

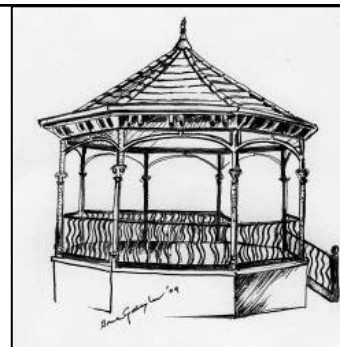


Canterbury Tales

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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](#)
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Apologies

[Notify Meeting Apology](#)

**prior to 10AM Friday*

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Advise Graham of a long absence

The Rotary Radio Show

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

**3WBC
 94.1 FM**

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Beekeeping ... a globally important subject

Monday 20th August was a significant event for our Club as we hosted almost 70 people to learn more about the importance of bees to our environment sustainability and food sources. We learned about the seriousness and global significance of the threats to the bee population and we also saw firsthand the passion and joy experienced by beekeepers.

In a hectic and very 'full on' meeting program, Pat Armstrong was introduced by Susie Cole from the Rotary Club of Prahran. Pat outlined the role of ESRA (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group ... website www.esrag.org) and their charter to protect and promote the environment and sustainability as part of Rotary International.

Faye Kirkwood was then introduced. Faye is the current President (for the third time) of the Rotary Club of Caulfield and very proud active member of the Doncaster based [Beekeepers Club](#). They have several hundred members including Faye's husband and fellow apiarist Ian and five others who were present at the meeting. Faye talked about her joy and pride in being a beekeeper and she spoke in detail of what is involved in beekeeping. Her enthusiasm and passion was obvious and very infectious to all in the room. She also made a delicious honey cake (recipe below) shared around all tables. She also brought samples of the Doncaster Club honey plus a jar as a gift in the quiz. Faye said the Doncaster Club would be pleased to work alongside Rotarians who want to put in a hive or learn more about beekeeping. What a great partnership that is, whereby their knowledge, encouragement and expertise can help us get started with such an interesting and enjoyable pastime. Faye was supported by Jennifer McInnes, another Club member and owner/ manager of the well known Hells Breath business in Abbotsford (chilli and spice specialists). Jennifer put out a plea for homes for two hives currently being relocated ... several of our members and guests spoke with her after the meeting.

John Sipek is the Mayor of Moonee Valley City Council and, together with his knowledgeable and delightful City Compliance Manager, Pedro Lopez, talked about the amazing initiatives they have taken to encourage bees in the municipality. They have many hives and even provide hives to the Mornington Peninsular. They have strong education programs for residents and schoolchildren about bees, pollination and the right plants to growth to encourage bees ... even nature strip planting is encouraged. Also, education includes information on using steam weeders rather than herbicides that can often hurt bees. John wants to encourage and lead these programs to be implemented by all municipalities in Australia ... exactly the sort of thing that we want to do within Rotary. Pedro demonstrated and passed around some bee hotels for native bees made by Rotary supported Men's Sheds in Moonee Valley.

A bee hotel for native bees made from fence paling offcuts and bamboo stakes. Click the [Gardening Australia](#) link for details about native bees and constructing a bee hotel.



Speaker and Activities Program

Monday September 3
 Monday September 10
 Monday September 17
 Monday September 24

Speaker: Susie Cole, *"Rotary in Asia - a recent snapshot"*
 Speaker: Janelle Fuller, *"The evolution of women in policing, my 30 year journey"*
 Speaker: Dr Julie Walsh, *"Female Coaches in Professional Sport ... what is all the fuss about?"*
Visit by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

September 2 - Cathie MacMillan, John McCaskill/Greg Vero, Gillian Swinnerton (+Gerry Cross)
 September 9 - Michael Chong, Sarah Prossor, Maria Thomanoska (+Janet Hay)
 September 16 - Jenni Nankervis, Steve Wylie, Chris James/Kathleen Stapleton (+Tony Laycock)

Contact Janet Hay for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0411 411 732

Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays \$50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof.

Beekeeping ... continued

There was a very strong audience response and many excellent questions directed to the panel of speakers at the conclusion of the night. Pat Armstrong has urged us all to band together and present our story at the Multi District Conference in March next year. John Sipek and his team plus others have expressed strong support for this idea and willingness to participate in this collective action. In addition, John and Pedro very generously offered to gift six small bee hotels to our Club so members and recipients can start by keeping native bees locally.

On top of all this, there was a very amusing fun quiz involving all present with multiple choice answers to questions on bees and beekeeping. The winner was our own Keith Thompson who took home the beautiful beehive cake, baked only the previous day by Liz McCaskill, who also prepared lovely small samples of Canelé de Bordeaux ... appreciated by many. We thank Liz for the cake and Faye for the honey cake treats and honey samples tasted by many members and guests. By popular request the recipe for Faye's honey cake is below.

On behalf of our Club, we thank all who helped make this night such a great success ... it was an important, informative, enjoyable and memorable evening.

John McCaskill



The Beehive Cake



Canelé de Bordeaux

Faye Kirkwood's Honey Cake Recipe

2 eggs
cup sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bi-carb soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cloves
tablespoons cocoa
cup S.R. flour
cup plain flour
cup boiling water



Optional (I added them) $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mixed spice and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon.

Mix eggs with sugar, add oil, honey, soda, cloves, cocoa and flours (mixed spice and cinnamon). Lastly add boiling water. I always line the bottom of the tin.

Bake for 1 – 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours (I keep an eye on it as it can burn around the edges quite easily).

Backyard Beekeeping

Interested in beginning with bees in your backyard but not sure how and where to begin? Join Bec, from Bec's Beehive, in this introductory session covering hive set up requirements, legalities, seasonal expectations and all you need to know of what is involved in keeping bees in suburban Melbourne. It's all the buzzzzzz!

Bec's Bee Hive - the place for you to find how to start beekeeping as a hobby, info on the bee keeping industry, beekeeping workshops; mentoring; beekeeping gear and supplies for every Beekeeper. Bec is a sideline Beekeeper who just loves her bees so her gear and programs are designed with care. Begin your journey with Bec and you too will be captivated by these amazing little creatures. www.becsbeehive.com.au

Venue: Hawthorn Community House,
32 Henry Street, Hawthorn 3122
Date: Tuesday 18th September 2018
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Cost: \$20 per person
Booking: www.trybooking.com/355193



ESRAG Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group

In Rotary, there are global Rotarian Action Groups or RAGs who focus on a particular area, such as Peace (PeaceRag) or Water and Sanitation (WASHRAG). They are independent groups, but operate under Rotary International by-laws and policy. Any Rotarian member or their family can join a RAG. ESRAG is the Environmental Sustainability RAG. It has a focus on Environmental Sustainability. In general terms, it works to assist clubs, districts and multi-districts to raise awareness of Environmental Sustainability and to inspire actions at all levels to reduce harm to the natural environment and to help address environmental issues (such as loss of bee colonies).

What does ESRAG do?

- Provides resources (slide shows, green papers, training courses e.g. Planning for Success and Environmental Sustainability)
- Initiates discussion about ES
- Raises emerging ES issues
- Assists groups who are implementing local and international projects (e.g. a tree planting project in Mexico and a rebuilding a sustainability education centre in Costa Rica)
- Builds networks of people with a particular interest (e.g. marine plastics or climate change)
- Runs special ES conferences and forums (e.g. an ES conference in Vancouver and an ESRAG workshop at the RI convention in Toronto)

What is ESRAG already doing with bees and pollinators?

- We are already know of several ESRAG members who work with least two US groups of pollinators.
- We have already published articles on pollinators in one of our newsletters which reach 1,500 people on our mailing list.
- We already have an online Directory of members with their interests.
- We have funding to build a Rotary database of all RI Environmental projects worldwide.
- We are acknowledged by RI as the ES “arm” of Rotary.

What could you do and how would this help?

- Invite people to join ESRAG with the aim of networking with other pollinator groups overseas and developing your own BEE project, under the banner of ESRAG.
- The (hard) work of setting up a RAG has already been done.
- We have networks already in place.
- We have people who are keen to help you. Already ESRAG is planning a pre RI Convention Forum in Hawaii (2020) and may invite a world expert on bees to speak at the forum.

What could happen next?

- Designate a coordinator who will act as the point person for communication and coordination.
- Develop a list of interested people, which is GDPR (Global Data Protection Regulation) compliant: we’re sure to pick up some folks in the EU.
- Write a brief 100 word invitation that Karen Hendrick-Hands could put in a special News brief she is preparing to go out the last week in August. DUE August 24.
- Encourage Rotarians who haven’t yet joined ESRAG, to join up as part of engagement in this project.
- Consider Recruiting relevant and strategic non-rotarian partners with expertise and experience in this area.
- Develop a break-out session proposal for RICON Hamburg. DUE mid September
- Develop a ‘green’ paper that will tie this project/education to either an Area of Focus (e.g. **Maternal and child health or disease prevention**: without pollinators, no food, no health and malnutrition; or **Economic and community development**: No pollinators, no produce or crops to sell, no profit and economic collapse. Proactively, how could one monetize hands on effort to restore pollinator species or habitat?
- Consider what scale of implementation would be needed to ‘make a difference’.
- Invite the Pollinator pathways project team in the US, Judith Freund and Marlene Gugarlak, ESRAG May 2018 newsletter, to join. <https://mailchi.mp/bf2449232a82/may-2018-newsletter?e=d4a9b0ce4c#ProtectingPollinators>

All the best,

Pat

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GROWING SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Camberwell Rotary's Food Packing Night

On Wednesday 22nd August the Rotary Club of Camberwell had a FORaMEAL food packing event organised by Canterbury Rotarians - Val Cunniffe, Lili-Ann Kriegler, Sue Osborne and Neil Williams, with help on the night from many more Canterbury Rotarians. It was a very successful event and the following is a quote from President Anne Hawthorne in the Rotary Club of Camberwell bulletin ...

Last Wednesday was showcasing Rotary at its best – Service Above Self. Our ages ranged from primary school to over 90's; we had the injured; we had the tired; we had the very busy. But no matter how we arrived at the front door everyone chipped in to the max! It was truly inspirational.

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Canterbury, we packaged over 18,000 packets of food destined for the Philippines. Students from Swinburne videotaped us wearing flattering blue hairnets complemented with fashionable hand protectors. Oh! what a sight!



Maling Road Auto Classico

This year the Canterbury *Maling Road Auto Classico* was held on Sunday 19th August. Ten hardy Rotarians made Gold Coin collections at the Auto Classico. The weather was shocking, wet and windy, but eventually some sun came out.

Three of the entrances to Maling Road had members in yellow 'Rotary at Works' shaking our familiar yellow beakers collecting gold coins and selling Aussie Pride badges. The collection totalled \$480 - and as agreed, half of which was passed to the Maling Road Business Association who have contributed the \$240 to the Farmers Drought Appeal.

We also sold 55 Aussie Pride badges contributing \$165 to Club funds. The total to our Club of \$405 was a good outcome on such an unpleasant day. The collectors were: Lili-Ann, Lynn, Bill, Andrew, Neil, Steve, and the 2 Johns. Amir assisted me throughout the event and counted the money.

Graham Bishop



David Parkin at Rotary

On Wednesday 29th August we had a combined Eastside Cluster meeting organised by the Rotary Club of Camberwell to hear a wonderful talk given by AFL football champion, coach and motivator, David Parkin. David talked not only about football, but the improvement team sports make to an individual's health and social interaction, particularly for children and youths.

It is greatly appreciated that our Club supports other Eastside Cluster Clubs, especially the Camberwell Club, especially after the fantastic food packaging night we had last week when over 18,000 meals were packed with the enormous support from Camberwell Rotary.



The Next Speaker - Susie Cole

Susie Cole is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Prahran. Susie will speak on her recent trip to Nepal and India, the Rotary projects she reviewed and how Rotary works in those countries.

The photo is at the inauguration of 12 toilet units at the New English School Baragaun Pimpri, India, with project partners Rotary Prahran, Rotary Nasik Road and Rotary Sinnar. Kids from 22 villages are here, only a quarter of them even have toilets at home. The plan is to teach them about toilets, better personal hygiene and to pester their parents to accept Indian Government subsidies to install a toilet at home.

