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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 Mal of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

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President's Message

We had an excellent roll-up at the vocational visit to David Chudasko's business, Chad Group, last Monday evening. The business was originally started by David's father, Harry, and was primarily in plaster products. Incidentally, before that Harry worked as an engineer at VicRoads as a work colleague of charter member, Peter Evans. Since its early beginnings the business has expanded in a multitude of directions with sale of not only plaster componentry but now also into residential and commercial building contracting, building fixture and fittings, facades, cladding, insulation, paints and rendering materials including their manufacture. I think all of our heads were spinning when we recognised the scale and complexity of the business and David's intimate knowledge of every little detail about it. Thanks David for making the effort to show us around your business.

There is one thing more I can't help but reflect upon. We saw a much different David during our visit to what we sometimes see at Rotary. David brings a lightness and a unique sense of humour at our meetings which we all greatly appreciate. But to see him explaining details of his business with such expertise in a serious way, but still with a lightness when required, showed another facet of his personality which was also great to observe. I can see him progressing to not only claiming to be the Best President of our Club but also for Chad to be the Best Business in Melbourne. He is certainly a unique individual and we are fortunate to have him as a member.



The Port Fairy Social Weekend

On 5th to 7th May our Club will have a social weekend away at Port Fairy. An optional program has been organised. Please make an effort to come as you won't be disappointed. Not all members of our Club have been on one of our weekends away and it would be great if we had several first timers on the weekend. We have had several visits to Port Fairy over the years. It has always been great and a highlight of the year. However, we need to book the accommodation for this year urgently. Fifteen rooms have been reserved at Seacombe House and these will be allocated as reservations come in.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday April 3

Speaker: Carolyn Pethick, *"To Hell and Back - A Policewoman's Story"*,

Chair: Val Cuniffe

Monday April 10

"You be the Judge" interactive educational session with Chris Gill as facilitator from the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council. **Please note the earlier start of 5:30 for 6:00pm.**

Monday April 17

Easter Monday - no meeting

Monday April 24

Speaker: Nataša Kampmark, *"Australian Studies at European Universities"*

Chair: Bill Granger

Sunday April 30

30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Canterbury Celebration

Monday April 31

No meeting

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

April 2 - Anne Josefsberg, David Zrna, John MacCaskill/Carmela Dimasi

April 9 - Oubada El-Ali, Michael Chong, Gerry Cross

April 16 - Graham Bishop, Ander Pederson, Greg Vero/TBA

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

30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Canterbury

While on the subject of bookings, our Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and the Centenary of the Rotary Foundation is coming up on the Sunday afternoon of 30 April from 1:30 to 4:30pm at the Box Hill Golf Club. We are inviting Past Members, Friends of Rotary, fellow Rotarians and others who have had an involvement with our Club in some way. It is quite important that we also get a good attendance of our current Club members. It will be a wonderful afternoon with only a few speeches and plenty of opportunity to catch up with past members and to reflect upon the special projects and events that our Club has participated in over the last 30 years. Please pencil in the date and time in your diary. Also please let me know anyone else you think would welcome an invitation to the Celebration.

Having introduced the 30th Anniversary Celebration, I must now explain a problem that I had in sending out the Anniversary invitations to you. You would have observed that you received two invitations within minutes of each other. Somehow, but undoubtedly due to my incompetence, a draft invitation was sent to you first. While most of the information it contained was correct, it did not contain the necessary link to the TryBooking payment site. The second invitation is the correct one and it contains the TryBooking payment link for the [30th Anniversary Celebrations](#).

Doug



The Next Speaker - Carolyn Pethick

Carolyn Pethick retired from the Victoria Police Force after nearly thirty years of service. She enjoyed much of her time during those thirty years and believes the police force is a great career. Over the past few years it has become a great career for women who are now mostly treated as equals to the male members. She often recommends it as a great challenging career for women when she gives talks to many different groups. When she joined, only approximately fourteen percent of the police force were women. This number has now grown to about forty percent.

In her book "To Hell and Back – A Policewoman's Story" she shows some of the horrific conditions policewomen had to work through during the early years. Ultimately, this is a story about one person's struggle to say and do the right thing, to follow procedure, no matter what the eventual cost to herself and her career.



The Longest Melanoma March

I was excited to be part of The Longest Melanoma March last Saturday when I walked 25km from Medowie to Newcastle. It was an early start setting off with the ringing of the bell just before 8am.

I was walking with Jay Allen who was up to Day 21 of the walk from Brisbane to Sydney and was still going strong! Also walking the morning section were Karen, Corinne and Michelle. Karen is part of the support crew... she lost her best friend to Melanoma 5 years ago. Corinne lost her father 9 years ago to the disease. She was supported by her best friend Michelle. We all had our reasons for walking and we were all passionate about raising awareness around prevention of Melanoma and raising funds for research into this disease.

The weather was finally kind after weeks of rain up north. I ended my section of the walk crossing the Stockton Bridge in Newcastle which was a real highlight with a terrific view of the city! It was an amazing feeling to be part of such a great fundraising and awareness raising campaign. I'm pleased to have played my part in it.

Thanks to the many Club members who have supported this cause. So far I have been able to raise over \$2,600 to contribute to the grand total so far of over \$200,000! It is not too late to donate by clicking the link thelongestmelanomamarch.gofundraise.com.au/page/CathieMacmillan!

Cathie



Thursday with the Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the "Trinitas Thai Restaurant", 955 Burke Road, Camberwell on **Thursday** 6th April 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 has an air of sophistication with mood lighting, jazz music playing softly and simple photos on the wall of the ingredients.

The Trinitas Thai Restaurant is fully licensed or you can BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming anz47@iinet.com.au or 0467 033 092.