

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



**Guest
Speaker**

***Chris Aubrey, Whitehorse
Councillor, Springfield Ward***

Bulletin

Tuesday 22nd April, 2008



Council's Open Space Plan identified something that was obvious to those who have ever looked, that the south of the Mitcham area west of Mitcham road has an obvious lack of open space.

For whatever reason, the park space achieved with the stage 1 Redlands industrial development provides that opportunity at very modest cost to the Council / community.

For reasons that have been difficult for

Chris, the site at the corner of Mitcham road and Redlands drive has languished, undeveloped but mowed, behind "horse paddock" style wire fencing, looking to many residents like private property.

While Chris cannot talk in any detail until the Draft Budget in 4 weeks time, a modest parkland development budget has received considerable, pleasurable, discussion this year.

This allows any support from Rotary along with the BBQ facility that Councillor Aubrey (along with President Partridge) have procured, and suggests a ripe opportunity for Rotary support to provide a much deserved improvement in the life of Mitcham residents and workings.

Chris looks forward to discussing prospects with and taking questions from Rotary Mitcham members,



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www.rotarymitcham.com



April 2008

David Murray 11th
Pamela Butler 11th
David Ayliffe 25th
Sue Temby 28th
Ron Frederick 29th



**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)
 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

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Attendance:	
Foundation:	Ron Frederick
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Sergeant and Community Service:	David Murray



Partridge Prose

Good Afternoon and welcome,

What a great morning we had at the police Academy last week. It was so nice to have Pam and Merle with us and our guest Robyn.

It was a great breakfast and it was good to have a look at what goes on behind the walls at the Academy. Three hundred on staff and an intake of 350 students is not to be sneezed at.

I have got ANZAC badges to sell this week on behalf of the Mitcham RSL. Please come and purchase one from me today to support this great cause.

We have Councilor Chris Aubrey with us today and I am sure his talk will be an interesting one. The last councilors we had as speakers were Robert Chong and Jessie McCallum.

Bowelscan is coming up in May and all the clubs are gearing up for it. I would like a volunteer from our club to take on responsibility for its implementation. The campaign is only 5 weeks long.

There are lots of things to do and so little time in which to do it.

Have a great week,

Stay well,

Shaz

Quote:

Live all you can - it's a mistake not to. It doesn't so much matter what you do in particular, so long as you have your life. If you haven't had that, what have you had?

[Henry James](#), "*Ambassadors*", 1903

British (US -born) author (1843 - 1916)

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 22nd April 2008

President Sharon Partridge
Desk for April: John Atkinson
Chairman - Wayne Lucas

THIS SHOULD ONLY WAKE US ALL UP!

Remember Lee Iacocca, the man who rescued Chrysler Corporation from its death throes? He has a new book, and here are some excerpts. Lee Iacocca Says:

"Am I the only guy in this country who's fed up with what's happening? Where the hell is our outrage? We should be screaming bloody murder. We've got a gang of clueless bozos steering our ship of state right over a cliff, we've got corporate gangsters stealing us blind, and we can't even clean up after a hurricane much less build a hybrid car. But instead of getting mad, everyone sits around and nods their heads when the politicians say, "Stay the course"

Stay the course? You've got to be kidding. This is America, not the damned "Titanic". I'll give you a sound bite: "Throw all the bums out!"

You might think I'm getting senile, that I've gone off my rocker, and maybe I have. But someone has to speak up. I hardly recognize this country anymore.

The most famous business leaders are not the innovators but the guys in handcuffs. While we're fiddling in Iraq, the Middle East is burning and nobody seems to know what to do. And the press is waving 'pom-poms instead of asking hard questions. That's not the promise of the "America" my parents and yours travelled across the ocean for. I've had enough. How about you?

I'll go a step further. You can't call yourself a patriot if you're not outraged. This is a fight I'm ready and willing to have. The Biggest "C" is Crisis!

Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is forged in times of crisis. It's easy to sit there with your feet up on the desk and talk theory. Or send someone else's kids off to war when you've never seen a battlefield yourself. It's another thing to lead when your world comes tumbling down.

On September 11, 2001, we needed a strong leader more than any other time in our history. We needed a steady hand to guide us out of the ashes. A Hell of a Mess So here's where we stand. We're immersed in a bloody war with no plan for winning and no plan for leaving. We're running the biggest deficit in the history of the country. We're losing the manufacturing edge to Asia, while our once-great companies are getting slaughtered by health care costs. Gas prices are skyrocketing, and nobody in power has a coherent energy policy. Our schools are in trouble. Our borders are like sieves. The middle class is being squeezed every which way. These are times that cry out for leadership.

But when you look around, you've got to ask: "Where have all the leaders gone?" Where are the curious, creative communicators? Where are the people of character, courage, conviction, omnipotence, and common sense? I may be a sucker for alliteration, but I think you get the point.

Name me a leader who has a better idea for homeland security than making us take off our shoes in airports and throw away our shampoo? We've spent billions of dollars building a huge new bureaucracy, and all we know how to do is react to things that have already happened.

Name me one leader who emerged from the crisis of Hurricane Katrina. Congress has yet to spend a single day evaluating the response to the hurricane, or demanding accountability for the decisions that were made in the crucial hours after the storm.

Everyone's hunkering down, fingers crossed, hoping it doesn't happen again. Now, that's just crazy. Storms happen. Deal with it. Make a plan. Figure out what you're going to do the next time.

Name me an industry leader who is thinking creatively about how we can restore our competitive edge in manufacturing. Who would have believed that there could ever be a time when "The Big Three" referred to Japanese

car companies? How did this happen, and more important, what are we going to do about it?

Name me a government leader who can articulate a plan for paying down the debit, or solving the energy crisis, or managing the health care problem. The silence is deafening. But these are the crises that are eating away at our country and milking the middle class dry.

I have news for the gang in Congress. We didn't elect you to sit on your asses and do nothing and remain silent while our democracy is being hijacked and our greatness is being replaced with mediocrity. What is everybody so afraid of? That some bonehead on Fox News will call them a name? Give me a break. Why don't you guys show some spine for a change?

Had Enough? Hey, I'm not trying to be the voice of gloom and doom here. I'm trying to light a fire. I'm speaking out because I have hope I believe in America . In my lifetime I've had the privilege of living through some of America's greatest moments. I've also experienced some of our worst crises: the "Great Depression ", "World War II", the "Korean War", the "Kennedy Assassination", the "Vietnam War", the 1970's oil crisis, and the struggles of recent years culminating with 9/11. If I've learned one thing, it's this: "You don't get anywhere by standing on the sidelines waiting for somebody else to take action. Whether it's building a better car or building a better future for our children, we all have a role to play. That's the challenge I'm raising in this book. It's a call to "Action" for people who, like me, believe in America . It's not too late, but it's getting pretty close. So let's shake off the crap and go to work. Let's tell 'em all we've had "enough." THIS SHOULD ONLY WAKE US ALL UP!

Is it equally applicable to Australia?

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem.

I have two female parrots, But they only know how to say one thing.'

'What do they say?' the priest inquired.

They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, Then he thought for a moment.

'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, Which I have taught to pray and read the Bible.

Bring your two parrots over to my house, And we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship. And your parrots are sure to stop saying . . . That phrase . . . In no time.'

Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'

The next day, She brought her female parrots to the priest's house.

As he ushered her in, She saw that his two male parrots Were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying.

Impressed, She walked over and placed her parrots in with them. After a few minutes, The female parrots cried out in unison: Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

There was stunned silence.

Shocked, One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot And exclaimed, 'Put the beads away, Frank ~~~ our prayers have been answered!'



Colin's Corner

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Diary Dates

April 2008

Tuesday 22nd Chris Aubrey, Whitehorse Councillor

Tuesday 29th TBA

May 2008

Tuesday 6th Club Forum, Business Matters, Members Profile

Tuesday 13th Nicole Osner, ARHRF

Tuesday 20th Brian McMaster, Owner McDonalds Doncaster

Tuesday 27th Carolyn Nicholson

June 2008

Tuesday 3rd 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

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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.

Next Tuesday 29th Guest Speaker ????
There's a prize for guessing the right answer!

If you were around in 1919 (just before prohibition started) and came upon the following group and poster.....



Would you quit drinking?