

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

Graham Bishop Mobile 0412 154 540

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The Rotary Radio Show Fridays 6pm to 8pm 3WBC 94.1 FM

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Acting President's Message

Our guest speaker this week was Helen Worladge, the Program Manager for the Boroondara Cares Foundation CHANCES Scholarship Program. Boroondara Cares Foundation has evolved out of Foundation Boroondara and is now under the stewardship of the nine Rotary Clubs in the City of Boroondara. The Foundation is volunteer-led and clearly positioned as a fund-raising facility to add substantial resources for Rotary Club projects mounted in Boroondara.



Helen Worladge

- Areas of focus are;
 - homelessness,
 - family violence,
 - educational disadvantage,
 - social isolation and
 - drug abuse.

Representing our Rotary Club, our incoming Club Service Director, Gerry Cross, is a Director of the Foundation. It is quite important to the success of this new venture that our Club picks up one of the areas of focus to address as a Community Service project. The Foundation is relying on its member Rotary Clubs to manage the delivery of these services, so that more than 100 cents in every dollar donated is delivered in benefits to those in need in our city. Clubs should support each other with these projects,

Helen explained that the **CHANCES** program has been running since 2006. A Poverty Report from 2013 showed a rather shocking statistic from recent census data, that there are some 7,500 children under 15, who are living in poverty in the City of

Boroondara. The main schools where students are supported with scholarships in 2016 are Camberwell High, Auburn High, Kew High and Canterbury Girls Secondary College. There are 119 students being supported this year, with twelve of those being at University, mostly at Swinburne. The value of scholarships range from \$800 to \$1,200, with funds managed by the schools on behalf of their students. We saw a heart warming video with the past Principal of Camberwell High, Elida Brereton, talking about the great benefits for the scholarship recipients.

Helen also told us of a public speaking program that is currently being supported by the Rotary Club of Balwyn and offered free to students. It has been run four times across three schools in 2015 as a weekly, 90 minute, after-school class, over three weeks. Helen is looking for other Rotary Clubs, where the students can make short presentations to the club, inviting their parents to listen to their talk. This would allow them to practice their new skills to a more formal audience and would be a very good way to introduce their parents to Rotary.

Speaker and Activities Program

Monday April 18 "The Philippines Team Presentation"

Monday April 25 No Meeting - ANZAC Day

Speaker: Karen Hayes from Guide Dogs Victoria Monday May 2

Monday May 9 "Disaster Aid Food Packing Vocational Activity" at Doug Hawley's Factory in Dandenong

Sunday Market 7am - 1pm

April 17 - Graham Bishop, Doug Hawley, Kyle Wightman April 24 - Dominique Brown, John McCaskill, Reginald Davis May 1 - David Zrna, Graeme Hindhaugh, Steve Wylie

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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Daizy Maan

Acting President's Message - Continued

Gerry introduced Daizy Maan, originally from Griffith in NSW, who studies Commerce and Law at Deakin University as a CHANCES Scholarship awardee. Daizy was the Boroondara Young Citizen of the Year, has participated in Rotary's National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra and in Rotary's Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), where she gained her passion for public speaking. Daizy told us she has been inspired to become involved with a wide range of voluntary community activities, in return for the wonderful opportunities that have been provided to her by Boroodara Cares Foundation through her CHANCES scholarship. When she is ready, this dynamic young lady will make an outstanding contribution to Rotary activities.

Volunteers for Saturday 16th April

This coming Saturday is the annual Volunteering Day for our Rotary District 9800, where we get out into our local community for some hands-on projects. This year the focus is on lending a hand to Servants Community Housing. If you can volunteer for an hour, or more, on Saturday, please click here for further details on how to join our Team and what we are expected to do.

Volunteers needed as ANZAC Day Marshals

We need another eleven volunteers to join our group of 30 marshals for the ANZAC Day march through the city of Melbourne on Monday, 25th April. Please click here for further details about this event and how to volunteer.

Members and Volunteer Friends for Disaster Aid Food Packing Activity

On Monday 9th May the Club meeting will be at President Elect, Doug Hawley's food processing factory. This is a vocational visit for Club members and volunteer Rotary Friends to create food packs for use in disaster situations. Through our international project in the Philippines we have developed many close relationships with our sister Rotary Clubs in that country and with the local disaster relief organisations such as RodeoNet. These food packs can be shipped in our regular <u>Donations In Kind</u> shipping containers along with the medical equipment, to be in place ready for use when the next natural disaster strikes. A barbecue meal will be provided so that we can all enjoy participating in the friendship of another very worthwhile Rotary activity.

The Boroondara Cares Social Isolation Project

Our past president, John McCaskill, is keen for our Club to take on the Boroondara Cares <u>Social Isolation Project</u>. Please contact John if you would like to volunteer to join a sub-committee to formulate a plan that we can take to the BCF. John would love you to share your ideas.

The Amaroo Community Fruit and Vegetable Market

This month the Amaroo Community Fruit and Vegetable Market is being provided with weather protection to enable it to trade from the one location all year round. This is a hands-on project for our Rotary Club where we supply both the materials and the volunteer labour. Congratulations to our club member, Roger Taylor, for his initiative in managing this project and to our Rotary Friend, Tim Wilkinson, for his volunteer labour contribution to this important community enterprise.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Our Club has long had a very close relationship with our friends at the Rotary Club of Richmond. Plans are underway to work together next year to host a female Rotary Youth Exchange student. Students exchange with Clubs in Australia for a whole year to learn our language and to experience our culture. They come on student visas and attend local high schools, where they make many lifelong friends. Usually aged around 16, they attend the Club meetings of their host Clubs and join in with activities with the families of Rotarians. Please ensure your Working with Children Check is current if you would like to be involved with this incredible program. Richmond has all the host families in place for this exchange, but Brett Riley will be coordinating student's activity program if you have any offers.

Scouts and Guides Volunteers

Rovers, Aiden Ritchie and Mason Duyker from the John Gardiner Rover Crew joined us at our Club meeting to hear about the fantastic CHANCES scholarship program being run by the Boroondara Cares Foundation.

Our partnership with the Scouts and Guides is delivering some great outcomes for our local community. These young people volunteer to help us to run many worthwhile projects, such as the Interchange Inner East Moonlight Cinema nights that are held on the lawns next door to Canterbury Gardens. Look at the John Gardiner Rover Crew's facebook page for this and other volunteering projects.

Aiden Ritchie and Mason Duyker







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Acting President's Message - Continued

Rotary Friends - Volunteering, Interesting Speakers and the Bulletin

We recently launched our new Rotary Club of Canterbury website www.canterburyrotary.org. Some young and older people may be keen on volunteering but are not yet wanting to join as a full Rotary Club member, so there is a section that explains how as a Rotary Friend they can undertake worthwhile volunteering activities and come along to hear from our many interesting speakers. Currently our Club is seeking volunteers to join Club members in a variety of worthwhile activities, with the current volunteering opportunities highlighted on the Quick Links part of the home page.

From the Quick Links our Rotary Friends can also <u>Subscribe to our Club Bulletin</u>. We use the email service provider, MailChimp, to manage our email subscriber list and they can unsubscribe at any time by using the link in the footer of the bulletin email. You can download the current Bulletin from the Quick Links and recent past issues from the Club History part of the web site.

Our Rotary Friends can also follow our Club activities on the facebook social network https://twitter.com/rccanterburyRotary and the Twitter social network https://twitter.com/rccanterbury1. Our Rotary Club members use the 'members only' Yammer enterprise social network to communicate between members about Club matters.

Medical Equipment for Ticao Island, Philippines

During our Philippines Medical Mission in Masbate last year there were requests made for a container of goods for the Ticao District Hospital, for which Dr Karl Pilapal is appointed the Chief Medical Officer. You might recall that this year we funded disaster aid to Ticao Island when it was totally devastated by a typhoon. The Municipal Health Officer of the municipality of San Fernando on Ticao Island has also formally requested our support with medical equipment. It costs in the order of \$4,800 to ship a 40' container to Ticao Island from Melbourne. Unfortunately our club budget can only provide \$3,500, so we are seeking financial assistance to cover the balance of this freight. The warehouse at Donations In Kind has most of the requested equipment sitting ready for us to load. Hospital beds, X-Ray Machines, Defibrillators, Wheelchairs, ECG machines and a whole host of medical equipment is donated by hospitals in Victoria to be recycled by Rotary for use in developing countries. Please contact Gerry Cross if you would like to help make this shipment possible.

2015 Philippines Medical Mission Report and the Plan for 2016

At our Club meeting next Monday 18th April we will hear reports from the 2015 Team of dedicated volunteers who went to the Province of Masbate in the Philippines to restore sight and hearing for hundreds of local villagers who could never afford such medical care. President Nominee, Rob Simpson, will also report on his recent trip to the Province of Mindoro with President Elect Doug Hawley, to plan our Club's 20th annual medical mission to the Philippines for the coming October 2016. We are expecting to welcome many guests to this meeting. It will be a really good event to bring families and friends. We'll all share in the experiences of Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self' in action. Please click here to RSVP for catering.

Peter May Past President

Photos from the Philippines Medical Mission 2015

Children in many of the villages where we conducted our eye and ear screening don't get enough to eat. Malnutrition is one of the biggest problems in schools. Kids can't learn if they are starving.







The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the <u>Hooking Restaurant</u>, 627 High Street, Kew East on Wednesday 20th 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 <u>anrz47@iinet.com.au</u> or 0467 033 092.

