some years and was a member of the Rotary Club of South Melbourne. Anila is helping Ten for Tamils to find recipients for microfinance loans particularly up North in the Kilinochchi area that was ravaged by the civil war. Anila is unique, although born in Colombo, she is the only Nun living in Sri Lanka following the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition of His Holiness The Dalai Lama. I was introduced to Anila by my sister Carol Hay, now Tenzin Chodron, who is also a Buddhist Nun.

Ten for Tamils

Supporting Tamil Women in Sri Lanka

The Rotary Club of Kandy is outstanding in its microfinance project, they have been managing loans for over 20 years. RC Kandy receives money from donors all over the world to lend to people, many who have a disability. They have over 1 million rupee out on loan and have a 100% repayment rate due to their excellent systems and procedures. RC Kandy has kindly agreed to assist Ten for Tamils in managing and distributing the money for loans. RC Kandy is currently engaging with the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi to help us set up due diligence practices.

Microfinance is gaining in popularity as a great alternative to traditional charitable giving. I already have promises of over $20,000 to be used as soon as our systems are up and running. The interest from the overseas clubs, particularly in Scotland, has been very encouraging. I am hoping to raise funds from all the talks I am giving.

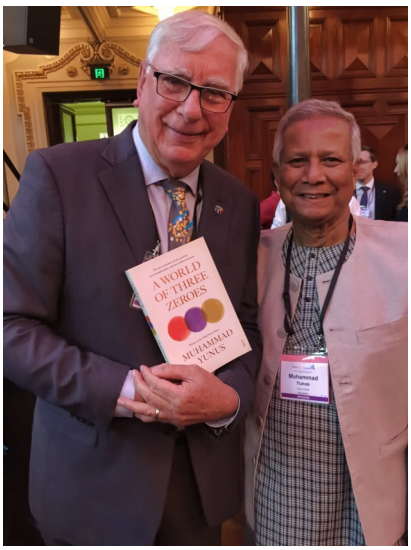
Sangariya, a peanut seller, is one of the stars of the Ten for Tamils project. She received a distribution from Ten for Tamils in 2017 and has completely changed her life. Sangariya is no longer at the mercy of the unscrupulous money lenders and she now makes a weekly profit from selling her peanuts. She is able to feed herself and even buy some new clothes. That's quite something at 85 years old. Read about Sangariya on this link.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Canterbury for supporting Ten for Tamils in our work. I'll be back for the FORaMEAL packing in January 2019 and I wish everyone a most wonderful Christmas and New Year. I'm having a White Christmas in Italy and Hogmanay in Edinburgh!!!

Janet Hay



Tenzin Lekdron



Ian Risely with Dr Yunus



Janet Hay with Dr Yunus

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CHANCES Golf Day 2018

On Monday 29th October, more than 80 golfers assembled at the Box Hill Golf Club to enjoy fun, friendship and a hard fought Ambrose competition. They were there to raise funds for CHANCES, a scholarship program that supports secondary and tertiary students in the Boroondara area who find themselves in difficult circumstances. The CHANCES Golf Day was organised by the Rotary Clubs of Boroondara.

CHANCES scholarships are awarded to talented and motivated students who need financial support for studies and extra-curricular activities. The program elevates students, giving them a hand up, not a hand out. It impacts on their self-esteem and sense of achievement.

As we did last year, the Rotary Club of Canterbury gave the event considerable support. We sponsored two holes for $200 each and were involved in the organisation. At least 10 of our members played in the event, enjoying the golf and then a delicious dinner.

The first prize was won by a team comprising Dylan Nash, Ryan Underwood, Griffin Underwood and Jarryd Swift with an Ambrose score of 51. The second prize, was won by our own Tony Laycock, Doug Hawley and their friends Eugene Fitzwilliam and Steve Curtis with a phenomenal score of 52.3 … golfers will know how good this was!



Tony Laycock, Eugene Fitzwilliam, Doug Hawley and Steve Curtis

The Golf Day raised in excess of $9,000 which is an outstanding achievement. The Raffle alone on the night raised over $1,000. What a generous amount over and above the cost of the golf and the dinner!

The organisers Noel Halford, Robert Hogan and Clinton Sceney did a great job increasing numbers over last year and organising sponsors. They were assisted by Lili-Ann Kriegler who managed golf prizes, the raffle, displays and table settings.

Long time overseers of the CHANCES Scholarship Program, Helen and Wayne Worledge, were delighted with the outcome.

No one was accurate enough to score a hole-in-one and win the sporty Kia sedan offered by Kia Chadstone. Maybe next year?

The event sponsors were: Rotary Club of Canterbury, Rotary Club of Hawthorn, Rotary Club of Yarra Bend, Kia Chadstone, Maling Road Business Association, Bob Stewart Kew, Stylemaster Panels, Wayne & Helen Worledge, Ms Di Gillies, Bank of Melbourne, Fitness Outcomes, Ham Kerr Property, Parkes Lawyers, Bickfords, Sapphire Solar, Palace Cinemas, Ms Kim D'Arcy, Metropolitan Foods, Blue Illusion and MCC.

Camberwell Rotary Club Melbourne Cup Event

Last Wednesday, three members of our club, Lili-Ann Kriegler, Rob Simpson and Karin Simpson, joined the Rotary Club of Camberwell for a Melbourne Cup event. Lili-Ann's husband, a member of Camberwell Rotary, won the competition for the best hat. He obviously spent a huge amount of time away from his golf, in preparing the fancy headwear.

The speaker was Amanda Donohoe, CEO of Servants Community Housing, which, through Boroondara Cares, and with the support of Rotary Clubs within Boroondara, provide support for the homeless and the disadvantaged. Servants has operated affordable accommodation and safe housing for those on low incomes for over thirty years in Hawthorn, and more recently in Kew.

Peter Allen, whom many of you know, particularly with his involvement with Boroondara Cares, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship (Three Sapphires) for his enormous contribution to Boroondara Cares and other community activities over many years.

Rob Simpson



Pierre Kriegler



President Anne Hawthorne and Peter Allen

Next Monday - Melbourne Cup Eve

Next Monday is Melbourne Cup Eve and there will be a special social evening at the Basscare Centre. Make sure that you come along dressed to impress - one way or another - as there will be a prize for the most stunning outfit.

Graham Bishop is concerned about getting the attendance numbers right, because many people may be away for a long weekend. He please asks that everyone register their attendance along with partner and friends or their apology on the Club's website link Register to Attend a Meeting and Register Apologies.