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**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

To date, the C.V. of Canterbury Rotarian Janet Hay is exhaustive in the reading. Starting out as a stage and production manager she has moved through special event management, 10 years as property developer, caring for asylum seekers on Christmas Island, working with the Salvation Army on Nauru and Manus Island, then home for a Master's in Int. Co-operation and



Humanitarian Aid. Her dissertation was entitled: **"To Give or to Lend? Social Business and the Charity Model: Calling in the Generosity in Economics."** Janet also accommodated Club student Lia Wei for 12 months. Lia was present at her address to the Club.

In explaining today's talk Janet used a number of models. Her first was the iconic humanitarian Nicholas Winton, a hero who saved hundreds of children from extermination during the Hitler regime. Winton said: ***"The thing is to be prepared always to help other people if there is an opportunity to do so"***.

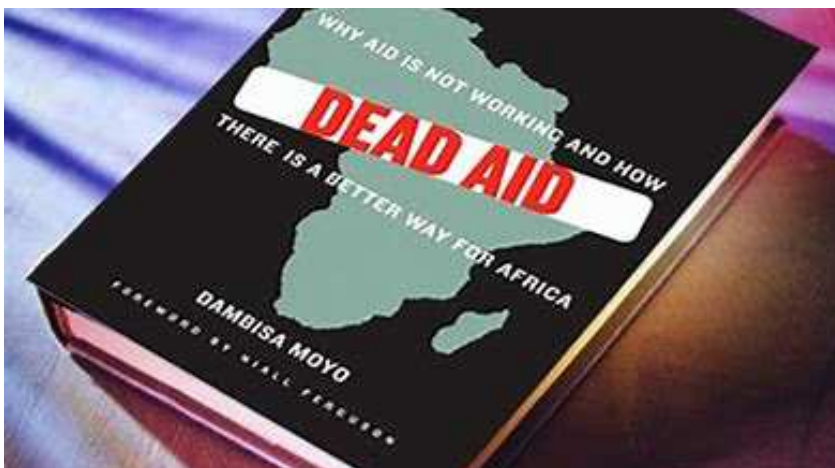
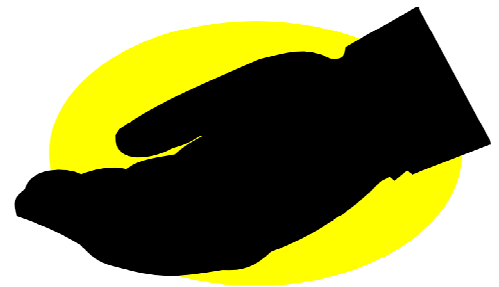
The second model was Dr Muhammad Yunus. Janet observed that nobody has made more of an impact on the poor than Dr Yunus with his micro finance bank in Bangladesh in 1977. The Nobel Peace Prize of 2006 was awarded jointly to Dr Yunus and the Grameen Bank ***"for***

their efforts to create economic and social development from below". She gave a touching example of a destitute Bangladeshi woman who lived on nothing. After learning



how to sign her name, the Bank gave her 300 Taka (\$4.66) with no collateral and with that she started up her own stall selling grain husks. In time she was able to eat three times a day and she even bought a new sari. The finance? It comes from social investment as against traditional investment.

Then Janet widened the picture on Aid. Long term Development Aid is terminated after the disaster or conflict is over. This deserves examination. Some people get a bit upset about Dr Yunus's ideas, particularly when it comes to talking about charitable giving and the business of international aid money. Charitable giving becomes a way to shrug off responsibility. Janet affirms that charity is no solution to poverty. Charity only perpetuates poverty by taking the initiative away from the poor. Charity allows people to go ahead with their own lives without worrying about the lives of the poor. Charity appeases consciences. Poverty is not a lack of character it is a lack of cash. Gifts are often given with little thought to the negative costs and too much aid can make poverty far more lucrative than honest toil.



Many people think that the more money they give the better they are.

The crucial question is should money be given under any circumstances to

relieve distress? What happens when the money is an encouragement to idleness or vice? A pivotal book for Janet's research is "Dead Aid" by Dambisa Moyo. Moyo argues that the

massive influx of money to Africa, particularly via Celebrity Humanitarians, has done the African people a great injustice. Tyrants love aid!

As can be seen this is a vital and well-proven topic but somewhat rarely publicized. Janet concluded with a few requests/suggestions:

- * TenForTamils (TFT) responds to women applying to receive goods to set up their own business - goats, chickens, seed etc.. They are monitored and further supported where necessary. Finance needed.
- * TfT provides scholarships for childrens' education. Finance
- * Go to [Kiva.org](https://www.kiva.org) - a micro-lending platform online. Choose a project, lend the money which is repaid when needed. The key to lending is that the same dollar keeps getting used over and over.
- * [Kor Timor](https://www.kortimor.com) is a not for profit social enterprise established in 2006 in Dili, Timor Leste, by the Rotary Club of Kew. They produce lovely handcrafts, some of which are used as speaker gifts at some Rotary and Probus Clubs.
- * tenfortamils.org.au
- * Janet Hay janethay1122@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS

Recently Peter Byrne joined other **INCOMING PRESIDENTS** at Euroa. His broad summary described it as 'wonderful' and he reminded all that the theme for 18/19 is **Be The Inspiration**.

On Sunday, April 8, in Benalla, there will be a District Assembly of all incoming Board Members.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Members are reminded to get their total hours of service to Secretary Geoff. While Geoff's investigative and interrogative skills are well honed, to leave this matter to his guess-work is a bit too much.



PINCHAPOO is celebrating its new sponsor!

Don't miss Friday arvo at the Conference. Second speaker at the 2.30pm session on Friday will be Kate Austin updating the current status of Pinchapoo.

Once more a "Thank you" to those who helped with the packaging after last week's meeting. Many hands

FAMILY OF ROTARY

AN EXUBERANT PRESTON WELCOME!

BRIAN PETERS, District Governor Nominee
and P.P. Albury West.

Brian will be joining all at this Wednesday's Meeting

GREETINGS to Joy Crampton who is in recuperative mode. A notable presence last week was Paul Josephson while Frank Brass was reported as 'travelling slowly'.

R.I. President Ian Riseley will be received by Governor Linda Dessau at Government House 13/4. President Julie and Joe Morris, Sandy Bell and Lisa Defazio will represent the Club on the occasion.

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| Birthday | <i>Marilyn McIlvenna 19/3</i> |
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VISITORS LAST WEEK: Judy Doubas (Founder of TenforTamils - TFT), Lauren Webster, Philomena Scordia, Lia Wei, Michael Johnson.

The story of last week's visitor, **Judy Doubas**, is remarkably similar to that of Club Member Joan Roose - they went, they saw, they acted!



Judy formed the idea of Ten for Tamils when she first visited Jaffna, Sri Lanka, in October 2014: *"I was not happy with the way our government treated Tamil Asylum Seekers and wanted to know why Tamils would want to flee a country considered the "pearl of the Indian Ocean".* Her Sri Lankan visits took her to outback camps for destitute women who at times have no clothes or food. Their children were malnourished and the women living in despair, with little hope for any change in their future.

Judy operates through Sri Lanka's NFP Centre for Women and Development and this day's speaker, Janet, is treasurer to TFT. Ten dollars a month for Tamils

www.tenfortamils.org.au

ROTARIAN JOAN ROOSE REPORTS -

Jacob's Well foundation: *I've been hugely busy, starting a few days after my return with a team of Medical students & a supervising doctor from Deakin University with us in January. Then in Feb, my crossing the country to speak at & attend a women's conference with another 750 women leaders from the states of Maharastra and Gujarat. The weather is hotting up here, days in the mid-high 30's but nights still cool up in our hills. Elsewhere it's much hotter.*



COMING EVENTS

CLUB BOARD

will meet after this Wednesday's meeting.

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| March 14 | Chair | Peter Byrne |
| | Topic | Refugees |
| | Speaker | Christina Coombe |
| | Welcomes | Elaine Price |
| | House | Les Woodland |
| | Sergeant | David De La Coeur |
| March 21 | Chair | Mel Riel |
| | Topic | Million \$ Dinner |
| | Speaker | Peter Gilbert |
| March 28 | Topic | Teaching disadvantaged young people in Thailand |
| | Speaker | Mark Jessup Principal Reservoir High School |

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018: Yarrawonga-Mulwala, March 22-25.
Lakeview Motel: 1 Hunt Street, YARRAWONGA.

FOURTH ANNUAL MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW. It commences on
Friday 23 March, 6pm, Sat 11 and Sun. 10am

INCOMING BOARD 2018-2019: April 8th - District Assembly at
Benalla.

PAVILION SCHOOL VISIT: Friday May 4, 12.30 a practical demo of
workshop, pizza oven and developments. Students prepare lunch.

TRIVIA NIGHT: A Club social for partners and friends - May 16.

CLUB CHANGEOVER 2018: The date has been set for June 27, 2018 at
the St Georges restaurant.

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
help us to serve Thee all our days.