



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 Friday*

Graham Bishop

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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

At our last meeting our speaker was Fiona Patten MLC, a Victorian State member of the Legislative Council for the Northern Metropolitan Region. Fiona is the leader of the Reason Party which was formerly known as the Australian Sex Party. She came to politics after 20 years of lobbying for sexual rights and for health issues, particularly on HIV/AIDS. Her focus has been on personal freedoms relating to drug reform, dying with dignity, medical supervised injection centres, equality and religious accountability.



Fiona Patten

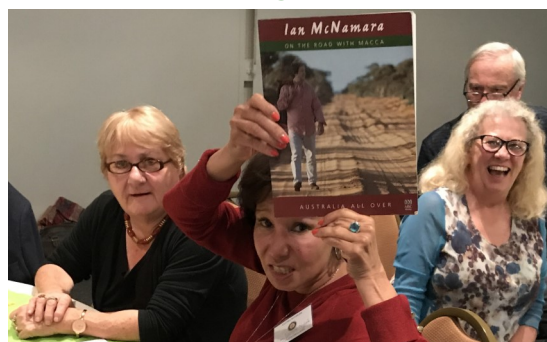
At the meeting she spoke in detail about Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Law. Fiona initiated the End of Life Choices Enquiry that provided the blueprint for the legislation. This detailed report draws on overseas experience and received well over 1,000 submissions with the majority in favour. She emphasised that no one is being forced to do anything. The process must be initiated by the person who is making a choice to end their suffering. The legislation is closely related to Oregon legislation and the person must be suffering from an incurable illness, which causes intolerable suffering, and expected to live for less than six months. A doctor is not allowed to initiate discussion or suggest voluntary assisted dying to a patient. Two doctors must sign off on the process and doctors have a right to refuse to be involved in the process. The patient must make several written requests as well as a written statement. If they are physically able, the patient must self administer the lethal substance. The Oregon experience is that 30% of patients that have obtained the right to use the lethal substance do not use it, but instead die a natural death.

Fiona was a speaker organised by Kyle. Great diversification of political views. Thanks Kyle. Even Kyle's best mate John Faine believes Fiona to be "without doubt, Australia's most effective Legislator".

The Great All Aussie Trivia Night

Our normal meeting the previous week, was replaced with the Great All Aussie Trivia Night, with the theme being around 60's and 70's music and film. The event was presented by my good friend Tim Faulkner and, thanks to Tim, was considered one of the best social events of the year.

*Special prizes and auction items
like Ian McNamara's ABC book
"On the Road with Macca"*



Speaker and Activities Program

Monday May 7
Monday May 14
Monday May 21

Speaker: Tim Smith MLA, **"Victorian Education Challenges"**

Speaker: Veda Surapaneni, **"National Youth Science Forum"**

Social Event - Partners & Friends Night at Di Palma's Restaurant, Kew East

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

May 6 - George Dolezal, Bill Granger/Sue Osborne, Annette Brownscombe/Carmela Dimasi

May 13 - Maria Tomanoska, Amir Salehi, Chris James/Kathleen Stapleton

May 20 - Gillian Swinnerton, Anne Josefsberg, Alan Stevens

May 27 - Roger Taylor, Kyle Wightman, Jenni Nankervis

Contact Janet Hay for all roster changes and requests, Mob 0411 411 732

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 2018 Community and Business Networking Event

On Thursday 17th May at 6:00pm to 8:30pm, Liz Landray, Community Development Officer for Boroondara Community Planning and Development, will present a panel of speakers who will talk about why they have formed partnerships and how to develop a pitch for community and business partnerships that align with their purpose, values and brand. During the speed-networking session hosted by Brett de Hoedt, you'll be able to connect with other groups and individuals who are interested in forming mutually rewarding partnerships. There are a number of Rotary Club members attending. However, if anyone else wishes to attend, they would be most welcome.

To register for this workshop go to the following website www.communityonboard2017-18.eventbrite.com.au

The District Assembly on 20th May - Message from Incoming DG

District Assembly will be held on Sunday 20th May at Tabcorp Park in Melton with registration between 8:15am - 9:00am. The day concludes with lunch at 1:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 9800, as well as being an opportunity to meet the incoming District Support Team. The day is structured to give individual members the chance to learn more about their portfolio as well as networking with others in similar positions in other Clubs.

A session for new members is extra special, and this will show them the scope of Rotary within the District and beyond. I encourage you to bring all members of your incoming Team and members who have joined your Club within the last 12 months.

[Download the Agenda for the day](#), detailing the sessions. We ask that all attendees indicate which breakout sessions they will be attending in Session 1 and 2.

Lunch is optional and if you and if your team decide to have lunch the choice of meal should be indicated on the Registration Form. The cost of attendance for the day is \$15 and the cost of lunch is \$22 hence the total for the day is \$37.

If any Canterbury Rotary member wishes to join me in attending the 2018 District Assembly, please let me know as soon as possible as I must advise District by next Monday 7th May

Restaurant Night at Di Palma's

The Di Palma's Restaurant Partners and Friends Social Evening is on 21st May. The address is Di Palma's Restaurant, 684-690 High St, Kew East. The cost is \$35 per head for a night of fabulous food, with partners and friends. The only request is that you advise Ross Merolli of your attendance merolli@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0418 334 173. Payment by the meeting on Monday 14th May would be most helpful to confirm numbers.

Rob



The Next Speaker - Tim Smith MLA

The speaker next Monday 7th May is our Club member Tim Smith MLA, State Member for Kew, Shadow Minister for Education, and Shadow Minister for Scrutiny of Government.

Tim has written several Opinion Pieces on Education and other matters which you can read at the following link timsmithmp.com/News/My-Opinion-Pieces. Tim will talk about Victorian Education Challenges.

The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next gathering of the Canterbury Rotary Lunchers will be at the QPO Café and Restaurant, 186 High Street, Kew on Wednesday 9th May at the usual time of 12:30pm.

QPO has been an iconic landmark in Kew since it was first built in 1880. The building continued to be used as a Post Office up until 1995 when it underwent a complete transformation to become a restaurant. Since then, QPO has seen several reinventions and is now a modern Australian restaurant open for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Fully licensed or BYO wine.

Please let David Zrna know if you are coming anz47db@gmail.com or 0467 033 092.

