

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Guest Speaker

*Nicole Osner, Australian Rotary
Health Research Fund (ARHRF)*

Bulletin

Tuesday 13th May, 2008 2008

How It All Began

In 1981 a Rotarian named Ian Scott from the Rotary Club of Mornington in Victoria suggested that Rotary set up a fund to raise money for research into the causes of cot death. Ian believed that if Rotary clubs from across Australia could initially raise \$2 million the interest earned from the ongoing investment of this money could fund Australian research projects.

By 1983, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) was up and running. In 1985 the Fund had raised enough money to announce grants of up to \$100,000 for research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Twenty-seven years later the ARHRF is a multi-district project for Rotary in Australia, with over 1,175 Rotary clubs and 34,370 Rotarians supporting it. Since 2000 the Fund has channelled over

\$13 million into Australian health and medical research projects. In 2008 the Fund has committed over \$3.7 million to research grants and scholarships.

Since its inception the ARHRF's emphasis has been on community health. The Fund has invested in research projects looking at cot death, adolescent health, environmental health problems of the aged, and family health, as well as the Ross River virus, malaria, bowel cancer screening and pre-hospital, first aid and emergency care research.



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www.rotarymitcham.com



May 2008

Jack Butler 5th
Meg Ayliffe 15th



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Fred & Shirley Wiffrie 18th

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

President Sharon Partridge

IP President: Eva Anderson

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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 Confer-
ence:

David Ayliffe

Vocational Service: Ivan Munoz

Fellowship: Bill Mudford

Attendance:

Foundation: Ron Frederick

Bulletin and Program:

Wayne Lucas, Philip Daw
and Colin Spencer

Sergeant and Community Service:

David Murray



Partridge Prose

Good afternoon,

Today we welcome Nicole Osner who is here to talk about Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. We look forward to her update.

The Whitehorse Farmers Market was a great success on Sunday. The club really needs to have a roster so that we can be seen to be pulling our weight.

It has now been announced that the Eastlink tollway will open on the 28th of June. Our duty roster is for the 15th of June between 9:30 and 12:00noon. The Assistant Governor is requiring all clubs to complete the roster as soon as possible. He is also asking that we have our family and friends to aid and assist on the day. I am sure that this will be great day and an opportunity for our club and Rotary in general to showcase ourselves. As announced, the tollway will operate for free for the first month.

The preparation for the Archie Roach concert is proceeding well. We now have 112 confirmed bookings and more people are booking every day, with three weeks to go. We need all club members to commit to this great event to ensure that it is a success for the Mitcham Rotary club. To date few club members have booked tickets. Please advertise it through your friends and family and business networks.

The Board meeting of all presidents was on last Saturday. Rotary's involvement in Whitehorse Business Week in October was discussed. We only have a few weeks to decide on what aspect of Business Week we are going to sponsor and become involved in.

Hope you all enjoyed mothers day.

Have a great week,

Shaz

Quote:

Inner power. God has given you the power to match your dreams with reality. So use it. Carl Mays

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 13th May 2008

President Sharon Partridge
Desk for May: Colin Spencer
Chairman - Jack Butler

Colin's Corner



Take 1

Bob Hope, May 29, 1903 - July 27, 2003

ON TURNING 70 "You still chase women, but only downhill".

ON TURNING 80 "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 " I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING "I ruined my hands in the ring ... the referee kept stepping on them."

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR "Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'."

ON GOLF "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS " I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER " When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, 'Congratulations. You have an eight-pound ham'."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES " I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN "I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

Take 2

A drunken man who smelled of alcohol sat down on a subway seat next to a priest.

The man's face was plastered with red lipstick, and a bottle of gin peeked from his coat pocket.

He opened a partially torn newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest sized up the drunk and replied, "My son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be darned," and returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized.

"I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

"I don't, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

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.

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at
the next market on **Sunday, June 8th 2008**
8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:
The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd

Diary Dates

May 2008

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

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 peo-



... 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.

Reconciliation Week Fundraising Concert with Archie Roach and friends



Book NOW as we expect A SELL OUT CONCERT!

2pm Sunday 1st June 2008

St John's Catholic School Hall
494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham
Parking at Rear of School

\$25 per head / \$15 Concession

Proceeds will provide urgently needed funding for Rotary Scholarships to train Aboriginal Medical professionals for remote communities, and provide solar power for community centres in East Timor

***To Book: Phone Sharon Partridge,
President of Mitcham Rotary***

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Archie Roach is a singer and songwriter of remarkable strengths and insights. A story teller in the tradition of his ancestors, he relays and retells intimate real life stories as well as traditional stories of the Dreaming. Having survived a personal history that would have left most artists scarred and defeated, Archie has emerged as an extraordinarily gifted Australian artist with a truly visionary talent.

An afternoon NOT to be missed!



*The Rotary Club of Mitcham thanks our sponsors;
Father Mark and St John's Mitcham, Tony Robinson MLA
Member for Mitcham, and the Whitehorse Friends of
Reconciliation.*

**Want to make friends & make a difference too,
JOIN YOUR LOCAL FUN FILLED ROTARY CLUB!**

Next Tuesday 20th Brian McMaster, Owner McDonalds Doncaster

Petrol Heads Beware!



High-powered electric car sends sparks through industry

After several years of development, the Roadster - with sleek lines like a Ferrari or Porsche and a sticker price of \$US109,000 (\$A116,615) - officially moves from the drawing boards to the market when Tesla's first store opens this week. The car was developed with venture capital of more than \$US40 million (\$A42.79 million) from such investors as Google Inc founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Although a fully loaded model can set a buyer back as much as \$US124,000 (\$A132,662), that's still cheap compared with a high-end Ferrari. And its 6,831-cell lithium-ion battery pack gives off no emissions.

The car goes from 0 to 100 kph in just under four seconds and tops out at 200 kph. It goes 362 kilometres on one charge and can be fully recharged in 3.5 hours, which Tesla officials say should allow most people to drive it to work and back and recharge it at night like a mobile phone.

Some critics have expressed concerns about the durability and safety of the lithium-ion battery, which weighs about 453 kilograms, more than a third of the entire weight of the 1,224 kg Roadster, whose body is made up of carbon fibre materials.

Tesla officials respond that the car has passed all required safety tests. They say the battery should last for about 160,000 kilometres of driving. The company, formed in 2003, is named for inventor Nikola Tesla, an early pioneer in the field of electricity.

It will be awhile before anyone can walk in and drive a Tesla home off a lot, however.

"Delivery is running about 15 months," Allen said, adding the company was surprised by the demand.

Tesla began taking orders last year for the 600 Roadsters it planned to produce in 2008 and had sold all of them by October, Allen said. The first ones began rolling off the production line six weeks ago, and Allen said all of the 2008 models should be delivered to their owners by March of next year. The first ones should begin going out the door later this month.

Meanwhile, orders are being taken for 2009 models, with plans calling for production of about 1,500 cars. Eventually Tesla also plans to produce cheaper, family vehicles.

"There's a model in the works right now, a five-passenger sedan that will be styled comparable to the roadster but a lot roomier to accommodate families, and that is slated for 2010," Snyder said.