

Meeting

Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm Basscare Centre,

2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury

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Tony Laycock - Member behind the Badge

Last Monday, the Club's President Elect for 2020-21, Tony Laycock, spoke about some of the conclusions arising from the survey of views and opinions of Club members. One key conclusion Unless otherwise stated in Diary is that we need to strive to grow Club membership. The experience over the years is that to even maintain membership numbers, new members are needed as existing members leave the Club. One suggestion is to have a month when Club members encourage a friend to come along to Guests and Club Members can experience what is offered by our speakers program and the friendship of a Club meeting.



Tony Laycock

Many Rotary Clubs are made up of older and often, male Club members. Our Canterbury Rotary Club needs to aim for a mix of older and younger members, as well as, a balance of male and female members. We need to target our activities to interest a mix of members and to then communicate these activities in the ways appropriate to the various members. Activities like FORaMEAL food packing certainly interests younger members. Whereas, our social activities like fortnightly lunches and weekly bike rides appeals to older retired members. Communications with older members revolves around emails and the weekly bulletin. Whereas, younger members more often use social media like Facebook to communicate, rather than using emails.

Tony then outlined his personal background. He was born in the UK but was mostly brought up and spent his time in southern Africa, including a period of compulsory military service in Rhodesia. He moved to Australia in 1993 for the

benefit of raising his two young girls. Initially he worked for Macquarie Bank as a foreign exchange dealer. He then moved into the outplacement and the recruitment industry. He is now an independent recruitment consultant.

The Christmas Celebration next Monday

Next Monday 17th December, 6:30 for 7:00pm, is the Christmas Celebration at Chambly Hall, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Please enter through the side entrance under the verandah. If you bring a wrapped Christmas gift for a child (marked with appropriate age), they will be collected by St Vincent de Paul for distribution to families in need.

The Glenallen School

Last Monday, Val Cunniffe reported on the Club's continuing involvement with the Glenallen School which specialises in children with physical disabilities. Val said that Glenallen is a joyous place where all staff, including admin and other support, exude enthusiasm and total respect for the students in their care. To the uninitiated it is also a challenging place. At first you may feel daunted by your lack of ability to meet the needs of these kids. How do you communicate with non-verbal children; how do you understand what they are trying to say to you and how can you help a child with such limited mobility? You just do your best and that's enough. The staff are always there to help and the kids don't mind your lack of skill. Very soon you get to know each other, you become part of the place and each time you visit you leave with a smile on your face.

Monday December 17 Monday January 21 Monday January 28 Monday February 4

Speaker and Activities Program Special Christmas Celebration at Chambly Hall **Canterbury Gardens Picnic** No Meeting - Australia Day Holiday Speaker: Blaise van Hecke, "Walking the Camino Trail"



Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

December 30 - Bill Granger/Sue Osborne, Jenni Nankervis, Michael Chong (Doug Hawley) January 6 - George Dolezal, Rick Western, Alan Stevens (TBA) Contact Rosemary Waghorne for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0407 862 640 Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays \$50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof.

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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The Glenallen School - Continued

So how can you help the Glenallen School? This year some of our activities included:

One on one support with maths or reading.

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- BusyFeet a dance program specifically for disabled kids. A source of great joy and energy.
- Helping the teachers out with shopping excursions where the students bring a small shopping list from home and have to search the supermarket aisles for their items, pay for them and then go to a cafe for morning tea.
- Accompanying teachers and staff on school camp to help with catering and cleaning... and, most importantly, participate in the Camp Talent Quest.
- Supporting the students on excursions to museums, festivals and gardens .. even map reading, where getting lost is fun.

Val recommends helping with Glenallen to everyone who has an hour or so to offer. You will be well rewarded for your efforts. Please contact either Michael Chong or Val Cunniffe if you would like to know more.

Janet Hay's Overseas Trip

To say that this has been an inspiring trip is an understatement. I have been in Colorado surrounded by beautiful mountains, stunning vistas and snow-capped peaks. I have also attended 5 Rotary Clubs where I spoke about Micro-finance and Social Business. I experienced overwhelming support from the Clubs who said they were challenged in a good way by what I said.

At the RC of Fort Collins Foothills I presented an Aussie Pride badge to two new members and a potential new member - they really appreciated the gesture. There were over 80 people in the room and it was a very lively question and answer session.

Next was the RC Club of Fort Collins breakfast. Getting up at 5:30am on a mid-winter's morning was a challenge!!!! It's a great Club with about 60 people turning up. They had an induction of a new member and she was so excited. I presented an Aussie Pride badge to her and their exchange student who loves collecting badges and so was absolutely delighted.

The RC Thompson Valley Loveland had a lunchtime meeting with about 25 people. We had some technology issues and it showed how important it is for Clubs to keep up with the latest equipment. Even though I couldn't play one of the videos, we still had a very lively question and answer time. This was the first time I presented a small banner and luckily they had one to give back.

The RC of Fort Collins After Work had heard on the grapevine that I was in town so I fitted in an extra talk on my last Wednesday night. They are a very small club but very active in the community. They also appreciated the two Aussie Pride Badges I presented.

My final talk was at the RC Estes Park. This is the community which is located on the Rocky Mountain Ridge Road. The talk was the best yet and the discussion went on for over 20 minutes. Afterwards we went for a drive up the Ridge Road and it started to

snow - got some stunning photos of those amazing mountains.

So by the time you read this I will be in Roveretto, Italy getting ready for my White Christmas. I have experienced plenty of snow and temperatures of 8 degrees below! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Club Members, Friends and their families. Janet Hay.





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