

# **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

**Gerry Cross** 

Mobile 0418 130 499 gerry.cross@canterburyrotary.org Advise Mal 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

At our last meeting Chris Gill presented an extended interactive educational session entitled "You be the Judge". Chris was from the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council and he explained the background to sentencing in Victoria and the extensive resources provided through the following link to the website of the <u>Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council</u>.

The Sentencing Act 1991 sets out the purpose and principles of sentencing, the considerations a court must take into account and the hierarchy of sentencing options. Chris made the point that most people plead guilty and so the main activity of Judges and Magistrates is deciding the sentence, and they use the resources on the website to assist in deciding that sentence. Judges and Magistrates use the same sentencing considerations, but the Magistrates have many more cases to consider in a given time. Chris mentioned that there are over 100,000 cases determined in the County Court and Magistrates' Court each year in Victoria and the average time for the sentencing decision was 6 minutes. Around 60% of Magistrate's sentences involve a fine and only about 5% is imprisonment, whereas 60% of Higher Court decisions result in imprisonment.



Chris Gill

Chris then led us through an actual past trial with the objective of drawing our attention to significant factors that the Judge had to take into account when the sentencing. The defendant had a serious accident that caused the death of her passenger and significant injuries to the driver of another vehicle. She pleaded guilty to all charges including driving under the influence with an alcohol reading of 0.13, not having a licence, and also culpable driving causing death. The culpable driving charge meant that the case was heard in a Higher Court rather than by a Magistrate. The defendant was a single mother with 2 young children and had been raised by alcoholic parents, she was very remorseful about the accident and pleaded guilty as the earliest opportunity. She had previously lost her licence for 5 years for drink driving offences and so was unlicensed. Chris showed us statistics from the website that 89.4% of those found guilty of culpable driving causing death were imprisoned and told us the average sentence was 5-6 years. Given all this information, we the audience had to individually determine the sentence for the

defendant within a 6 minute time period. The disparity in sentences that Club members indicated was striking, ranging from 1-2 years jail with Community Orders up to 11 years jail. I think that the average was about 5 years. The actual sentence for the defendant in the case was 7 years jail. I had never thought that I was soft on these issues but clearly I was as my sentence was well below the average. Chris was a really excellent presenter and his answers to the many interactive questions were most enlightening. Everyone came away from this educational session much better informed about sentencing in Victoria.

#### **Speaker and Activities Program**

Speaker: Nataša Kampmark, "Australian Studies at European Universities" Monday April 24

Chair: Bill Granger

30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Canterbury Celebration Sunday April 30 Monday April 31

No meeting

Monday May 8 Speakers: Rosemary Waghorne and Greg Vero, "Members Behind the Badge" Speaker: Hope Aban, "How an Australian Filipino family creates education Monday May 15

opportunities in their home province"

#### Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

April 23 - Doug Hawley, Lyn Steel/Bill Granger, Val Cunniffe/Patrick Cunniffe April 30 - Brian Bloomer, Steve Wylie, Chris James/Kathleen Stapleton May 7 - Jenni Nankervis, Val Cunniffe, Rosemary Waghorne/Ted Waghorne 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**

## The Celebration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Club

We have several activities in the next few weeks that require your urgent attention and consultation with your calendar and partners. The first is the 30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Canterbury at the Box Hill Golf Club, 30th April 1:30 – 4:30pm. You should have all received a formal invitation by email. Please see me if this didn't happen. You can also go to the Club website Upcoming Events section and find out details about the Celebration including a Trybooking link for registration and payment. There has been a fair amount of work gone into this event and we need a good role up of members, past members and friends. It will be great afternoon catching up with past members and friends.

I need to provide final numbers to the Golf Club on Monday 24th April, so the numbers need to be finalised by the Club meeting next Monday. You can book and pay for the event on the following <u>Trybooking link</u>. If it is easier for you, Alan Stevens has kindly offered to collect the \$50 per person payments for the event rather than going online through <u>TryBooking</u>.

## The Port Fairy Weekend

The second activity that requires your early attention is the Club weekend away at Port Fairy on May 5-7. Alan Stevens needs final numbers by the end of this week so that all accommodation arrangements can be finalised.

Doug

## The Next Speaker - Nataša Kampmark

Dr Nataša Kampmark holds a PhD in literature from the University of Novi Sad, Serbia, where she taught anglophone literature including a course on contemporary Australian literature. Nataša is a scholar, anthologist, and translator of works into Serbian and was Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad.

She is the author of a monograph titled *Three Faces of Australian fiction* (Belgrade 2004) and co-editor and translator into Serbian of an anthology of contemporary Australian fiction titled *Tales from the Timeless Land* (Zrenjanin 2012). Her interests include the reception of Australian writing in Serbia, Serbian migrant writing in Australia, and translation studies.

Nataša will talk about how (much) aspects of Australian history and culture are taught at European Universities.



#### Rotarians at Work - Boroondara Cares Leaflet Distribution

At the last two meetings of the Boroondara Cares Forum, we canvassed the idea of engaging all Rotary Clubs in an initiative to distribute a brochure for the Boroondara Cares Foundation as a 'Rotarians at Work' initiative. The brochure itself is currently being printed, and will be distributed to Clubs at the next Boroondara Cares Forum. This will be a limited production of 15,000 leaflets, so we will only 'sprinkling' them through Boroondara, not necessarily covering every household. If we get 'say' 100 volunteers this can be accomplished in 2 hours or less.

On the map, Boroondara has been nominally divided into geographical zones. These zones will be further divided into 10 sub-zones and packs of brochures allocated for each.

**Distribution day is Saturday 29th April**, but if brochures cannot be distributed on this day, then an alternate day will be fine, but the main effort is on the Saturday. **After the distribution there will be an informal sausage sizzle at around 5:00pm.** 

Thank you to the eight Canterbury Club members who said that they will assist as distributors. Exact details of arrangements will be provided at the Club meeting next Monday 24th April. We are working together with volunteers from Clubs in our zone... another terrific opportunity for 'Rotarians at Work' in our District. It will be a fun afternoon... thanks to all who are helping... any other Bulletin readers are also welcome to don the Rotary jackets and join us. Just let John McCaskill know on mobile 0414 477 444.



# The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the <u>Hooking Restaurant</u>, 627 High Street, Kew East on Wednesday 26th April at the usual time of 12:30pm.

Hooking features delicious Chinese cuisine. There is a special lunch time menu - Nasi Goreng, Singapore Noodles, Fried Kwai Teow, Satay Chicken, Curry Laksa, Beef Blackbean, Mongolian Beef, Szichuan Chicken, Lemon Chicken, Sweet & Sour Pork, Plum BBQ Pork, Roast Duck, Steamed Seasonal Fish, Seafood Combo, Garlic King Prawns, Xo Scallops - scrumptious.

The Hooking Restaurant is fully licensed or you can BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming anrz47@iinet.com.au or 0467 033 092.









# ANZAC TRIBUTE SHOWCASE DINNER

When is it?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

What time?

6.15pm Fellowship + 7pm Commencement + 8.30pm Conclusion

Where's it at?

#### THE BEAU MONDE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

934 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East

What's the cost?

\$35 per person with drinks at bar prices

(includes alternating main courses, chocolates and a special homemade Anzac biscuits)

Who are the guest speakers?

# **LAMBIS ENGLEZOS**

Lambis Englezos is a Greek-born, retired art teacher, from Melbourne. He has a love of lawn bowls and a "magnificent obsession" to find, recover and ultimately honour Australia's missing Diggers from the Battle of Fromelles (July 19-20, 1916) on the Western Front.

In 2000, Lambis developed a theory that Australian soldiers, killed during the conflict, were still lying in unmarked mass pits, buried there by the victorious Germans. Lambis set out to prove his theory with a view to seeing our missing Diggers recovered and honoured properly.

Lambis was met by a wall of discouragement, disbelief, and official contempt, but he persisted and gradually an alliance of supporters, media, and amateur historians, gathered around him.

In 2008, the team were vindicated when the largest non-genocide mass burial in Western Europe since WW1 was confirmed - right where the team of "amateurs" had said it would be.

Lambis Englezos will relate and illustrate part of this fascinating "obsession" when he joins us on April 26.

# **KEITH WOLAHAN**

Keith Wolahan served three combat tours in Afghanistan, including one as an embedded officer with a US Task Force. He was awarded the Commendation for Distinguished Service in the 2011 Australia Day Honours for performance of duty in action as a platoon commander.

Keith is a graduate of Melbourne, Monash & Cambridge Universities, and is now a Melbourne barrister living in Warranwood with his wife and two young children.

Keith Wolahan will chat about the challenges of being a combat soldier while studying law.

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This is a special night of reflection and respect and we hope you can be with us and hear a little about our country's history from both the distant and the very recent past.



How do you book?

Contact Greg King via email on <a href="mailto:gregking.rotary@gmail.com">gregking.rotary@gmail.com</a> or via phone/text on 0416 045 157.

Bookings are essential and EFT is the preferred method of payment.

Credit Card payments may also be organised over the phone with Greg.

Bank account details will be emailed upon request.