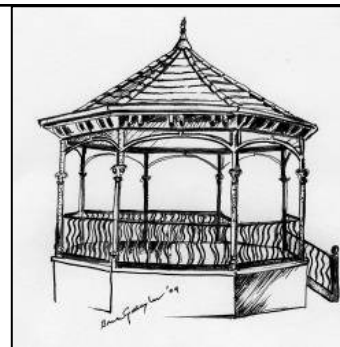




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## Meeting

Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm  
Bass 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 Monday*

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*Advise Graham of a long absence*

## The Rotary Radio Show

Fridays 6pm to 8pm

**3WBC**

**94.1 FM**

## The Aussie Pride Badge



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## President's Message

Our guest speaker Jeremy Desmier, Director and Auctioneer of Fletchers, provided us with “A Journey Through Melbourne’s East” with a few significant stops on the way. He explained that the 1860s was the era of the ‘gentleman farmer’ with large land blocks and extensive ornate homesteads referred to as ‘Country Retreats’. The roads were very primitive and the modest cottages of workers on these estates were erected close by. The construction of the railway to Lilydale in the 1880s was critical in the development history of Melbourne’s East with grand residences erected close to this rail line. In the 1920s houses were built further away from the railway line as the connecting tram lines were constructed. For example, at Surrey Hills a tramways estate was established at the terminus of Wattle Park. In the 20s and 30s the English brick style of homes were popular. Clinker brick, Tudor style homes were constructed in the North Balwyn area. Post war due to the limitations of building supplies, the homes were often weatherboard timber construction. The 70s brought architectural design with very modern style homes which were often criticized for not fitting into the common streetscape vistas. In the 90s,



*Jeremy Desmier*

timber homes were readily demolished to make way for new homes but it was rare for a brick home to be demolished as they were considered to be solid and hence worth renovating and extending.

Council and government regulations and the developer’s finances have always influenced trends in house designs. Recent housing density changes have had a major impact on suburban streetscapes. There is a major reduction in single block one-level residences being constructed. Single block homes with double or triple levels of 30 to 40 squares are the current preference. Also pairs of houses on previous single landholdings are common and for larger blocks there can be high rise apartments.

Federation homes, Californian bungalows, solid brick, brick veneer, mixed brick, timber and rendered constructions can all be seen in our area. But land value is the priority today and location-location is the primary factor for the new landowner or developer. This results in the demolition of existing homes irrespective of era, style or construction material.

## Speaker and Activities Program

Monday September 7

Speaker: Steve Sammartino

**“The Tech Revolution in Business”**

Monday September 14

**National Youth Science Forum Dinner**

with our successful 2016 NYSF Nominees, Grace McKee and Sion Hau

Monday September 21

Speaker: Mark Read

**“A life involving sport, betting and business”**

## Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

September 6 - Edward Gwee, Lynn Steel, Peter Mangiapane

September 13 - Max Holland, Alan Stevens, Brian Bloomer

September 20 - Roger Taylor, Bill Nankervis, Ian Coopes

**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***

Where are land and property values going? The answer is unknown, but in our area there has been a sustained and steady increase in values and an increasing demand. In Canterbury, typical properties have increased in value from 2009 to 2015 from \$1.5M to \$2.5M. In Balwyn there was a 25% increase above 2008 values to 2010, then 2011 saw a slight correction of -10%, but from 2013 to 2015 there has been an increase in demand with common values rising to \$2M and beyond. It is anticipated that there will be a sustained period of growth of 8 or 9% pa but the value is hard to estimate due to the current low interest rates for loans.

The question of the significant number of Asian buyers was inevitably asked. Jeremy said that from his experience, it is a myth that Asian buyers are coming directly from overseas into the local market. Such buyers may be purchasing new high rise properties in the CBD but not in our area. In the 'Fletchers Areas', the Asian buyers are typically 2nd or 3rd generation Australians who are moving from outer suburbs to the inner areas for lifestyle choices and for the schooling of their children. Often the grandparents care for the children, as both parents work full time and therefore require schools to be within walking distance or close to public transport. They are very aware of the good government schools and hence areas like Camberwell, Balwyn and Kew are preferred.

### **Welcome to Sixteen Partners, Friends and Guests**

Conochie Hall was a buzz on Monday night as members welcomed sixteen guests from contacts at the Maling Road Membership Event on the 15 August and from the Canterbury Neighbourhood House, along with partners and family members. A Rotary Theme video opened proceedings and a synopsis of most of our Club's projects were presented to those assembled. It was an impressive array of activities - projects like the "hands-on" assistance at Donations In Kind with transporting, sorting for and packing containers for overseas countries; international projects like the upcoming 19th visit to the Philippines for the ear and eye screenings, water and sanitation projects and disaster relief; international Group Study Exchange. Local community service projects that provide financial support for scholarships and research; more projects with 'hands-on' assistance to those in need especially Glenallen and Belmore schools, Carrical House residents, Inner East Interchange support for families, Relay for Life, Salvation Army mentoring and return to school projects and the recent partnership with Scouts and Guides. There is also the local Rotary Community Radio Show. Lastly we explained our fundraising activities at the Camberwell Market and with Aussie Pride Badges.

It certainly made you reflect on why you are a member of our Club and it certainly highlighted how Club members and friends of the Rotary Club of Canterbury can achieve so much through working together. The achievements of the past are well known to the Club members and we have fantastic programs for the future. But the feedback message about our activities from our guests was again one of amazement as to all the things that Rotary does. How do we get Rotary's activities better known in the community? It was emphasised that assistance is required to complete all the projects. We would be delighted to welcome any one of our guests as a member or as a friend of Canterbury Rotary, if time constraints and other commitments do not enable full membership.

We will be making further contact with our guests in the next weeks. All guests were presented with an Aussie Pride Badge and an envelope of Rotary information. The meeting closed with a short Rotary video.

Thank you is extended to John McCaskill and Graham Bishop for organising the impressive night. Also Peter May for his IT assistance. To the Club's presenters John McCaskill, Gerry Cross, Michael Chong, Doug Hawley, Sue Clifford and Bob Falconer a big thanks - your passion and drive for all the projects was palpable and your links to the broader community and benefits of association with the Rotary family was certainly evident. I am not sure how we managed to complete the agenda including the interesting speaker and the questions and answers within the time frame. Again thanks to everyone.

On the sick list are our members Reg Davis and Alan Stevens and our extended Rotary family member Shirley Granger. Our thoughts are with you and your support people during this challenging time. Hope to see you back with us soon.

Nora







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## The Next Speaker - Steve Sammartino

Steve Sammartino is an expert on the digital revolution and disruptive technologies. His latest book "The Great Fragmentation" was launched at the end of July 2014 but by the end of August 2014 was already translated into three different languages. The book is a 'strategy play book for the technology revolution'. Read about the book on amazon.com at [The Great Fragmentation: And Why the Future of Business is Small](#).

"This book combines insights from anthropology, culture, technology and commerce to provide both corporations and entrepreneurs with a long-term playbook for the future of work, life and business in the digital era." ★★★★★ - 36 customer reviews

Steve was also on the front page of almost every leading newspaper around the world after building a full size Lego Car from 500,000 pieces. It runs on air! Have a look at the car on this website [www.superawesomemicroproject.com](http://www.superawesomemicroproject.com).



## Donations In Kind Container for the Philippines

Some photos from Tuesday's DIK effort which we finished on Thursday ready for dispatch next week. DG Julie Mason was with us on Tuesday along with Rotary International Director Guiller E. Tumangan from the Rotary Club of Makati West, Philippines and his wife Letty T. Tumangan.



Guiller Tumangan and Gerry Cross



The container packing team and visitors

## Beechworth Weekend La Dolce Vita Wine and Food Festival Friday to Sunday, 13th to 15th November 2015

Club members and partners will participating in the La Dolce Vita "The Sweet Life" Wine and Food Festival on 14-15 November. Make your own way to and from Beechworth on the Friday and Sunday, with a bus driver available to take us to the wineries and cheese factory on Saturday. Dinner on the Friday and Saturday evening will be confirmed.

A weekend to enjoy a great social time with fellow Club members while savouring the food and wine of north east Victoria.

As this is a very popular weekend we need to get the numbers of people going by the middle of September, so please contact Helen Hartnett [helen.hartnett@canterburyrotary.org](mailto:helen.hartnett@canterburyrotary.org) or David Robinson [david.robinson@canterburyrotary.org](mailto:david.robinson@canterburyrotary.org)



Food and Wine