

Guest Speaker

Cam Walker

Friends of the Earth Climate Change

Bulletin

Tuesday 21st August, 2007



Cam Walker is National Liaison Officer for Friends of the Earth Australia.

Since its establishment in 1974, Friends of the Earth Australia has evolved into a diverse and vibrant network of groups working at the local, regional, national and international level.

Prior to working with Friends of the Earth Cam Walker worked with an alliance of activists on the Jabiluka campaign to stop a uranium mine being constructed in a World Heritage listed National Park, on the Traditional lands of the Mirrar people. This was his first experience of activism and whilst having his first attempt at media work, campaign planning, strategic actions/street theatre and corporate lobbying he spent a lot of time thinking about sustainability and justice. A short time later Cam joined FoE because he was really attracted to the idea of working on social justice alongside environmental sustainability. Cam's work as a community development worker has reinforced the necessity to build relationships, construct new

ways and motivate people's connection to the environment around them.

Cam is inspired by diversity and survival. It is amazing how people, plants and animals create ways in which they can survive and thrive, and people's bravery is also amazing.

Dedication to economic rationalism - making money at all other costs - despite all we know about global warming, increasing poverty, toxic waste and destruction of cultures, enables the ever-continuing path of industrial development to dominate life. Cam gets incredibly frustrated by how quickly peoples of the global north are attracted to consumption without any consideration for the social and environmental costs of the products we buy or the waste that those products create. A case in point is those new four-wheel-drive cars with a DVD player - who really needs such a car?

A combination of the things that Cam loves and those he does not, make him really happy to work on the **Climate Justice Campaign**. For Cam, it is the most exciting campaign and issue to be involved in, with so many diverse peoples and places becoming increasingly active against the continued profit from fossil fuels.

Climate Justice makes clear links between the simultaneous global over-consumption of resources and exploitation of the environmental space of so many peoples.

Welcome to our Rotary meeting today, Cam, we hope your message has both an immediate and a long term effect.



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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	1999 Chris & Ian McColl
1980 Dr John Munro	1999 John Varley
1983 Bruce McLaughlin	2000 John Cook
1986 Maxwell Bloom †	2000 Jean & Ray † Rose
1988 William Wood†	2000 Brian Bergin
1988 Alan Fraser	2001 Christine Ryan
1989 Tony Gibson	2001 Bill Mudford
1989 David Gawler	2001 John Atkinson
1991 Dr Peter Brown	2002 Wayne Lucas
1991 Robert McDowell	2002 Denis Bunn †
1991 Bruce Wainwright	2002 Michael Edney
1993 Ronald Slattery	2002 Peter McPhee
1994 Vic Dye	2003 Dawn & Graham Whiteside
1995 Fr Kevin Dillon	2003 Keith Nunn
1995 Kenneth Rose	2004 Brendan Tunstall
1997 David Murray	2004 Colin Spencer
1998 Ian Young	2005 Fred Wiffrie
1998 Ron Frederick	2006 Les Marton

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW SAPPHIRE AWARD

2002 Bruce Wainwright

2004 Tony Gibson

2004 John Atkinson

2007 Brian Bergin (Dec)

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2000 John Atkinson

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1994 Roy Knudson † 1996 Dr Peter Brown 1999 David Murray

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	Sergeant and Community Service: David Murray



Partridge Prose

Good afternoon,

Welcome to this weeks Rotary bulletin.

This week our guest speaker is Cam Walker, National Co-ordinator of Friends of the Earth, who will be talking to us about Climate Change. Climate change is one of the most challenging phenomenon's ever to confront the earth and modern civilisation. How we respond to it during this century is likely to reshape the direction of human development into the future.

There are many views on climate change and its causes from a diverse range of experts and it is often difficult for the layman to get a true understanding of fact from fiction. The Friends of the Earth clearly place man made emissions of carbon dioxide as the root cause of the problem.

I, as I am sure you do, look forward to Cam's talk on the subject.

On Sunday I had a pleasurable lunch with the other Whitehorse Cluster Group Presidents and will talk briefly about our discussions at Tuesdays meeting.

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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*

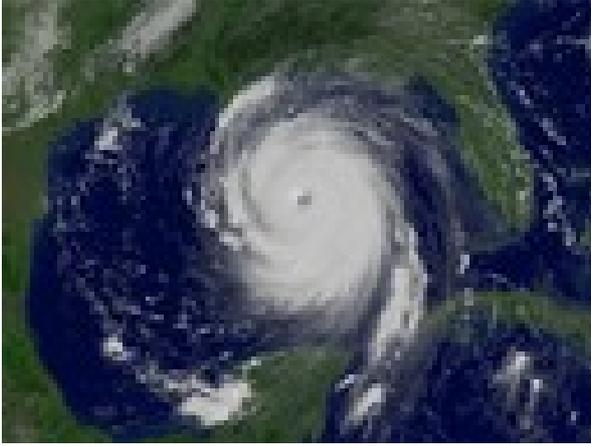
This Week ...

Tuesday 21st August 2007

Guest Speaker - Cam Walker
Friends of the Earth - Climate Change
President Sharon Partridge
Desk for August.: Eva and David
Chairman - Philip Daw

Climate Change Images

Hurricane Katrina



Low Lying Islands at Risk



Species Dislocation



Break up of Antarctica Ice Shelf



Flooded Homes—Kiribati



Friends of the Earth

What is climate change?

Global Climate Change is the **single biggest environmental threat** facing the planet. Temperatures will rise up and extreme weather events are predicted to become more frequent because of climate change. **More drought and bush fires** in Australia are likely to occur because of climate change. Climate Change is likely to have **huge impacts on people everywhere**; farmers, Islanders, the hungry and impoverished, coastal dwellers, and people everywhere will suffer from storms and heatwaves.

There is much that can be done to stop catastrophic climate change but **decisive action from governments and industry is needed now.**

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

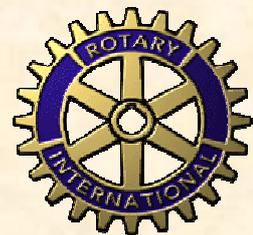
Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin!

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name?

Winston Churchill

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, September 9th 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 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 - Guest Speaker -

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

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



... 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?

What causes climate change?

According to the Friends of the Earth Website

The Greenhouse Effect is a natural process whereby **gases trap heat** by forming a blanket around the Earth - like the glass of a greenhouse.

This keeps the Earth a good temperature (15C on average).

Climate change is caused by the **burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and gas**, as well as deforestation and agricultural effluent. These processes create *more* greenhouse gases such as **carbon dioxide (CO₂)**, further heating the earth.

The Earth's temperature has already risen about 0.6C over the 20th century.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) projects a further **increase of 1.4 to 5.8C** for the next century.

The IPCC is a group of top climate scientists from across the world, hand picked by the world's governments to investigate climate change.

So how will the climate change?

Already the impacts of climate change are becoming clear. Globally ice-sheets have melted, glaciers retreated, there has been more drought in Africa and Australia, more heatwaves in Europe, and more extreme weather storms such as hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons.

The climate system is incredibly complicated, so the effects of climate change will be different all over the world. But on average there is likely to be:

- **Increased temperatures**
- **More flooding and landslides**
- **More drought and less predictable rainfall**
- **More heatwaves**
- **More severe storms, like tropical cyclones and thunderstorms**

This is likely to cause:

- Sea-level rise, and displacement of coastal people (Erosion? Loss of Pacific and Torres Strait Islands)
- More bushfires
- Extinction of endangered or threatened species
- Spread of tropical diseases and parasites
- Loss of reefs
- Spread of weeds and pests
- Damage to coastal areas
- Loss of alpine areas
- Increase in hardship for farmers
- Loss of fresh water
- Drop in food supplies and increases in prices
- More damage to homes from storms and heat
- Difficulties for low-income earners
- Increased desertification.

FoE believes that education and knowledge exchange is a key factor in building mass movements - and this is what we need to do if we will be able to effectively respond to the problems associated with global warming.



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.