

**Guest
Speaker**

Sue Curlis
Mitcham Community House

Bulletin

Tuesday 14th August, 2007



Sue Curlis

Mitcham Community House has been operating since late 1975, when a playgroup was the first activity arranged. The Committee was enthusiastic and worked long hours. As the number of activities grew, things became hectic.

In 1997, with funding from Further Education, Department of Human Services (DHS) and Whitehorse City Council, we employ five office staff for various part-time hours, plus childcare and cleaning staff and the services of over fifty wonderful teachers. But – we must not forget the continuing dedicated ‘unpaid’ efforts of our wonderful committee, playgroup leaders, and office volunteers who have given their time and expertise so freely. All these dedicated adults continue to extend the philosophy of community learning.

The number of participants, both adults and children, has grown from less than 100 per week in 1975/76 to well over 800 in 1997, with most of the house users coming from our local community. The House is now running at nearly full capacity, and although it is a struggle financially, we keep the fees as low as possible.

The extended family is not available for many people. Neighbours are rarely seen. Local shopping has largely been replaced by impersonal shopping centres. People need venues and activities to fill their leisure time. The economic climate makes it harder to find jobs. Skills need updating for job retraining

For all these reasons – Mitcham Community House has continued to grow and provide a venue for bringing people together as a community. A glance at our timetable and a visit to the House on any weekday is ‘proof of the pudding’.

In 1996, we relocated to new ‘purpose built’ premises owned by the City of Whitehorse. It is now possible to plan and diversify to continue to meet the needs of the Mitcham Community. The Strength of the House is in its openness and flexibility. The Committee are always aiming to respond to Community needs and offers of support. The Committee aims for a relaxed and informal style, which will encourage active participation. It is hoped that people will, through House use, develop and enrich their lives, recognise their strengths and weaknesses, and be accepting of the differences between individuals.



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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,

Thankyou to everyone who has managed to make it to today's meeting, and a very special welcome to Sue Curlis, who is the coordinator of the Mitcham Community House.

I have been involved with the Community House for over 20 years doing a variety of courses; learning to make hot cross buns, studying yoga, craft classes, personal development, training in effective parenting courses, and one of my favourites was learning French.

I have always appreciated the friendship and help which I have gained through the many years of being associated with the community house in Mitcham. The staff and volunteers make you feel so welcome. It is a very busy house with so many courses happening at the one time. The Rotary Club of Mitcham has supported courses at the house on quite a few occasions; strength training and family violence programs to name just a few.

It has been my pleasure to have known Sue Curlis who is the driving force behind Mitcham's Community House. I thank her for the time and passion that she has for the house and for all who enter its doors. She is a remarkable lady. I look forward to hearing what she has to tell us to day.

Shaz



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 14th August 2007

Guest Speaker - Sue Curlis
Mitcham Community House
President Sharon Partridge
Desk for August.: Eva and David

MITCHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

2006

Participation Fact Sheet for an average week

Activity	Participation Rate per week
Adult Class/Activity	718
Children's Activities (include parents)	246
Childcare	80
Volunteers (include COM & Sub Com)	50
Tutors	73
Staff	10
Rental Activities	10
<i>Other Information</i>	
Approx Number of activities per week	95
Approx number of program hrs per week	210

Europeans Heighten Threat Levels

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved". Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross". Londoners have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz began in 1940 and tea supplies all but ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance". The last time the British issued "A Bloody Nuisance" warning level was during the great fire of 1666.

Also, the French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide". The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

It's not only the English and French who are on a heightened level of alert. Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout loudly and excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

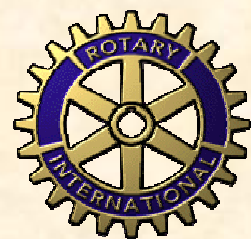
The Germans also increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose".

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual, and the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

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

- 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 6th 12:00 pm Redbox Vineyard Kangaroo Ground - Melbourne Cup Day Barbecue
- Tuesday 13th 12:00 pm RSL Mitcham - Guest Speaker.
- Wednesday 14th 12:00 Ringwood Golf Club - Camp Quality Golf Day
- Tuesday 27th 1:00 pm RSL Mitcham Guest Speaker - District Governor Dick Garner.

December 2007

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?

Mitcham Community House

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Co-ordinator: Sue Curlis

Volunteer Co-ordinator and Class Liaison: Anne Kean

Office Administrator: Bronwyn Roberts

Office Reception: Pam McCutchan

Hours of Opening: 9.30am – 4pm Monday to Friday (during school terms)

Activities are held daytime, evenings and some weekends

Our House:

The House was established in October 1975 at Mountview House. In 1996 we moved to purpose built premises. Participants are from the City of Whitehorse and beyond. An increasing number of young families are coming through the House. Approximately 1000 adults and children attend the House each week.

The Mission of Our House is to:

Enhance our local community by offering quality, affordable opportunities for learning, support, social interaction and personal growth in a warm and friendly environment.

Range of Programs:

Computers, Adult Education, Migrant English, Personal Development, Health and Recreation. Art and Craft, Cooking, Children's Activities, Playgroups and Luncheons. Childcare is available.

Special Activities:

AUSLAN Sign Language, English as a Second Language, Parenting Courses, Community Luncheons, Annual Craft market, Personal Development.

Support Group:

Family Violence Support Group offers Support and Educational Programs for women experiencing past or current issues of Violence/Abuse within Families

Volunteers:

There are many volunteering opportunities at the House including office, childcare, committee, fundraising, English as a Second Language, gardening and more.



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.