

## Club Forum

## Bulletin

Tuesday 7th August, 2007

As we get stuck into the new Rotary Year, with a new president in each club, leading a revitalised team with another exciting year ahead of us, we will find new ways of working with innovative ideas, all of which have a primary aim of making the most of every day in the Rotary calendar.

Our new District Governor and his team have introduced a host of great ideas to enhance the work of Rotary clubs throughout the district. Our new "Roll-Up-Banner" is an exciting example of our new "Out There" Rotary Image.

**District Governor Dick Garner**, along with his wife and team-mate Sue, have put the following message out to the Rotary Clubs of District 9810:



"Rotary District 9810 forms part of the Melbourne conurbation located in the southeast sector of the city. It spans from Port Phillip Bay on its western border, stretching some 60 kilometres (37 miles)

north eastward to the inland Yarra ranges at its eastern border. Although compact in area, there are 51 Rotary Clubs in this District ranging in size from small Clubs of 15 members in country communities, to metropolitan Clubs with 80 members.

Rotary is not a secret society, and we are always keen to hear from individuals who might be interested in finding out more about belonging to this great organization. You may have previously have been in Rotary and have now transferred to our part of the world. Or you are a man or woman who would like to find a way of giving back to our community whilst enjoying the friendship of a great group of people. Individually it may be hard to make an impact but, as part of a Rotary Club, you can make a significant difference and have fun at the same time.

Clubs may differ from each other in demographic terms, meeting times or venues, but all have the same aims of making the world a better place, whether locally, or further afield, while at the same time strengthening existing friendships and creating new ones.

Visitors to our website will find information on the wide range of programs and activities that this Rotary District has to offer. If you would like to contact us with a specific enquiry please leave a message in the "Contact Us" message box. Alternatively, give us a phone call -- we can be contacted on 1300 78 26 62. We would like to hear from you. "

**Dick Garner**



Rotary Club of Mitcham Newsletters for the current Rotary Year are viewable in the **NEWS** section of: [www.rotarymitcham.com](http://www.rotarymitcham.com)



August 2007

Philip Daw 24th



Wedding  
Anniversaries

Bill and Jill Mudford 14th

Wayne and Dianne Lucas 16th

Philip and Joan Daw 30th

## Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship  
and the opportunity of service  
through Rotary, we give thanks.

The Rotary Club of  
Mitcham needs you!

# Helping Hands

The Rotary Club is looking for volunteer  
shop attendants to help assist in the  
continued running of our local op-shop.

Why not come and spend a few hours in our  
fun and happy environment and  
help support our community  
and have fun too!



Please call John Atkinson on  
**9873 3322** for more details!



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Presented by the Rotary Club of Mitcham

1979 Geoffrey Prior  
1980 Dr John Munro  
1983 Bruce McLaughlin  
1986 Maxwell Bloom †  
1988 William Wood†  
1988 Alan Fraser  
1989 Tony Gibson  
1989 David Gawler  
1991 Dr Peter Brown  
1991 Robert McDowell  
1991 Bruce Wainwright  
1993 Ronald Slattery  
1994 Vic Dye  
1995 Fr Kevin Dillon  
1995 Kenneth Rose  
1997 David Murray  
1998 Ian Young  
1998 Ron Frederick

1999 Chris & Ian McColl  
1999 John Varley  
2000 John Cook  
2000 Jean & Ray † Rose  
2000 Brian Bergin  
2001 Christine Ryan  
2001 Bill Mudford  
2001 John Atkinson  
2002 Wayne Lucas  
2002 Denis Bunn †  
2002 Michael Edney  
2002 Peter McPhee  
2003 Dawn & Graham Whiteside  
2003 Keith Nunn  
2004 Brendan Tunstall  
2004 Colin Spencer  
2005 Fred Wiffrie  
2006 Les Marton

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOW SAPPHIRE AWARD

2002 Bruce Wainwright

2004 Tony Gibson

2004 John Atkinson

2007 Brian Bergin (Dec)

### FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD

2000 John Atkinson

### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND COMPANIONS

1994 Roy Knudson † 1996 Dr Peter Brown 1999 David Murray

## Officers for 2007/8

BOARD	PORTFOLIOS
President Sharon Partridge	Membership All Members
IP President: Eva Anderson	New Generations Sharon Partridge
Pres. Elect: David Ayliffe	Communication/Marketing, Public Relations and Photography: Eva Anderson
Vice President : TBA	International and on to Conference: David Ayliffe
Secretary: Jack Butler	Vocational Service: Ivan Munoz
Treasurer and Fundraising: John Atkinson	Fellowship: Bill Mudford
Philip Daw	Attendance: Michael Edney
	Foundation: Ron Frederick
	Bulletin and Program: Wayne Lucas, Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
	Sergeant and Community Service: David Murray



## Partridge Prose

**Good afternoon,**

It was so nice to have Narelle from Youth Justice Department and Liz from Nunawading Community Policing with us last week. I think it would be great for our Club to build on the relationship with the police and Youth Justice department.

The pilot programs Constable Liz has in mind for young offenders, such as 10 pin bowling at Forest hill, are good programs to be involved in. They would show young people what we do in the community. Perhaps they will see the police and community service clubs like Rotary in a different light. I think it would show Rotary as being out there at the grass roots level helping to get the best out of these young people to assist them in making their lives better and help to turning them round and building on that relationship. As we know, none of us are perfect and sometimes just showing you are there can make all the difference to their lives.

Bill is doing the roster for the 12th August Farmers market I look forward to seeing as many of your smiling faces there as it is always a good fun day.

I really hope you can assist on next Thursday evening 9th August. I have been involved in the East Timor projects for many years and the Mosaic of music is on at the Whitehorse centre. (See following page). It is only \$10.00 a seat and there are 413 seats to fill. Please think about coming along as it will show case the young people and their talents in Whitehorse. Starts at 7.30 till 10.00. Former Whitehorse Councillor and friend Bernie Millane is the driving force behind this concert. He is from Box Hill Central Rotary. Together with the Whitehorse Rotaract Club they are helping with the concert. Whitehorse friends of Oecussi (which I belong to) and two other members will be in the foyer selling the woven hand made products from the women of Timor. All the money raised on the night from the concert will all go back to Timor. Please think about coming along and spread the word,

Many thanks

**Shaz**

**Ask me about Bookings for the 2007 Youth Music Mosaic to fund aid to the community of Oecussi Timor Leste.**

Thought for the week: "Success is where preparation and opportunity meet"

### ***Advance Australia Fair***

*Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts, of beauty rich and rare  
In history's page let every stage, advance Australia fair  
In joyful strains, then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair*

### ***This Week ...***

**Tuesday 7th August 2007**

**Club Forum**

**President Sharon Partridge  
Desk for August.: Eva and David**

## ***2007 Youth Music Mosaic***

### ***Whitehorse Centre Theatre***

***Thursday 9th August starting at 7.30pm***



## ***OECUSSI ENCLAVE IN TIMOR-LESTE***

Unbeknown to many people, Oecussi Enclave is one of thirteen Regions in what is commonly called East Timor. This newest of democracies is located roughly 400kms north of Darwin and an airplane flight to the capital of Dili takes a little over 100 minutes. In many ways, a near neighbour to Australia but a very poor nation. And this continues to be the case, in spite of there being major supplies of oil and other natural resources under the Timor Sea.

Timor-Leste has managed co-existence with a number of other countries over many years - countries such as China, Portugal, the Netherlands and Indonesia. In 1999 it finally achieved its independence, but did so at a great cost - the loss of many lives and significant destruction to its infrastructure and basic economy. As you may know, there has been wonderful support provided by a number of other nations, including many non-government organisations to help the citizens of Timor-Leste rebuild their nation and find its place in world affairs.

Oecussi Enclave is located 75 kms east of the capital Dili. Its location is actually within West Timor, encircled by Indonesian land and the sea. In spite of this challenging geographic position, it belongs to East Timor - why? Well it happens to be the landing place for ships from Portugal in 1514. It is, therefore, the founding place of what we call today -- East Timor (Timor-Leste) and agreement to it remaining part of East Timor was formally authorised.

Since 2000, the people of Victoria have been encouraged by the Victorian Local Governance Association to form Friendship Relationships with a Region or Village or School in Timor-Leste. Both the community in our City of Whitehorse and many people from other places have confirmed their interest and willingness to raise funds and provide other, essential resources for the Oecussi Enclave, its District Administrator, the staff and the wider community.

Examples of what we have supported and in many cases, fully funded include the total rebuilding and fit-out of a Youth Centre in Oecussi township, the provision of ten Computer systems ( for use by the youth to obtain internet facilities and access to on-line education programs), money to fund humanitarian programs for new and young mothers, stationery and other material for use by students at the San Antonious Co-Educational High School in Oecussi, the provision of high-quality, second-hand brass, stringed and percussion instruments for Oecussi youth and students at the Dili Institute of Technology, the provision AND installation of Solar Powered Units for a number of Community Houses in outlying, rural locations - electricity and power produced by rays from the sun.

And there is more !!

### ***So why is the 09 AUGUST 2007 Youth Music Mosaic event being held ?***

To highlight and publicly acknowledge the wonderful friendships that have been formed between caring Australians and remarkable, independent and democratically-minded Timor-Leste citizens

***AND***

To inform and engage our youth so that their leadership reinforces this valuable connection between two countries, well into the future with peace, goodwill and prosperity.

# Food For Thought

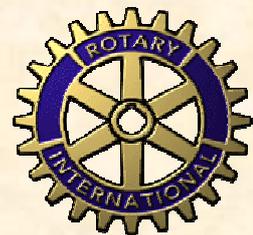
Senior Citizens Are Valuable.

We are more valuable than any of the  
younger generations.

We have silver in our hair,  
We have gold in our teeth,  
We have stones in our kidneys,  
We have lead in our feet and  
We are loaded with natural gas.

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse

Over  
80  
Stalls



After another successful event, make sure you join us at  
the next market on Sunday, August 12th 2007

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd  
Nunawading. Enquiries 0438 550068

# Diary Dates

## August 2007

- Tuesday 7th      1:00 pm - Club Forum - 11:30 am Board Meeting RSL Mitcham
- Sunday 12th      7:00 am Whitehorse Civic Centre Farmers Market Breakfast Barbecue  
BE THERE PLEASE! We are cooking the Barby Breakfast!!!!
- Tuesday 14th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Guest Speaker - Sue Curliss Mitcham Community House.
- Tuesday 21st      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Cam Walker - Friends of the Earth - Climate Change
- Tuesday 28th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Guest Speaker - Father Kevin Dillon.

## September 2007

- Tuesday 4th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Club Forum. Board Meeting 11:30 am
- Tuesday 11th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Guest Speaker - Ines Forlano - Harvey World Travel
- Tuesday 18th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Guest Speaker - Therese Kelly - Taralye
- Tuesday 25th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham -

## November 2007

- Tuesday 13th      12:00 Ringwood Golf Club - Camp Quality Golf Day
- Tuesday 27th      1:00 pm RSL Mitcham Guest Speaker - District Governor Dick Garner.

## December 2007

- Saturday 8th      Whitefriars College Donvale - Seniors Concert 4 pm to 10:30 pm

## The Four Way Test

... of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# Collections: Who...What...Where

## Who collects?

## Who needs items?

## Where to send what?

A list of items that can be re-used! This page can also be a start for your club to be involved with another club. Please use the club email contacts for further information. Want your collection activity added to this list? Please contact the [www.d9810.rotary.org.au/webmaster](http://www.d9810.rotary.org.au/webmaster)

### Computers:

Rotary Club of Box Hill: Used computers are collected, rebuilt and passed on to worthy recipients, generally children from disadvantaged background. Contact Rob or Julie Bishop on (bus) 98900266 or email contact to: The Rotary Club of Box Hill: [boxhill@9810.rotary.org.au](mailto:boxhill@9810.rotary.org.au)

### Soft Toys

Rotary Club of Clayton: With each Interplast Team, this club sends small soft toys, bibs and face washers. They are currently short of soft toys. Can you help? The toys should be around the size of a clenched fist. Email contact: The Rotary Club of Clayton: [clayton@d9810.rotary.org.au](mailto:clayton@d9810.rotary.org.au)

### Spectacles:

Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully collects spectacles and they are then forwarded on to John Gander for Donations In Kind. Email contact: The Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully: [ferntreegully@d9810.rotary.org.au](mailto:ferntreegully@d9810.rotary.org.au)

### Stamps:

District project - PP Carrol Farmer coordinates collection and sale of used stamps to raise funds for a designated program. In 2006-07 the funds will be used in the "Wheel Chairs for Kids" Program to buy simple but sturdy wheel chairs for disabled children in developing countries. The chairs cost \$100 each and are built by volunteer labour in Western Australia and distributed through World Vision. To contact Carol by email, please click on the following link: [stamps@d9810.rotary.org.au](mailto:stamps@d9810.rotary.org.au)

## *Description of Rotary*

*Rotary is an organisation of Business and Professional persons, united world wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in all the world.*

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