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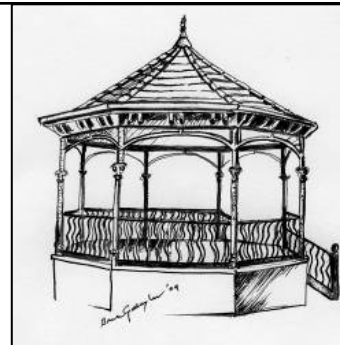
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Meeting

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
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**prior to 10AM Monday*

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Advise Gerry of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

**3WBC
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Backtracks: Recollections of Remarkable Australians

Last Monday evening Dr Joely Taylor spoke to Club members about oral history and her self-published book *Backtracks: Recollections of Remarkable Australians*. The book is the end result of an oral history project where Joely interviewed four people and wrote a chapter about each of their lives. Each chapter focused on an event of particular importance in Australia's history.



Joely Taylor

Joely is a freelance writer and editor. With a background in forestry, and a scientific career spanning fifteen years, Joely enjoys the challenge of researching people and the past. Originally from the Appalachian Mountains in the United States, Joely has combined her love of oral history with her scientific background to create engaging books about Australia's history and people. She is a member of Editors Victoria, an Accredited Editor with the Institute of Professional Editors Limited and a member of Oral History Victoria. Joely has also written *Let Sanity Prevail: The History of Timber Towns Victoria*, and a number of other book chapters and magazine articles.

Joely's talk included readings from the book, as well as playing some of the original oral history recordings of the people in the book. She also discussed the process of an oral history project and of self-publishing. She provided a short synopsis of the people in the four chapters of the book as follows:

Captain Donald L Garnham was a hundred-year-old Cape Horner who lived in Hobart, Tasmania. Don has worked on, and around, ships all his life. His voyage, at the age of nineteen in 1935, aboard the four-masted *Herzogin Cecilie*, is immortalised in a painting by the Australian maritime artist Dennis Adams. Donald degaussed ships during WW2 and also recalled the day Harold Holt went missing, and the Tasman Bridge disaster.

Jean Nysen (McKenzie), who is now ninety-three, served in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service during World War II at Molonglo. Her stories about the Australian Navy extended from her own service in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, WRANS, to that of her brother, who was aboard the HMAS *Canberra* when it was sunk, and her father, who sailed aboard the HMAS *Australia* the first time the Royal Australian Navy fleet entered Sydney Harbour after King George V granted the Commonwealth Naval Forces the title of 'Royal Australian Navy' in 1911.

Joely's favourite story of Jean is when she recalled the midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour, an event in which her brother was involved. During the night the HMAS *Kuttabul* had been sunk and the funnel was just sticking up above the water. Jean was on the Manly ferry to work the following morning and they sailed past without anyone noticing the funnel. It wasn't until the following day that the general public found out what had happened during the night.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday February 6
Monday February 13

Monday February 20

Speaker: Malcolm Baird, **"Slavery, what can Rotarians do?"**, Chair: Ted Wagehorne
Speaker: David Davis MLC, **"Safe Schools Program, proposals and concerns"**,
Chair: Bill Granger
Dinner Meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at Richmond
Speaker: Prof Clive Newton, **"The Bionic Spine and other medical break-throughs"**

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

February 5 - Val Cuniffe, Alan Stevens, Greg Vero/Hellen Hartnett
February 12 - Kyle Wightman, Doug Hawley, Rosemary Waghorne/Ted Wagehorne
February 19 - Neil Williams, John Richards, Steve Wylie
February 26 - Edward Gwee, Max Holland, Lili-Ann Kreigler

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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Backtracks - Continued

Tommy Watson, who is currently Chairman of IncoLink in Melbourne, was working at the West Gate Bridge on the day it collapsed in 1970. His experience that day led him to a thirty-three year career battling for worker conditions and safety through the unions. Tommy served as Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the CFMEU for about four years and Construction President of the CFMEU for five years.

Sparra from Yarra, otherwise known as **Ray Weygood**, travels around northern Victoria on his horse-drawn caravan. From Yarrowonga, Sparra spends most of his summers on the road, despite the fact he has lost most of his eyesight. Sparra is from a trucking family and recalled carting emus across the Nullarbor, and the difficulties truckies faced in early years when they weren't allowed to compete against the Victorian Railways when carting goods.

Joely's Custom Publishing website is www.billycanpress.com.au.

President's Message

Last Monday night we had a very interesting talk by Dr Joely Taylor, a freelance writer and editor. Joely has published a book, "Backtracks: Recollections of Remarkable Australians". She said that this book was largely written from collections of oral histories that she had gathered by talking to many interesting people. We were able to hear some of the recordings of the people interviewed as they told their stories, including about the day the Westgate Bridge fell down and going around Cape Horn in a 4 masted sailing ship. Hearing history as an actual story was so much more interesting and memorable than just reading it as a collection of facts.

Ms Yuka Kamata

Last Monday we also had a visit by Ms Yuka Kamata from the Niigata Bandai Rotary Club in District 2560 in Japan. Yuka is a 2016-2017 Rotary Foundation District Grants Scholar who is in Australia to learn English. She brought a greeting from her Club and District and exchanged a banner from her Club with our Club. We hope to see her again before she goes back to Japan.

Regaining Momentum

It was good to see our past member, Keith Thompson, joining us again for the meeting. It was also great to see Trevor Donkin back after his time in Hospital.

The Club seems to be regaining its momentum again after the Christmas and New Year holiday break. We had a very good attendance at our meeting last Monday. We have the Interchange Inner East Twilight Cinema Night, the Busy Feet Program, the volunteering at pronunciation classes with the Salvation Army, the Rotary Op Shop in Camberwell and the Donations In Kind program all happening or about to happen.

With respect to the Rotary Op Shop, Gerry informed us that the shop is operating very well and profitably; however, they are looking for more donated items to sell including household "knick-knacks", Gerry said this even included any spare crystal chandeliers that you may have!! Contact Gerry if you can help.

Welcome and Farewell Luncheon

There will be a Welcome Luncheon for the Group Vocational Exchange (GVE) team arriving from District 3820 in the Philippines, and the event will also be a Farewell Luncheon for our GVE team who are going to the same District.

The luncheon will be held on Sunday 12 February from 12 noon to mid-afternoon at Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond Street, Balwyn North. It will be catered food at \$30 per person - the menu is 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee. Barrista coffee and soft drink available to purchase with BYO alcohol. A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

The catering will be done by the North Balwyn Rotary Club who are quite expert at this having done it at the Grand Prix and other major events in Melbourne. "Want to know what GVE stands for and is all about? Want a day of fun, fellowship and familiarisation?" Then join with "the RC North Balwyn in their inimitable style and an event showcasing much more than just alfresco cooking and enjoying!"

I will be going. Please let me know by next Monday if you would like to join me, as I need to advise the North Balwyn Club of the number of people from our Club that will be attending.





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President's Message - Continued

2017 District 9800 Conference at Shepparton

The 2017 District 9800 Conference will be held from 30th March to 1st April in Shepparton. The Conference this year is not over a full weekend, it starts at 5:00pm Thursday and finishes at 2:30pm Saturday.

It would be great if we could have a good attendance like we did last year at Bendigo. In my experience, District Conferences are always difficult to commit to because there are always reasons not to go and there is always next year to do so. However, once at the Conference I can assure you that you will have a great time. The Conferences are socially very enjoyable with a great program organised. You also hear very stimulating talks by both Rotarians and non-Rotarians. The Conferences are particularly good for new members to attend as they will see Rotary in a far broader context than just at the local Club level. I know that whenever I have left a District Conference in the past I feel proud that I am member of Rotary because of the many wonderful and far reaching projects being performed every day all over the world that I have heard about at the Conference. Please see me if you are a possible starter at the Conference so that we can arrange accommodation.

The Monday Night Speaker Program

We have a wonderful Speaker Program over the next five weeks. Next Monday night, Malcolm Baird will speak on "Slavery, what can Rotarians do?" Then on 13 February we have David Davis MLC who will talk on the "Safe Schools Program, proposals and concerns". Following this on 20 February we will have a combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at which the speaker will be Professor Clive Newton who will talk on "The Bionic Spine and other Medical Breakthroughs".

On February 27, we will have Laureate Professor Adrienne Clarke AC talk to us on "Experiences of a Scientist in Business and Government". Amongst many achievements, Adrienne is former chairman of CSIRO (1991-1996), a former Lieutenant Governor of Victoria (1997-2000) and Chief Scientist Victoria. She has also achieved a great deal in business having been on the Boards of Woolworths, Western Mining and Fisher Paykel Health for several years. She also has floated a small biotech company on the stock exchange that has performed very well. She is a wonderful speaker and we are very privileged to have her come to our Club.

Finally, we have the report of our 20th Medical Mission to the Philippines on 6 March.

I have taken a bit of time to bring to your attention the meetings that we will be having in the immediate future. They will all be great and well organised by Alan Stevens, so please keep your diaries free so that you can attend, you won't be disappointed.

Doug

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30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**



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The Next Speaker - Malcolm Baird

Malcolm Baird is a member of the Rotary Club of Brighton North. In 2009 he attended the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham and became aware of the Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery. Since that time he has been exploring the subject and feels Australian Rotarians could further assist the plight of millions subject to slavery and child slavery.

We think of slavery being in the past when the English needed raw cotton to feed the cotton mills of Lancashire. They took the woven cloth to Africa by ship, picked up a cargo of slaves and delivered them to the southern states of the US, then took raw cotton back to Manchester. But slavery started centuries before and has grown ever since. There are more people in slavery now than there have ever been. The 'Free the Slaves' analysis reveals the number of people in slavery today at approximately 36 million with statistics coming from the International Labour Organization.

Malcolm will raise your awareness of the extent of the issue and explain what are the international trends - he will talk about the question of What Can Rotarians Do?

The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary Lunchers lunch will be at the "Harp of Erin Hotel" in Kew East.

From the zomato reviews: "Old school pub grub done very well. Bangers and mash a winner. Staff are very friendly. Service at lunch was great." "Steak and veggie pie was one of the best I've had, and the parma was pretty solid too." "Busy at lunchtime for it's reasonably priced food, which is freshly prepared and excellent."

The address is 636 High Street, Kew East on the corner with Harp Road. The lunch will be on Wednesday 8th February at 12:30pm. A Seniors Lunch is available from \$15.

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

