

# Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



## Guest Speaker

## Vicki Walker: "Opening the Doors Foundation"

## Bulletin

Tuesday 12th February,

**VICKI WALKER**

**Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry  
Melbourne**

Vicki is a descendant of the Mutthi Mutthi tribe of southwest NSW, (her home country is centred in the Mungo National Park area), and is the proud mother of Tamara.

The opening the Doors Foundation is an Indigenous Education Foundation established to:

- empower and support Indigenous Families to make choices in educational opportunities for their children;
- help "open the doors" of independent educational institutions in Victoria for Indigenous students;
- be a model of self-empowerment and self-determination by creating an organisation that responds directly to the needs of its own community.

National Statistics recorded in the *Human Rights & Equal Opportunities Commission, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice section*, paint a picture of continuing severe disadvantage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia especially in the areas of health, employment, child care, housing and education.

The Victorian Government *Indigenous Affairs Report 2002 - 2004* documents that same disadvantage. In the area of post compulsory (15-19 years) education only 64% of Indigenous students participate as opposed to 87.6% of non-Indigenous students; 35% less indigenous children parOctober 15, 2007

According to this report, 38.8% of the Victorian Indigenous population is under the age of 15 years with 57% under the age of 25 years as opposed to the non-indigenous population where only 20.3% are under the age of 15 and 34.1% under the age of 25.

These statistics are inherent in the emerging understanding of the need for positive and successful educational opportunities for young Indigenous Victorians. The Doors need to be opened and we need to encourage young Indigenous students through them. We need to travel the journey with them from Prep to Year 12, encouraging, supporting and ensuring that they have access to all the "extras" - uniforms, books, camps, leadership experiences, music etc. that ensures a feeling of belonging and of fully participating in experiences without financial disadvantage.

The Opening the Doors Foundation is responding to long-term and constant requests from the Indigenous community in Victoria for support and encouragement to achieve educational success, to **encourage aspirations and to dream future possibilities.**



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



**February 2008**  
**Gayle Murray 9th**  
**Bill Mudford 25th**



Wedding  
Anniversaries

None

## 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)

### 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

President	Sharon Partridge
IP President:	Eva Anderson
Pres. Elect:	David Ayliffe
Vice President :	TBA
Secretary:	Jack Butler
Treasurer and Fundraising:	John Atkinson
Committee:	
	Philip Daw
	David Murray
	Bill Mudford

### PORTFOLIOS

Membership	All Members
New Generations	Sharon Partridge
Communication/Marketing, Public Relations and Photography:	Eva Anderson
International and on to Conference:	David Ayliffe
Vocational Service:	Ivan Munoz
Fellowship:	Bill Mudford
Attendance:	Michael Edney
Foundation:	Ron Frederick



## Partridge Prose

*What a great weekend. I met up with Lauren and James from the Pawsey project. It was good to have a de-brief over the Australia Day project. A cheque will be organised this week regarding our club's contribution.*

*Sunday was the Whitehorse Farmer's Market and there was a large number of people in attendance. A number of the stall holders sold out and quite a lot said they were seeing many new customers, which is terrific. Lets hope we can build on the great success of the last year's figures.*

*Coming up later this month is a Gala Charity Concert Victorian Police Show*

*Date 15th February 2008 at 7.30 Whitehorse performing Arts Centre Nunawading Tickets \$22.00 Bookings 926265555*

*The theatre holds 407 people it would be great if you would please advertise this one for the Rotary Box hill Central and fill the theatre. Many thank's*

*Have a good week.*

**Shaz**

### Quotes:

*If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.*

## 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*

## This Week ...

**Tuesday 12th February 2008  
Guest Speaker - Vicki Walker  
Opening the Doors Foundation**

**President Sharon Partridge  
Desk for January: Eva and David  
Chairman - Sharon Partridge**

# Colin's (Joke) Corner

**What is Butt Dust?** *What, you ask, is "Butt dust?" Read on and you'll discover the joy in it!*

*These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!*

**JACK** (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

**MELANIE** (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

**STEVEN** (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. "I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."

**BRITTANY** (age 4) had an earache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

**SUSAN** (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

**DJ** (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

**MARC** (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

**CLINTON** (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"

**JAMES** (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

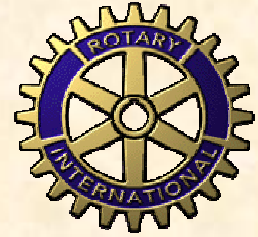
**TAMMY** (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget... this particular Sunday sermon... "Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust..." He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, "Mom, what is butt dust?"



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, March 13th 2008**  
**8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:**  
**The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd**  
**Nunawading. Enquiries 0438 550068**

# MITCHAM RSL GRAND PRIX



**SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2008 7: 30 pm**

6 Qualifying Sessions leading to the Grand Prix  
Cars will be Auctioned your chance to live that fantasy by owning and driving your F1  
On Track Bookie  
Free Entry  
Ear Plugs Provided (not necessarily for the car noise???)  
Welcome to BYO Nibbles  
Come and see our Grid Girls

**Mitcham RSL 26 McDowall St Mitcham**  
**9873-1792**

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# Diary Dates

## February 2008

Tuesday 12th Vicki Walker, Opening the Doors Foundation

Tuesday 19th Graham Shaw, Rotary Agricultural Scholarships

Tuesday 26th Tour of Schwerkolt Cottage and BBQ

## March 2008

Tuesday 4th Club Forum, Business Matters, Members Profile

Tuesday 11th Leonie Moran, MUNA

Tuesday 18th Guest Speaker

Tuesday 25th Guest Speaker

## April 2008

Tuesday 1st Club Forum, Business Matters, members Profile.  
WATCH OUT, IT'S APRIL FOOLS DAY!

Tuesday 8th Ian Coleman, Bowelscan



... 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?

## *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.*

## The Objects of Rotary

To encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular:

- first** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- second** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian of this occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- third** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
- fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace, through the world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

## List of Members

	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Work</i>	<i>Mobile</i>	<i>Fax</i>
Eva ANDERSON	Kevin	9452 3966		0438 550 068	
John ATKINSON	Merle	9886 6520	9873 3322	0418 358 849	9873 1713
David AYLIFFE	Meg	9729 2389		0425 733 361	
Jack BUTLER	Pamela	9874 8876			
Philip DAW	Joan	9874 2128	9874 2128	0408 334 009	9874 2128
Michael EDNEY	Zoe	9807 7042			
Ronald FREDERICK		9890 2873	9871 9307	0418 994 841	9871 9399
Wayne LUCAS	Dianne	9842 6816	9842 4433	0419 302 051	9841 9034
Bill MUDFORD	Jill	9877 2159	9873 5100	0418 339 708	9874 7488
Ivan MUNOZ	Mireja	9801 3505	9762 6466		
David MURRAY	Gayle	9874 8573	9873 1838	0419 324 234	9872 5774
Sharon PARTRIDGE		9873 5848	—	0438 221 366	9873 5848
Christine RYAN		9872 4529	9872 4529		
Colin SPENCER	Glenys	9712 0889	9712 0440	0413 566 968	9712 0422
Richard TEMBY	Sue	9874 1360	9873 1375	0428 526 524	9873 0137
Fred WIFFRIE	Shirley	9723 2294	9723 2294	0417 565 909	9725 7488

Rotary theme for 2007 - 2008



*Do you enjoy the friendship and atmosphere of your Rotary Club?*



- Give a copy of this bulletin to a business or professional acquaintance each week.
- Invite business associates and acquaintances to your club's functions on a regular basis
- Share your Rotary experiences with people who you know in your business or professional life
- Give the names and contact details of people who are interested in joining Rotary to your club president or secretary.

*Rotary, Service Above Self.....*

## Coming up on Tuesday 19th February Graham Shaw: Royal Agricultural Scholarships

Graham will be speaking on the Rotary Club of Monash's Royal Agricultural Scholarship – a drought relief project with a permanent benefit, which provides funding for people from disadvantaged rural based families to attend an Agricultural College.

World President Elect D K Lee's theme for 2008-2009 is:  
"Make Dreams Real"



### ***MUNA 2008***

***MUNA 2008 will be conducted at  
Parliament House Saturday 3rd and  
Sunday 4th May 2008.***

***MUNA?*** Stands for ***M***odel ***U***nited  
***N***ations ***A***ssembly.

**Every Month is Membership Month**