



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 link
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Apologies

**prior to 10AM Monday*

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*Please advise Russell of any
long absence.*

The Rotary Radio Show

Jenny Coburn and
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**3WBC
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President's Message

Another 'corker' last Monday when our Philippines Medical Mission team reported back to fifty Club members, partners, past participants and guests. Star attractions, Faren Willett and Melinda Styles, were complemented by first time volunteers, Kathy Johnston and Grant Lambert to present a wonderful overview of the 2014 experience. The statistics were impressive, with thousands of free eye screenings for people of all ages and ear screenings for primary school children. We visited two islands of the Province of Masbate, where for many, this was the first time in their lives they had received any medical attention. Hundreds of people has their sight restored by the surgeons who donated their time to remove cataracts while we were there, and almost a thousand students now have their hearing restored.

But our speakers also shared the many highlights and a few low points of their international project. The backbone man of our team, Doug Hawley, told of his dismay to discover that despite his earlier visit to Manila to ensure the hotel reservations were to our requirements, we had been given double rooms rather than the twins he ordered. If you want some good entertainment, just ask Doug to tell you more of his travel misfortunes. If something can go wrong, it has already happened to poor Doug!! It was quite extraordinary how well our whole team got on together this year and were bonded by this intensive experience of 'Service Above Self'.



Doug, Kathy, Melinda, Faren & Grant

Rob Simpson became our Club's most recent Paul Harris Fellow last Monday night, in a deeply moving presentation. Rob had not only saved the lives of primary school children through his ability to detect massive infections in their jaws due to advanced tooth decay, but he took the initiative to obtain the dental care and provide the medications that their parents could never have afforded. He and partner, Karin have been supporting our work in the Philippines for many years. Rob certainly typifies the outstanding Rotarians, for whom the Rotary Foundation provides this award. He is always there to support Club activities, yet is so humble in his appreciation of what a great Rotarian he really is. He makes us feel very proud to have him as a Club member. Congratulations Rob Simpson!



*President Peter May presenting the
Paul Harris Fellow Award to Rob Simpson*

Speaker and Events Program

- Monday Dec 15 Partners and Friends Night - **Canterbury Gardens Barbecue**
- Monday Jan 12 Speaker: Simon McKenzie-Nickson, Chair: Ian Coopes
"Alzheimer's Disease Research"
- Monday Jan 19 Speaker: Marjorie Morgan, Chair: Bill Granger
"Australia's Worst Shipwreck and other genealogical matters"



Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

December 14 - Janine Mahoney, Brian Bloomer, Alan Stevens

December 28 - Bob Falconer, Graham Bishop, Russell Hoath

January 4 - John McCaskill, Sue Clifford, Kay Gulenc

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

Last Monday was a wonderful opportunity to say 'Thank You' to our kitchen team, it being our last meeting at our normal venue for 2014. These ladies set up the venue each week and serve our meals, then clear away and pack up ready for Basscare's normal use the following day. Each of the team were presented with a gift from the Chocolate Box, with our warm thanks and best wishes for Christmas and New Year. All their efforts are very much appreciated.

Board Meeting Highlights

- A sub-committee of the Board has been formed to select our Club President for 2016-17.
- District 9800 is calling for nominations from Clubs for the position of District Governor. Please notify John Braine if you are interested.
- \$2,000 was approved for scholarships for disadvantaged students at Camberwell High.
- \$650 has been sent to our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Rizal West in the Philippines, to provide food and a small gift to 250 disadvantaged young children this weekend.
- We will be holding a combined Club meeting for our GSE team from the USA with Rotary Club of Camberwell on Wednesday, 25th February at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.
- In the new year we plan to improve Club communications by using our Club contacts database to better target information to our many partners and friends.
- 100,000 Philippines pesos have been provided to the Rotary Club of Masbate for another 50 water filters to be constructed and deployed in areas of need.

Maling Road Kristkindl Festival

Another big 'Thank you' to all those who volunteered to run the Kristkindl Festival event for the Maling Road Business Association on Friday, 5th December. It was a highly successful night and a lot of fun to take on the roles we did this year.

Please respond to Michael Chong's Yammer poll regarding the opportunity provided to our Club by the Maling Road Business Association. The local Scouts and Guides are seeking ways to provide community service, so raising funds for Rotary projects would be ideal for them. As the demand for service projects by our Club members has exceeded the income provided by the Sunday Market, we could certainly put any additional funds to good use. For those members who can no longer stand for six hours for market duty, this may be the perfect alternative. It might also be a fantastic way to connect with potential members. We need your feedback through Michael's poll question.

Next Monday - Canterbury Gardens Barbecue

Next Monday we are running an end-of-year barbecue in the Canterbury Gardens at 6:30 for 7:00pm. Club members will pay the usual \$25 but there will be no charge for partners, family members and invited guests as a thank you for their support during the year. Food will be provided by the Club's catering team, but you are asked to bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery and something to sit on. If members could bring some nibbles to share at the start, that would be helpful. There will be vegetarian patties and various salads provided too. We have had a wonderful year in the Club, so it is fantastic to see that around 60 people are planning to attend this function. A brilliant way to end 2014.



Best Wishes for Christmas

This will be the final bulletin for 2014. A huge accolade to Max Holland for his outstanding efforts to produce this fine publication on a weekly basis. Good communication is import in every organisation, but particularly so in a Rotary Club where so many things are happening for our team of volunteers. Well done, Max.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for your generous contributions during 2014 and I look forward to when we get back together for our first meeting for 2015, on Monday 12th January.

Peter

