

# **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 \*prior to 10AM Monday

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The Rotary Radio Show Fridays 6pm to 8pm 3WBC 94.1 FM

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### Slavery - So What Can Rotarians Do?

Most Australians have no idea that there are probably more people enslaved in the world now than there ever has been. An independent body working against slavery the Walk Free Foundation defines modern slavery as one person possessing or controlling another person in such a way as to significantly deprive that person of their individual liberty, with the intention of exploiting that person through their use, profit, transfer or disposal.



Malcolm Baird

Walk Free recently estimated there were more than 45 million enslaved people, with 68% subject to forced labour, nearly 1 in 3 detected victims of slavery is a child, over half the victims of slavery are women and girls with over 4 million victims of forced sexual exploitation. "They may be held in debt bondage on fishing boats, held against their will as domestic servants or trapped in brothels by threats of violence. Though every country has declared it illegal, modern slavery in these and many other forms still exists today." Slaves have had their liberty deprived and are forced to work for very little or no pay and often in appalling conditions.

Although slavery is illegal in every country, human trafficking is said to be the second most lucrative commodity for organised crime. Walk Free estimates that slavery generates US\$150 billion in illegal profits per year. It is known that slave labour contributes to at least 136 goods from 74 countries.

The 5 countries with the most slaves are India, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Uzbekistan. Fortunately, in Australia, police and other authorities prosecute offenders. But this is not always the case in other countries where authorities may be lenient or ignore what is happening, particularly because of the illegal profits involved.

Whilst the UN has a Resolution to abolish slavery, Malcolm's view is that Rotary and Rotarians can do much more to help. He proposed a number of things we could do: -

- Create awareness of slavery across Rotary, amongst friends and business colleagues.
- Support efforts to improve education, health and water sanitation and village economics in the poorest of nations where slavery is prevalent.
- Influence corporations to use the website KnowTheChain and ensure their supplies do not contain slavery.

Malcolm also thought "abolishing slavery" could be the next main Rotary endeavour to follow the current cause of "eliminating Polio". He suggested Rotary International should seek ideas from say the 5 or 10 countries where slavery is most prevalent about projects that could reduce slavery in their country that Rotary Clubs could then support. You can subscribe to receive a regular newsletter from the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery at ragas.online.

### **Speaker and Activities Program**

Speaker: David Davis MLC, "Safe Schools Program, proposals and concerns", Monday February 13

Chair: Bill Granger

Monday February 20 Dinner Meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at Richmond

Speaker: Prof Clive Newton May, "The Bionic Spine and other medical break-throughs" Speaker: Laureate Professor Adrienne Clarke AC, "Experiences of a Scientist in Business Monday February 27

and Government", Chair: Doug Hawley

### Sunday Market 7am - 1pm

February 12 - Neil Williams, Doug Hawley, Rosemary Waghorne/Ted Wagehorne February 19 - Kyle Wightman, 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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### **Rotary Action Group Against Slavery**

Victorian Representative: Tony Stokes, D9810, Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

#### International

Rotarians Against Group Against Slavery ragas.online International Justice Mission Free The Slaves Walk Free Movement Amnesty International Anti Slavery International Alliance to End Slavery & Trafficking

Know The Chain

Not For Sale Stop The Traffik

#### Australia

The Freedom Partnership International Justice Mission Hagar

Destiny Rescue, rescuing Children

www.ijm.org

www.freetheslaves.net www.walkfree.org www.amnesty.org/en www.antislavery.org/english endslaveryandtrafficking.org www.knowthechain.org

notforsalecampaign.org www.stopthetraffik.org/uk

www.endslavery.salvos.org.au www.ijm.org.au

www.hagar.org.au

www.destinyrescue.org/aus

#### YouTube and TED Talk Videos

Gary Haugen, Rotary International Convention Seoul Until All Are Free: How to End Slavery in Our Lifetime

Kevin Bales - *How to Combat Modern Slavery* 

Free The Slaves - *Becoming a Slavery-Free Business* Removing Slavery from Product Supply Chain

Amnesty International - This is what we die for: Child Labour in the DRC cobalt mines

Slavery - A Global Investigation, Part 1 of 6 Part 1 will link to Part 2, etc.



## **President's Message**

Last Monday night our speaker, Malcolm Baird from the Rotary Club of Brighton North, shocked us all a little when he gave us an insight into the modern day slavery that exists in the world, including even in Australia. It was bad enough to hear of adults in slavery, but to also hear of the extent of exploitation of children was challenging to say the least.

Malcolm not only gave us details of slavery in all its forms he also gave us some ways that Rotarians could play a role in overcoming slavery. These included addressing it at its root cause, which is extreme poverty with the only apparent way out of it being for victims to allow themselves to be exploited. The Adopt a Village Programme that many Rotary Clubs participate in is successful in helping provide economic alternatives for villagers. Malcolm also felt that Rotarians could play an educative role at the other end of the spectrum by informing consumers that their purchase of certain products is creating the demand that indirectly supports slavery. Please click on the website links and the video links above for more information about slavery today.

## The Next Four Speakers

Don't forget our next meetings as they will be highlights of the year. David Davis MLC will talk on the "Safe Schools Program, proposals and concerns" next Monday night. Following this on February 20, we will have a combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Richmond at which the speaker will be Professor Clive Newton May who will talk on "The Bionic Spine, and other Medical Breakthroughs in Medical Science". On February 27, we will have Laureate Professor Adrienne Clarke AC talk to us on "Experiences of a Scientist in Business and Government". Finally, we have the report of our 20th Medical Mission to the Philippines on March 6. Don't forget to bring your friends to these meetings as this will be an opportunity for them to learn new things and be informed by our speakers, as well as, a good way to introduce them to Rotary.

Doug

# The Next Speaker - David Davis MLC

David Davis MLC has been a Liberal member of the Victorian Legislative Council since 1996, representing East Yarra Province (until it was abolished) and the Southern Metropolitan Region since 2006. David's academic background includes a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Diploma in Arts (Applied Philosophy). From 2010-2014 David served as Minister for Health and Minister for Ageing.

David is now the Shadow Minister for Planning, Local Government & Equality. He will talk about the Safe Schools Program, proposals and concerns.







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## BusyFeet Boroondara now has a Facebook Page

The 2017 BusyFeet Boroondara program started on Wednesday 1 February at the Hawthorn Town Hall venue. The number of children has now increased ten children which means that more volunteers are involved. It was particularly pleasing to welcome three new undergraduate student volunteers from the Occupational Therapy course. If you want more details about the program please click on our **BusyFeet Boroondara** website link.

BusyFeet Boroondara now has a Facebook Page www.facebook.com/busyfeetboroondara, so please go there and post your likes.



## **International Womens's Day Breakfast 2017**

Early Bird bookings for the Rotary landmark International Woman's Day breakfast ends February 12, so join the celebrations and book online here. An associated purpose of the event is to apply all net proceeds to specific charities, last year the \$50,000 raised went to local, national and Asian developing causes.





MC Tom Gleisner Writer, producer, performer





International Women's Day | Wednesday 8th March 2017

BREAKFAST 2017 The Palladium Crown Melbourne Start 6.50 for 700am start

TOP PANEL INCLUDES- Tom Gleisner, Sara James, David Thodey Robert Stary, Susan Alberti and Elida Brereton