



Canterbury Tales

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Meeting

Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Bass Centre,
2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury
Unless otherwise stated in Diary

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President's Message

The New Year began with a warm welcome being extended to members and guests in attendance, Tom O'Dwyer and Kate McKillop from the Glen Iris Rovers and Reg Davis, a guest of Trevor Donkin. After dinner and fellowship, the formal proceeding of the Club Forum followed.

Firstly, Peter May distributed copies of the Annual Club Report for 2014-15 and acknowledged that the four key goals set at the beginning of the year were achieved thanks to the efforts and contributions of Club members, their spouses, partners and friends. These goals were;

- to nurture and preserve the unique spirit that exists in our Rotary Club,
- to empower the Club's Committees by giving them financial independence,
- to improve communications both within the Club and with our many Club contacts, and
- to improve the efficiency of Club Board Meetings, so they never take more than an hour.

A copy of Peter's Report is appended to this Bulletin and I think that all Club members can feel proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2014-15. Congratulations to Peter May for his leadership and enthusiasm and to all those who made these outcomes possible.

At the Changeover Dinner on the previous Monday, Peter presented Paul Harris Fellow Awards to Max Holland and John Braine with Bill Granger having a sapphire to added to his Paul Harris Award. Sue Clifford wasn't at the Changeover Dinner and so Peter was able to present a Paul Harris Fellow Award to Sue for her contribution and efforts last year as Chair of the Youth Committee. This committee has been revitalized by Sue and the enthusiastic committee members. This team has provided support to children and their families with special needs as well as arranging for youths to attend the National Science Forum and other enrichment and leadership programs. Also, Sue was acknowledged for her co-ordination of the Relay for Life, for supporting the front desk at meetings and for her own community activities supporting those in need, especially with her trips to Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.



Speaker and Activities Program

Monday July 13

Speaker: Helen Jurcevic (Women's Friendship Group Inc)
"Kanthi Village, Kenya - Walk for Water Update"

Monday July 20

Visit by ADG Therese McKenney

Monday July 27

Speaker: Dean Barnett - Member Behind the Badge

Visit by DG Julie Mason

Monday August 3

Partners Night: **Christmas in July**

Speaker: Cherrie Osborn

"District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Project"

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

July 12 - Bob Falconer, Ian Coopes, Gerry Cross

July 19 - Kyle Wightman, John McCaskill, Stephanie Mauger

July 26 - Annette Brownscombe, Brett Riley, Sue Clifford

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

The focus of the meeting then changed to the year ahead, the budgets approved by the Board for the Service Programs and the Club Administration were distributed. It was noted that pre-approval of some of the projects enable the committees to either commence new activities or continue with ongoing projects from the beginning of the year. All committees have an allocation for projects to be identified by the individual committee throughout the year and after their consideration seek approval from the Board. This allocation allows for flexibility for individual members or groups to request financial assistance for their particular area of interest, or guest speaker causes or disasters or newly developed programs.

These documents along with the membership roles will be available on Yammer for future reference. The financial reporting against the budgets will be provided to the full membership on a quarterly basis.

The meeting was then opened for discussion of issues and items by members. Reference was then made to the Guidelines for Project Request Evaluation and Club Budgeting and Financial Management Policy. I advised of the background to the development of these documents and those present were given the opportunity to discuss them. One member, expressed his concerns, as to the necessity and relevance of these documents and stated that there were inconsistencies with the Budgeting and Financial Management document with reference to the existing Club Constitution. He also noted that the wording and processes for the Project request Evaluation document required review. He recommended that the Board revisit these documents and even consider not adopting them at all.

I advised that his recommendations would be put to the Board. I acknowledged and appreciated his feedback and especially his professional expertise in regards to financial matters. It was reiterated that feedback and queries were always welcome from all members, as the door was always open to any member, who would like to approach the president or any board members to discuss matters arising at any time. Relevant matters would be given due consideration by the Board as a whole.

The goals have been set for 2015-16, the challenges have been put forward and the usual fun and fellowship will all ensure that the 2015-16 year ahead is both fruitful and rewarding for us all.

Enjoy your weekend and see you next Monday.

Nora

*Sue Clifford receiving her
Paul Harris Fellow Award from
Past President Peter May and
President Nora Ley*



The Next Speaker - Helen Jurcevic

Helen Jurcevic established the [Women's Friendship Group](#) (WFG) as an initiative aimed at overcoming social isolation of older women in the Manningham Municipality. The Group has women from 33 diverse cultures who regularly meet in friendship and harmony for either morning tea or lunch. The Group has guest presenters, it partners with the YMCA for exercise classes and craft classes, and it has active Domestic Social Justice programs.

The Group also has an International Social Justice program to provide money to help the 250 people in the village of Kanthi, Kenya. The village was served by a seasonal dam which would dry out in drought conditions. The women and girls of Kanthi had to walk 16 kilometres each day to fetch water from the piped district supply - this was a necessity and not a choice, with many of the girls forced to drop out of school. In 2011 the WFG initially supplied food maize to get the villagers over the toughest times. In 2012 the WFG was able to raise enough money to extend the water pipeline the 8 kilometres from the district supply to the village. Once the people had this supply of water they established greenhouses to grow tomatoes with the excess crop sold to invest in additional food. Recently further funds have been used to establish a nursery school and medical dispensary.

Helen will provide an update on the progress of the [Walk For Water](#) program for the village people of Kanthi, Kenya.





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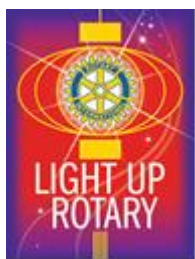
The Rotary Club of Camberwell is offering a truly unique experience: the chance to have a 40 x 55cm portrait painted in oil on canvas by the renowned Portrait Artist Cathy van Ee. The subject can be yourself, your spouse or partner, a parent, a friend, a child, a grandchild - really anyone (except an animal!).

The portrait will be painted over Cathy's 2 hour Artist's Demonstration Session on Saturday 18th July at the Camberwell Art Show (Advanced Technology Centre, Swinburne University, Burwood Rd, Hawthorn), and may require a final session held privately to finish the portrait to the high standard that Cathy requires.

The Rotary Club of Camberwell will be conducting a 7 day eBay Auction starting Thursday 9 July, with the item listed as **"Oil Painting-Personal Portrait by Cathy van Ee"**.

Please bid generously. If you do not have an eBay account, or are unfamiliar with the process, please ring Murray Anderson on 0457 000 407 (or email murray@capricorngroup.net.au) for assistance.





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Annual Club Report 2014-15

With four key goals at the start of the year being:

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I present the club report for 2014-15.

Community Service

It is incredible to look back at what this committee has achieved this year. Long term partnerships have been formed with:

- The Girl Guides Association in Boroondara;
- The Scouts Association in Boroondara and particularly with the John Gardiner Rover Crew;
- The Maling Road Business Association;
- Interchange Inner East;
- The Salvation Army in Camberwell;
- The Canterbury Neighbourhood House (still being developed).

A wonderful program of events in Maling Road has been planned for the year ahead. These are designed to bring families to the shopping strip and to raise the profile of our club and our various partners, with the local community.

This committee undertook the following projects this year:

- Financial support to Carrical house through Servants Community Housing;
- Assisting with the purchase of a trained therapy puppy for Max Cohn;
- Hands-on assistance with wicking beds, composting, plants and a hot-house for the kitchen garden project at Faversham House, Aged Care facility;
- Hands-on assistance to replace the fire-damaged water supply for Ashwood Gardens;
- Weekly support to students at Glenallen School and a class camp at Rotary's Camp Getaway;
- An annual staff scholarship for Belmore School;
- Financial assistance to open a vocational training cafe for Berengarra School;
- Financial assistance for disadvantaged students at Camberwell High School;
- Funding of 50% of the costs of English language classes for migrants through the Salvos;
- Vocational Mentoring for migrants seeking work, through our partnership with the Salvos;
- Provision of back-to-school Christmas packs for needy families through the Salvos;
- Financial assistance to Australian Rotary Health through speaker gifts at club meetings;
- The second year of the three-year commitment to fund research into a cure for Alzheimer's;
- Financial assistance to Les Twentyman's 20th Man Fund to assist street kids;
- Financial assistance to Insight to purchase a minibus for students with visual impairment;
- Financial assistance to the Smith Family Basic Education and Literacy project;
- Financial assistance to the state basketball team for young men with an intellectual disability;
- Financial assistance to the Cancer Council through our club's involvement with Relay for Life.



Kristkindl

In partnership with the Maling Road Business Association, our club provided a team of volunteers to help set up, run, and pack up the Maling Road Kristkindl for the local community last November. This is an excellent way for Rotarians to become better known in Canterbury. This was complemented by our involvement with 'Rotarians at Work' day in April when we promoted a public awareness seminar for prescription drug misuse in Boroondara. On this day we raffled a quilt made from neck ties our members had donated to the craft group at Basscare. This raised \$850 for prostate cancer research.

ANZAC Centenary

Many of our community service projects involve our members as volunteers without costing much, if anything at all from a club budget point of view. Our support of the centenary of ANZAC day was one such event. Around 40 members and friends acted as marshals for the commemoration march this year. Kyle Wightman worked hard to pull together our team for this important event.

Interchange Inner East

A highlight for many in the Community Service committee this year was our first official event that we ran in partnership with the John Gardiner Rover Crew from the 1st Glen Iris Scout Group and Interchange Inner East. Some 200 people attended a moonlight cinema evening for children with a disability and their carers. The Rovers cooked to feed the families, our club hired the twilight cinema equipment and generator, and the kids and their families had a wonderful, safe evening of entertainment at the IIE property in Canterbury.



Boroondara Cares Foundation

Our Rotary Club became a member of this foundation when it was created this year, out of the old Foundation Boroondara. Gerry Cross is our representative on the board. In the initial years, the foundation is building its funds, but soon it will be asking member clubs to take on the delivery of Community Service projects in Boroondara. The 'Chances for Children' Scholarships are being continued by the new foundation.

International Service

Our flagship international project is the Medical Mission to the Philippines. This was our 18th year of screening eyes and ears and we returned to the Province of Masbate. Tico Island was very poor, and we were very well received wherever we went to screen. It is hard to describe the joy it brings when one of your 'patients' regains their sight, or even more significantly, when they get to see for the first time in their lives. Here we learnt the true meaning of our motto, 'Service above Self' !

Doug Hawley excelled himself, once again, in managing our team of twenty volunteers. Members of the group got on really well with each other, even when the going got tough. There was never a cross word.



Whilst in Masbate, I was taken out into the rural area to see a previous project of our club, that was undertaken in partnership with the Rotary Club of Masbate and Plan International. Supporting the local economy through labour and materials, water filters were constructed, then situated near the shallow wells from which families drew their drinking water. The almost miraculous improvement in the health of the hundreds of people who had since had access to clean water, justified an additional investment by our club for another 100 water filters this year.

Back in Manila, we spent time with another Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Rizal West. Here we set the seeds for a joint project to feed some of the children and poor families at Christmas time. A few Aussie dollars go a long way in the Philippines.

Donations in Kind

Seeing the end results of our 'Donations in Kind' recycling project in the Philippines, made all those hours we spend packing hospital beds into sea containers in West Fitzroy worthwhile. Sister Salvina, a Catholic Nun, had built a new hospital for the poor in Masbate City. It was stocked full with recycled equipment sent by our Rotary Club from the hospitals of Melbourne, who would have otherwise sent all this to landfill. This year Gerry Cross sent another two sea containers full of kidney dialysis machines, dental chairs, hospital bedside tables and other donated equipment that had been requested. Our club also pays \$3,500 each year to help cover the rent of the DIK warehouse.



Professional Development for Australian Students

Each year we take four final-year Orthoptics students from La Trobe University to provide the diagnosis for the eye surgeons, from the patients that the Rotarians have screened. This year we took our first male student. Gareth was top of his course. Miranda, Jessica and Faren were all wonderful too. The vocational experience gained by these young medical professionals in this short period of time is unbelievable. They see things they might never see during their whole career in Australia.

International Projects

Our International Committee also funded the following projects this year:

- A Speech Therapy project in Cambodia, through Dr Chyrisse Heine;
- Sending four Nepalese orphans to school for the first time in their lives;
- Support for Interplast through our club's speaker gift program for guest speakers;
- Support for Operation Cleft through our club's speaker gift program;
- The purchase of several Family Survival packs from Disaster Aid Australia for Vanuatu;
- A clean water project for a school in Uganda

The Rotary Foundation

We were able to donate \$2,000 to the Rotary project to eradicate polio. Bill Gates turned this into \$6,000 through his foundation's agreement to donate \$2 for every dollar that Rotary donates until 2018. We were also able to give \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Youth Service

Our Youth Service committee has been the most active it has been in recent years. As we bring younger members into our club, these people have the patience and the passion to do good work with young people. This year we:

- selected and funded Jimmy Fan to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra;
- sponsored Claudia Plowright for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment;
- sponsored Beth Lane and Tyson O'Shea for the Model United Nations Assembly;
- co-sponsored seven Seeds of Peace Scholars to travel to Gallipoli for the ANZAC Centenary;
- sent funding to help our orphanage in Nepal repair their water supply and refrigeration plant;
- enabled 24 young people to attend our club meetings to learn about Rotary;



We need to keep working with our Seeds of Peace Scholars beyond their trip last April. Alison, Harriet, Vignesh, Rory, Joseph, Toby and Zephan will make outstanding Rotarians one day. Our seeds require nurture and support as they complete their studies, so they can put all they have learnt through their Rotary peace studies into practice.

Vocational Service

Our Club was honoured to have Past President John McCaskill as the District 9800 Chair for Group Study Exchange this year. We partnered with the Rotary Club of Camberwell to be the first hosts of the inbound team from Mississippi/Louisiana in the USA. It was a rewarding experience for Kate and Gerry Cross, Gail and Andrew Mastrowicz and Liz and John McCaskill to host these young professionals. Thank you to all members who assisted with the vocational visits that were organised during their week with us. The outbound team of four young Australian professionals returned with the Americans to experience a similar quality of hospitality from their hosts.



Next year, the exchange is to be with the Philippines. This is a remarkable vocational program.

Club Service

It takes many members doing their bit, to make this club run as well as it does. This year Val Cunniffe did an outstanding job running our meetings, raising over \$1,600 through her games and fines sessions. Part of this was donated to the Police Blue Ribbon Appeal and the rest used to provide the jazz band and the drinks for the annual club change over dinner.

Fund Raising



Tony Simpson is to be congratulated once again for ensuring our club fields its full complement of volunteers for the Camberwell Sunday Market. Thank you to all members and club supporters who raised over \$50,000 this year by bearing all weather conditions to collect those gold coin donations.

Graham Bishop's Aussie Pride fund raising efforts were greatly enhanced this year. Val Cunniffe joined the team to focus on introducing the badge to Australian Schools and Bob Falconer is working on growing the sales to new Local Government customers. The size of the badge was increased; a new full-colour backing card designed; the website was redeveloped, along with new information sheets for marketing; and customers can now pay online via credit card. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the mail outs of hundreds of sample badges to schools.

With a shortfall in the expected income from the Camberwell market and from the Aussie Pride badges, our club had to withdraw \$15,000 from our term deposit in order to cover the approved projects for this year. Bad weather and an increase in the number of volunteer collectors reduce our share from the

markets. We have budgeted for an increase in Aussie Pride profits by around \$6,000 for the year ahead.

Membership

We welcomed Matt Miller and Dean Barnett to membership of our club this year. However, we lost four members making it a nett loss of two. Well done to Rob Simpson for introducing Dean and to Trevor Donkin for introducing Reg Davis who should join our club in the new Rotary year, after he recovers from his knee operation.

Our club needs more active members to be able to share the load of all we achieve each year. If the Balwyn club can bring in 18 new members, there is a great challenge for our new membership committee for the year ahead.

Communication

Considerable work has been undertaken this year to improve communication for our club members:

- table cards at each meeting show the planned events for the month ahead;
- committee reports have been presented to the club, rather than only to the club board;
- information is provided in our Club Bulletin each week;
- information that is only for members has been provided each week in the email that carries the club bulletin;
- all club forms and information is filed in committee groups using Microsoft's online private social networking site, Yammer;
- all members have a club email address that is easy for everyone to remember.

Club event management has been simplified through the use of Try Booking for ticket sales. It makes it much easier for guests to make payments via their credit card when they book.

The free MailChimp online email marketing application allows our club to more effectively manage communications with almost 300 club contacts. People can sign up and unsubscribe themselves.

Social Events

Another fantastic year due to the hard work and attention to detail of Lynn Steel, Helen Harnett, Keith Thompson, Graham Bishop, Alan Stevens, Nora Ley, Val Cunniffe and Judy May. Special events were:

- A Christmas in July at the MCC Kew Sports Club with lots of games and fun;
- A movie night at the Rivoli with dinner at the Cafe Paradiso;
- A tour of the Fareshare facility in Richmond with dinner in a nearby restaurant;
- A 'Horsing Around' social night at the time of the Melbourne Cup;
- A very well attended Christmas barbecue in Canterbury Gardens for our supporters;
- A visit to the Shrine or Remembrance with the Rotary Club of Richmond;
- The Second Best Marigold Hotel at the Balwyn theatre to raise funds for Polio;
- A car rally that almost caused family violence as turnings were missed, but ended with a delightful picnic in a park at Mt Martha;
- An amazing weekend at Port Fairy with a special dinner at the famous Stag Restaurant;
- And of course, our annual change over dinner with Beverly Sheehan and the crazy hats.



Lunchers, Cyclists and Morning Walkers



One of the great features of this club is the great friendships on which it is based. Members ride their bikes together every week, walk their dogs together a couple of mornings a week and meet for a weekly lunch at a local restaurant. Past members stay in touch with their club by participating in these activities too.

Thanks you to Max Holland and David Zrna for their organisation of these social events.

Speaker Program

Bill Granger earned every sparkle in his Paul Harris Sapphire through the outstanding job he did managing our speaker program for the past two years.

Some of the highlights were:

- PP Jill Keefe – Developments in Ophthalmology, prior to our 18th Medical Mission;
- Les Twentymen – The Problems among our youth and the challenge in assisting them to succeed;
- Dan Mori – Maj Dan Mori's Story – In the Company of Cowards;
- Gemma Sisia – The School of St Jude in Tanzania;
- Beverly Sheehan – My Life in Music as a Jazz Singer;
- Thorold Merrett – Australian Rules Football.



Club Meetings

A great deal of work goes into each club meeting. Menus and attendance numbers are exchanged with the caterer before the day; the running sheet and table cards are planned and printed; the hall has to be set up for the meeting; drinks are delivered from the bottle shop; members man the attendance table to collect meal payments; then after the meeting, all needs to be packed away; the cash reconciled and the funds deposited in the bank. It takes many hands and it all happens every week.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the incredible job Russell Hoath has undertaken, looking after many of these tasks largely on his own, for around 10 years – incredible service to our club.

We purchased a new roving microphone to enable everyone to hear the questions and for when we have multiple speakers.

This year we allowed for a minor speaker at the start of each meeting; an entertainment session to raise a few dollars after dinner / fellowship time; then the main guest speaker. After question time, we had a short session for matters in the interest of Rotary. This provided a more relaxed pace where we only ran over time when we had a particularly interesting speaker where there were loads of questions that held the interest of the club.

Member Recognition

Paul Harris Fellow Awards were made to:

- Rob Simpson – for this life saving actions in identifying dental emergencies in children in the Philippines;
- Max Holland – for his dedication in producing such a quality weekly club bulletin and for organising the weekly club cycling excursions to interesting locations all over Melbourne;
- John Braine – for outstanding service as Club Secretary and assisting wherever needed in running club meetings;
- Bill Granger (Sapphire) – for an incredible speaker program over five years.



The annual perpetual trophy for the club's 'Rotarian of the Year' was again awarded to Michael Chong. Not only does Michael do an outstanding job as Community Service Director, but he spends a great deal of his time outside the club in volunteer roles that help people in need.

Rotary Community Radio Show



Fifty three shows were produced and broadcast this year by the eight trained producers. This included an outdoor broadcast from the Boroondara Farmers' Market. This year, five portable recorders were purchased to enable prerecording for shows and to assist with podcasts. Thank you to all club members who made the effort to be part of a show this year.

District Conference

Held at the Wrest Point Conference Centre in Hobart this year, the District Conference was well worth attending. All members should consider the short trip up to Bendigo for the next conference in March 2016.



Club Board

Club President	Peter May
Vice President	John McCaskill
President Elect	Nora Ley
Club Secretary	John Braine
Club Treasurer	Kay Gulenc
Director Community Service	Michael Chong
Director International Service	David Chudasko
Director Club Service	Graham Bishop

The eight members of our club board are tasked with the job of running the business side of our incorporated organisation. They met monthly to attend to the matters from which most Rotarians prefer to be shielded. Club rules, financial audits, annual returns to state government and Rotary, risk management plans, minutes and agendas, are not what attracts people to join our club.

This year we were able to cut the length of board meeting to under an hour each month. This was achieved by:

- requiring agenda items to be registered with the Club Secretary several days prior to the meeting;
- not having committee reports to the board. These were presented to the club in the minor speaker slots;
- Approving the major budget items before the start of the year so that only items of exception ever needed to be discussed.

Over fifty motions were debated and passed at eleven club board meetings throughout the year.

Conclusions

It's been a very busy year for the club. We overspent the budget, but only slightly. It was wonderful to see some of the past signature activities come back, like the car rally and the Port Fairy social weekend. We can all look forward to an exciting time at the next social weekend in Beechworth next November.

I'm confident that we were successful with my four goals from the start of this report.

We certainly changed a lot of lives – and that's really why we exist. Thank you to everyone who played a part in all we achieved.

Peter May
Club President 2014-15