



# Canterbury Tales

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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

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*\*prior to 10AM Monday*

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*Advise Graham of a long absence*

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## President's Message

Last Monday night Conochie Hall certainly had a festive buzz and the tables were brighten with the red and green Christmas colours of the decorations. Many people were caught up in the spirit of 'Christmas in July' and wore their best Christmas attire and accessories. The two winners for their outfits and accessories were Gerry Cross and Barbara Coopes.

It was a pleasure to host our District Governor Julie Mason, our Assistant District Governor Therese McKenney and our member's partners, namely Barbara Coopes, Kate Cross, Judy May, Jennie Simpson and Karin Simpson, Ian's brother, Chris from Perth and our soon to be member, Reg Davis and his wife, Carol.

Entertainment started with a challenge for our collective brains to answer questions about the exact words of 'familiar' Christmas Carols. The elusive answers were settled by the vocal rendition of the carols by Lyn Steel and John McCaskill - a stunning performance which rivalled John's guitar vocal last year. The front table excelled with the correct answers thanks to the lyrical talents of Annette Brownscombe.

Julie Mason, our District Governor, then addressed the meeting and asked the question: What does Rotary mean to us? Julie said that she has spoken on two occasions with this year's International President, 'Ravi' Ravindran. Ravi's life was moulded by family, country and Rotary and he sees serving as Rotary President as a way of giving back to each of them. There is an article about Ravi in the July 2015 issue of Rotary Down Under entitled "Pay It Forward" or click this [youtube link](#), which gives his background and explains what Rotary means to him.

Since his appointment, Ravi has made business-like changes at the international level aimed to reserve more money for the causes that Rotary supports instead of spending those funds on talk fests and having non-key personnel present. Ravi has posed questions for Rotary members to consider: Why did you join Rotary? What are the gifts you bring to Rotary? In what way are our Clubs 'a gift to the local community and to the world'?



## Speaker and Activities Program

Monday August 3

Speaker: Cherrie Osborn

**"District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Project"**

Monday August 10

Speaker: Joe Eidelson

**"Digital Recording of Personal and Family History"**

Monday August 17

Speaker: John Pesutto MLA (Shadow Attorney General)

## Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

August 2 - Rob Simpson, Michael Chong, Ross Merolli

August 9 - Neil Williams, John McCaskill, Doug Hawley

August 16 - Lili-Ann Kreigler, Helen Hartnett, Malcolm Short

**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

Julie then shared her aspirations for the year ahead and said that the Mantra of the District 9800 leadership team is "It's all about the Clubs". She encouraged us all to share the Rotary story, adopt and act on 'a member a month campaign' and explore new ideas such as the Busy Feet Program that we are planning to implement this year. She and the District team will be visible and provide timely and practical support to all Clubs.

The signature events for this year include: the Purple Fingers for Polio campaign in October which is 'making children a part of the polio solution'; [Social Inclusion Week](#) in November; Rotary's 111th Anniversary on 23rd February 2016; Sharing a Club Selfie Moment where we all get together for a selfie photo; [Women in Rotary Breakfast](#) in March; [Rotarians At Work Day](#); Group Vocational Exchange to the Philippines; and the Vocation Training Team to Cambodia with a Global Grant to enable four Aussie teachers to complete training in August and then to travel to Cambodia in January to train teachers in remote village schools.

Julie encouraged us to view the new Rotary District 9800 Facebook on [facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800](https://facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800) and to tell our Club's Rotary story by submitting short Club posts and videos. She encouraged us to support cluster events and projects and suggested that we apply for Cluster, District and Global Grants which can greatly amplify the funding that we raise locally for our projects.

Julie's promotional phrase for the [2016 District 9800 Conference](#) is "[You'll Never Never Know if YOU don't Bendigo](#)". Please let Peter May know of your intention to attend to hear extraordinary speakers, to make new friends and to just have fun.

Julie's parting message to us all was an African word - [UBUNTU](#) - which has a core meaning of "I am because you are".

I extend on your behalf our best wishes to Julie, Therese and the District Leadership Team for the year ahead. We as a Club will endeavour to live the Rotary Spirit and use our talents and skills to [Be a Gift to World](#).

Doug Hawley was just back from the Philippines and he told us of his escapades whilst finalising the upcoming visit for the Eye and Ear Screening Project. Doug tells that when he arrived he thought he would have a relatively quiet day, but that quickly became an afterthought as he was went around schools giving talks to 'inspire the youth', visited a hospital and was a guest at a birthday party. By the look of his [photographs](#) there appears to be quite a bit of socialising and eating too.

Finally, thanks to all for your efforts and contribution to a fun 'Christmas in July' night. Next week we induct Reg Davis into the Rotary family. Our guest speaker will be Cherrie Osborn who will tell us of the District's Basic Education and Literacy Project.

Nora



*District Governor Julie Mason*

### The Next Speaker - Cherrie Osborn

Cherrie Osborn will talk about the District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Program which is one of the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. Everyone has the right to learn to read, write and enjoy the power, pleasures and independence of being literate. For some the journey will be easy, for others it will take much hard work and unfortunately for approximately 18 percent of the today's world population it will never happen.

Each Club can help reduce this statistic, why not:

- Plan a project that focuses on, and rekindles a passion for literacy and numeracy and promotes basic education for all.
- Contribute funds to support existing literacy programs and projects.
- Participate in the Rotary International approved Literacy Rotarian Action Group (LitRAG) that increases awareness in finding and forming a truly sustainable contribution to basic education and literacy - [www.litrag.org](http://www.litrag.org).



### The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next lunch will be at the Rotary Lunchers favourite Malaysian Restaurant - "Jazz Ria", 228 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn on Wednesday 5th August at the usual time of 12:30pm.

A great little restaurant with authentic Malaysian flavours - this is a gem and the lunch time specials are a tasty bargain. For example, you could have a two course warming winter lunch of spicy 'Hot and Sour' soup followed by Kantan chicken - boneless breaded and fried in a sweet sauce with just a slight hint of ginger to give it the faintest amount of heat. Jazz Ria is not licensed, so BYO.

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