Canterbury Tales

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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
Register and Pay Online

Apologies
Notify Meeting Apology
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Advise Graham of a long absence

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President's Message

A big thank you is extended to Peter May for conducting the meeting in my absence on the 16th May and to Val Cunniffe for filling in, at short notice on 23th May, and sharing the adventures of the trip she had through South America with Patrick.

It turned out that it was just as well Val and Patrick started their trip with some relaxing time with their son in England before embarking on their South America adventures! The trip commenced in Cuba and their arrival was heralded with hot and steamy conditions and absolute airport chaos and a one and half hour wait for their luggage. Once their luggage was retrieved they headed off on an interesting cab drive to their pre-booked accommodation. Unfortunately with their arrival distractions and their first encounter with some seedy characters, Val's bag was stolen with the mobile phone, iPad, credit cards, medications and the all important makeup, these contents never to be seen again. Fortunately, Patrick still had one credit card that was operational in a few places, although this created many banking dramas along the way. Despite this major setback, like all Aussie tourists, Cuba was there to be visited. Music, dancing and some funkie dogs provided the flavour to their sightseeing. A highlight was Ernest Hemmingway's bar and farmhouse. Bus tours were booked and the visits to the hills in Russian made army tanks revealed the poor state of the peasant owners/workers. They had a rest break at a very pleasant resort in Valederra along with some Canadian tourists. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Then it was off to Argentina, with Buenos Aries, a city of contrasts – from slums to extravagant structures, all colourful and often beautiful. This was followed with a flight to Brazil. Val told us that Brazil's land mass is bigger in size then Australia! The highlight was a visit to Iguassu Falls which when compared to Niagara Falls is twice as wide and between 60 to 82 metres in height. Val and Patrick learned the lessons of not feeding the scavenging Coatis (a raccoon-like animal). Her photos showed how quickly the Coatis smelt the food in their bags which they had to toss at the animals to stop being attacked. There was also a very interesting bird wildlife conservation, education and research area. Rio de Janiero was also visited with its fabulous scenery and beaches. It is such a shame that the sea water close to the city beaches is so polluted. A nearby highlight was Paraty, a preserved colonial era town. Part of life for the inhabitants is that the streets of the historic town centre are regularly flooded by the tidal waters .



Speaker and Activities Program

Monday June 6	Speaker: Mark Squirrell, ***"From Ararat to Everest"***
Monday June 13	Queen's Birthday Holiday - no meeting
Monday June 20	Speaker: Simon McKenzie-Nickson, ***"Alzheimer's Research Update"***
Monday June 27	***Changeover Dinner, "THEME - Cultural Heritage"***
	Basscare Centre, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury - 6:00 pm for 6:45 pm until 10:30 pm

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

June 5 - Brett Riley, Reginald Davis, Helen Hartnett
June 12 - David Chudasko, Malcolm Short, Val Cunniffe
June 19 - Michael Chong, Brian Bloomer, Jasmine Peldys

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

In Peru, poor Val experienced altitude sickness in Cuzco and in Lima, both of which Val considered as a "hell hole". However, Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca city lost for 500 years was particularly interesting. This city was built around 1450 and was abandoned just over 100 years later as a result of the Spanish Conquest. The surrounding jungle gradually overgrew the site until 1874 when the city was rediscovered and plundered. In 1911 the site was cleared and major archaeological excavations occurred.

Val and Patrick then were off on a 12 hour bus ride over the Andes mountain range. Again subsistence farming and poor living standards were very evident. They visited Lake Titicacca the largest lake in South America which is high in the Andes. Some of the people live on artificial floating islands made of reeds on which they build their houses.

Arequipa was next on the itinerary, which is the birthplace of our Club's President Elect, Doug Hawley. Doug was able to identify the exact street where he was born from the photograph that Val displayed. Known as the "White City" for its numerous and magnificent temples, convents, colonial houses and palaces with white limestone ashlar sculpted as filigree, it is the second most industrialised and commercialised city of Peru. The Spanish influence is very evident in the structures and in the lifestyle. In 1995, after volcanic activity, the snow cap melted causing extensive mudslides and flooding which resulted in the discovery of the frozen mummy of a 12 year old girl. "Juanita, the Ice Maiden" had been sacrificed to satisfy the Gods about 500 years ago and her well preserved frozen state has enabled scientists to discern fascinating information about her life, her status and the final hours before she was killed by a blow to the head.

Then it was off to Chile through St Pedra de Atacama which is a town set in an arid high plateau of the Andes mountains. It only rains once per year! The desert also covers a 1,000 kilometre strip of land on the Pacific coast. The dry environs provided the opportunity for some sand boarding. Next was time in Santiago which is the capital and largest city of Chile. It is one of the few fertile parts of Chile and is a place of earthquakes, conflicts and contrasts. Which also seemed to describe the unfolding experiences of our intrepid travellers! Santiago is renowned for its madhouse parties, expansive museums and top-flight restaurants and a lifestyle which is often considered surprisingly cosmopolitan, energetic, sophisticated and worldly.

In summary, Val and Patrick's trip was certainly an adventure but on reflection, the holiday was **"NO"** holiday. Much rest was needed on their return but they will certainly remember their South American experiences forever.

Partners and Friends Night at the Sapa Hills Restaurant

Last Monday we enjoyed a Social Dinner Night at the Sapa Hills Restaurant in Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn selecting from a wide range of Vietnamese and Chinese dishes. A very enjoyable evening with 38 Club members, partners and friends.

Style Edit Workshop

The Style Edit Workshop is your chance to view the latest fashions and enjoy a night out with the girls, knowing that you are helping a great cause for local families. Please register by Monday 6th June on this registration link.

Have a good week in Rotary until we meet again next Monday.

Nora





The Next Speaker - Mark Squirrell

Mark Squirrell, aka Squiz, was awarded the coveted "Green Beret" whilst serving with the Australian Commandos. His tenure with the military provided him with the skills and courage to succeed amongst adversity and turmoil. It was the perfect grounding for a career as an International Aid Worker. Squiz escorted food convoys through the Gaza Strip, negotiated with the "Tamil Tigers" and brokered deals with Somali Clansmen to ensure the safe delivery of United Nations food aid. In doing so, he mastered the challenges of performing under pressure, communicating effectively and building relationships.

He was inspired by his organization, the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), and the impoverished people that it feeds, to climb to the top of the world on Mount Everest to help raise awareness of the global hunger crisis by raising the WFP flag on the summit.

Squiz will talk about his experiences and from this how to build leadership, resilience, team bonding and communication. He will also discuss the need for social responsibility and how to be motivated and inspired in your endeavors.

You are invited to a

STYLE EDIT WORKSHOP

Presented by The Ark Clothing Co.& the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury & Camberwell, raising money for the Busy Feet Program.

Style is a unique expression of you, your lifestyle & what makes you happy. Our stylists will show you how to wear different pieces for travel, work & weekends.

Thursday 9th June 2016.
6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start
BASS Care Conochie Hall
2 Rochester Road, Canterbury, 3126
Parking on street & at rear of BASS Care

Candelight supper
Cost: $30 per person
Complementary bubbles on arrival, otherwise BYO drinks. Tea & coffee provided.
RSVP: Monday 6th June 2016

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http://www.trybooking.com/LMMR

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The Rotary Club of Canterbury

Invites you, your partner and friends to the

2016 Changeover Dinner

Celebrate a very successful year for our club

A night of international cuisine, friendship and entertainment

Join us to send off President Nora and to

Welcome President Doug and Averil with the new Board.

Canterbury Centre

Rochester Road, Canterbury

Monday, 27 June 2016

6:00 for 6:45 pm until 10.30pm

Buffet Style International Cuisine

Complimentary drink on arrival, then
BYO or self-service purchase

Tickets $50 each

THEME – Cultural Heritage

Come dressed in whatever nationality represents where you have visited, lived, were born, descended from or are fascinated by.

Join your fellow Rotarians and friends for a great night out

This is a ticketed event, with no sales after 20 June, 2016

Purchase your tickets online at http://www.trybooking.com/HVJX