

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Guest Speaker

**Liz Tarquinio,
Whitehorse Youth Resource Officer**

Bulletin

Tuesday 18th March, 2008

Liz TARQUINIO is the Youth Resource Officer for the City of Whitehorse, working from the Nunawading Police Station.

Her role is to focus on predominantly 'at risk' youth such as clients of Youth Justice who are in the court system. These 'at risk' youth are frequently coming into contact with police and as a result have a poor perception of police due to only having 'negative' experiences with police members.

Liz has been working with the Department of Human Services and Youth Justice in Box Hill and it has become clear there are no programs where the clients are able to be linked with police in a positive way.

She has started a program called the 'Police and Youth Activity Club' to bring local police and youth involved in the criminal justice system together in a positive way.

Late last year saw the first activity at the AMF bowling centre in Forest Hill where 5 young men involved with youth justice and a number of police members including Liz and youth justice staff spent a few hours bowling and lunched together.

The day went very well and was a great opportunity for all involved to have fun. Liz is hoping to have an activity every few months funded by the Ringwood Court and the Whitehorse council.

Bowling is a great activity as it allows for

interaction, talking, caters to all people of different capabilities and promotes health and fitness. Liz is hoping to include indoor rock climbing as part of the club activities.

Liz also meets with young people who are sentenced to youth detention to try and break down some barriers between young offenders and police. This has been beneficial both to Liz and to these young people who have contacted her as a 'support person' rather than as a police officer trying to 'get them'.

She is also involved with the local community school in Whitehorse where many 'at risk' young people attend as well as young people with various disabilities. Again she goes into the school both in and out of uniform to try and challenge stereotypes young people have about police.

She has a lot of contact with the many agencies in Whitehorse and often seeks their help by making referrals for young people and their families. These agencies often contact her for any police related questions they have.

The role is very rewarding as Liz has the opportunity to talk with young people and show them how police are interested in helping them. These young people often say, 'you don't look like a copper' and talk more freely about their issues and problems.

Liz last spoke at Mitcham Rotary at our 31st July 2007 meeting.



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www.rotarymitcham.com



March 2008

Merle Atkinson 1st
Joan Daw 1st
Jill Mudford 15th
Shirley Wiffrie 18th
Ivan Munoz 20th



Wedding
Anniversaries

Jack & Pamela Butler 16th

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)
 2007 Bill Mudford
 2007 Colin Spencer

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

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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

Good Afternoon,

What a Hot weekend we have just had, and more hot weather to come. Come on rain! And this from a Queen slander who prefers Autumn/ winter weather as at least you can rug up.

I had a nice time at Redbox Winery on Sunday and later that afternoon at a Blues Festival at Buccanbe Park in down town Mitcham.

A reminder that the RSL Mitcham is open this year for the Good Friday Appeal for the Children's Hospital. (See this weeks Bulletin back page.) If you are around , do drop in for lunch as \$2.00 from every meal goes to the Appeal.

A reminder to have your paper work "Working with Children" and photo copy of documents ready for the first of April. (Also April fools Day, remember!)

I hope you all have a good Easter and I look forward in seeing you next week.

Have a great week,

Shaz

Quotes:

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

Mahatma Gandhi *Indian political and spiritual leader (1869 - 1948)*

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 18th March 2008
Liz Tarquinio,
Whitehorse Youth Resource Officer**

**President Sharon Partridge
Desk for March: Colin Spencer
Chairman - Eva Anderson**





Camp Quality hand over of the Golf Day chq for \$2,000 by Mitcham rotary

Follow-up on ROMAC patient Babu

Last week we reported the story of Babu. This week John Benger, Southern Region ROMAC Chair, sent the following update.

Some rather remarkable information from surgeon A/P Andrew Heggie in that Babu has been cleared to go home. See information from A/P Andrew Heggie below. (This was the patient that had a major part of his jaw reconstructed two weeks ago from bone from his hip after this jaw was removed with a tumour that had enlarged the whole of the right of his face.).

Three basic reasons. Firstly the quality of the surgeons and medical team. Secondly, despite a very poor background he is a fit 10 YO and his dad ensured he followed the post operation procedures to the letter.

Thirdly, the accompanying surgeon, Dr Badiul Alam, will admit him to hospital in Dacha in one of the 20 beds under his control. He will handle any post operative procedures or complications. It is often the latter that requires patients to stay in Australia for longer periods. One recent case stayed for months as there were no facilities in her country to treat her if anything went wrong.

Babu, Dad Sattar and Dr Alam left last Wednesday. The trip has been life saving for Babu and I was speaking to Dr Alam on Sunday 9th and he said there has been significant flow on benefits for Bangladesh.

Firstly he plans to complete additional training to be able to do the vascular side of the operation. Secondly he is confident he will be able to get his government to fund the equipment needed to enable

him to complete the operation free of charge to the "poor" in Bangladesh.

Thirdly he has been involved with a number of hospitals and at least one surgeon here has agreed to do a training trip to his country. Further he has said there was the embryo of getting a surgeon exchange program set up.

More later but the current news is that a potential three to four month post operation stay has been reduced to three to four weeks. Actually incredible.

Information received from A/Prof Andrew Heggie (March 8, 2008)

Babu has continued to progress well and is now walking and drinking well. He is also smiling and enthusiastic to go home. There is no exposure of bone intra-orally and the wounds are healing normally.

After consultation with the microsurgery team, we are happy for his departure to take place on Wednesday as hoped for. It is true that we prefer to manage these patients for at least a month postoperatively, but I think under the circumstances this can be waived as he will be well cared for in Dhaka and there are no signs of any complications. I am happy for his return arrangements to be finalized and have arranged to review him on Tuesday at the hospital before his departure on the 12th.

Andrew A.C. Heggie
A/Professor and Head
Section, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Department of Plastic & Maxillofacial Surgery
Director, Melbourne Research Unit for Facial

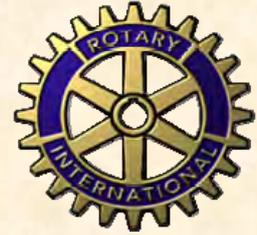
**The Presidents
2007/2008
Whitehorse Cluster
- Minus one!!!**





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

Colin's Corner

What small steps are taken to achieve freedom for us all!

This scene took place on a British Airways flight between Johannesburg, South Africa & London. A white woman, about 50 years old, was seated next to a black man. Very disturbed by this, she called the air hostess.

'You obviously do not see it then?' she asked. 'You placed me next to a black man. I did not agree to sit next to someone from such a repugnant group. Give me an alternative seat.'

'Be calm please,' the hostess replied. 'Almost all the places on this flight are taken. I will go to see if another place is available.'

The hostess went away & then came back a few minutes later.

'Madam, Just as I thought, there are no other available seats in Economy Class. I spoke to the captain & he informed me that there is also no seat in Business Class. All the same, we still have one place in First Class.'

Before the woman could say anything, the hostess continued.

'It is not usual for our company to permit someone from Economy Class to sit in First Class. However, given the circumstances, the Captain feels that it would be scandalous to make someone sit next to someone so disgusting.'

She turned to the black guy & said, 'Therefore, Sir if you would like to, please collect your hand luggage, a seat awaits you in First Class.'

At that moment, the other passengers, who'd been shocked by what they had just witnessed, stood up & applauded.

Well done British Airways.

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Diary Dates

March 2008

- Tuesday 18th Liz Tarquinio, Whitehorse Youth Resource Officer
- Tuesday 25th James Bawden, PAWSEY House Australia Day Project

April 2008

- Tuesday 1st Club Forum, Business Matters, members Profile.
WATCH OUT, IT'S APRIL FOOLS DAY!
- Tuesday 8th Ian Coleman, Bowelscan
- Tuesday 15th Glen Whyte, Police Academy, **7:00 AM**
- Tuesday 22nd Chris Aubrey, Whitehorse Councillor
- Tuesday 29th TBA

May 2008

- Tuesday 6th Club Forum, Business Matters, Members Profile



... 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
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?



Rotary, Service Above Self.....

- 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.

Coming up on Tuesday 25th March 2008:
James Bawden, PAWSEY House Australia Day Project

Join the fun in
 2008!

The Royal
 Children's
 Hospital
 Good Friday
 Appeal

March 21, 2008

MITCHAM RSL

**Mitre 10
 FIX-UP Australia Project**

Clarification on the M10 Project – It is still

all systems **GO!** This is the update from M10

Project coordinator Philip Archer after his meeting last week.

“Bottom line - Mitre 10 would have liked each

of their 435 branches to have identified a

project with their local Rotary Club by the

29th of February to enable them to book print

and TV media to gain the necessary publicity

to make it a great PR exercise. This was always a tall ask given that we are working

with independent stores and a large volunteer

network.

Now that we have somewhere around 140

projects, not all of this is documented - Mitre

10 have decided not to book the PR campaign. Instead they will support any

local branch with publicity and materials to

promote the local project.

I think this is a good outcome given the timeframe we are working to. They are keen

