

# Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



## Guest Speaker

**Stephen Lavender**  
**- Red Cross Op Shops**

## Bulletin

*Tuesday 22nd July, 2008*

Stephen is the Victorian Manager of Retail Operations of Red Cross. In his time he has seen a total revamping of the Opportunity Shops that Red Cross ran throughout the State.

Over the past decade the challenge was to examine the financial benefit of the shops to the organisation and estimate the worth of maintaining them.

Like all not for profit organisations dependant on the goodwill of volunteers Red Cross found that hard business decisions don't come easily. People may well be passionate in their belief in the organisation and what it does but then be blind to the effectiveness or otherwise of what they personally do for the organisation, particularly when it is done on a voluntary basis.

The Red Cross website reports: *The Australian Red Cross, Victoria, operates new and recycled clothing shops throughout Victoria. These retail outlets are staffed by local volunteers and are focal points in the local community.*

The website also lists 46 shops which generally open in normal retail business hours Monday to Saturday.

Entering the Red Cross shop in Bendigo today, for example, is a totally different experience from just a few years ago. In a prime location adjoining an arcade, the shop looks just like any of its

commercial competitors with all clothing neatly and professionally displayed in the store. Only the sign "Red Cross" and the slogan "Crisis Care Commitment" gives the hint that this could be anything but a leading retail shop.

Volunteers wear simply Red Cross name badges and are trained in the handling of other volunteers and customers.

How did all this come about, at what cost, and what benefit to Red Cross and it's cause?

Stephen will address this and other issues as our guest speaker on Tuesday.

**The first Satellite Meeting of  
the Rotary Club of Mitcham  
will be our monthly movie night  
at Hoyts Eastlands ON  
Wednesday Night 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.*

*Anne Frank*



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



**July 2008**

**Glenys Spencer 24th**  
**John Atkinson 29th**



**Wedding  
Anniversaries**

**David & Meg Ayliffe**  
**31st**

## 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	PORTFOLIOS
<b>President</b> David Ayliffe	<b>Membership</b> David Ayliffe
<b>P President:</b> Sharon Partridge	<b>New Generations</b> Sharon Partridge
<b>Pres. Elect:</b> David Murray	<b>Communication/Marketing, Public Relations and Photography:</b> Eva Anderson
<b>Vice Pres :</b> David Murray	<b>International and on to Conference:</b> David Ayliffe
<b>Secretary:</b> Philip Daw	<b>Vocational Service:</b> Ivan Munoz
<b>Treasurer and Fundraising:</b> Wayne Lucas	<b>Fellowship:</b> Fred Wiffrie
	<b>Attendance:</b> Fred Wiffrie
	<b>Foundation:</b> Ron Frederick
	<b>Bulletin and Program:</b> Wayne Lucas, Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
	<b>Sergeant and Community Service:</b> David Murray

## David's Dialogue



*Dear Fellow Rotarians,*

*It has been said that a good walk after an evening meal is good for the constitution. Be warned; it is also quite definitely dangerous! It was just such an indulgence by lawyer Paul Harris and another lawyer friend in Chicago, that saw the dream of the Rotary movement begin. Is it any wonder I don't go for walks after dinner!*

*The concept of Rotary has always intrigued me with it's call to friendship and service of business people without the intrusion of politics or religion. When I grew up politics and religion were never discussed at home. Add to this a third subject, that horrible four letter word "sex"! My, how the world has changed.*

*It's certainly true that politics was never a subject of "discussion" in the home of my parents - no, it was the subject more of fiery debates. Nothing would raise my father's anger more than politics, and he once nearly did terrible damage to our television set simply because a certain Labor Prime Minister was on it! I could never understand his anger until just a few years ago I felt like doing the same damage to our TV when another political leader appeared on it!*

*Last week I mentioned the inspiration of two great people. For Rotarians the name Paul Harris should always come to mind. The other leader that I wanted to name was Jean Henri Dunant, the founder of Red Cross. His story is quite amazing and I believe aspects of it have inspired many of the concepts of Rotary, particularly in our efforts for World Peace.*

*It was Paul Harris who rightly said: **War is always a ghastly blunder - even the winners lose.** Dunant's concept was for an organization recognized by all countries that provided the means whereby the needs of humanity, particularly in times of conflict, could be met regardless of religion, ethnicity or politics. His work, and those who laboured with him saw the establishment of the Geneva Convention - the rules of engagement in war - that has saved the lives of millions of men, women and children despite the most horrendous hostilities.*

*Red Cross is the only non government organization, other than Rotary, to have permanent observer status at the U.N. We have much in common. Our role as members of what is now a small local Rotary Club takes on international significance when we see the importance of the organization we serve and the role it has for our world.*

*We may not be the equal of a Paul Harris, or an Henri Dunant but we all have a part to play in working for a better world for all.*

*Have a great week,  
David*

## **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 July 2008**

**President David Ayliffe  
Desk for July: Colin Spencer  
Chairman - Wayne Lucas**

## Colin's Corner



When I got home from work last night,  
my wife demanded that I take her out to  
some place expensive.....



So I took her to a petrol station !!!!!!!

God Said, 'Adam, I want you to do something for me.'

Adam said, 'Gladly, Lord, what do you want me to do?'

God said, 'Go down into that valley.'

Adam said, 'What's a valley?'

God explained it to him.

Then God said, 'Cross the river.'

Adam said, 'what's a river?'

God explained that to him, and then said, 'Go over to the hill.....'

Adam said, 'What is a hill?'

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was.

He told Adam, 'On the other side of the hill you will find a cave'

Adam said, 'What's a cave?'

After God explained, he said, 'In the cave you will find a Woman.'

Adam said, 'What's a woman?'

So God explained that to him, too.

Then, God said, 'I want you to reproduce.'

Adam said, 'How do I do that?'

God first said (under his breath), 'Geez.....'

And then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well

So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill, into the cave,  
and finds the woman.

Then, in about five minutes, he was back.

God, his patience wearing thin, said angrily, 'What is it now?'

And Adam said .....

(YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS!!!!!!)

'What's a headache?'

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, August 10th 2008  
8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:  
The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd  
Nunawading. Enquiries 0438 550068

Rotary theme for 2007 - 2008



Rotary, Service Above Self.....

MAMMA MIA!!!

Well, rather than a cry for help, this is what is said to be a great movie and some from the Club will be seeing it tomorrow night. Others will be attending the theatre for Guys and Dolls at the Princess Theatre Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm. We have very special \$100 tickets available for \$65 benefiting the ThinkPink organization for breast cancer sufferers. See me on Tuesday if you want tickets to either event.



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.

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# Diary Dates

**July 2008**

Tuesday 24th Guest speaker. Stephen Lavender - Red Cross Op Shops

Tuesday 29th Guest speaker. District Governor John Barnes

I've just spoken to our sponsored RYLarian Mark Curran. He had a fantastic time at RYLA and is keen to tell us and other clubs about it. On his return last Friday he emailed me to say: "The trip was one of the best things I've ever done, and I am very grateful that you and Sharon and the Club were confident that I would be appropriate for the course."

I will invite Mark to speak to us at our first dinner meeting on Wednesday 13th August 2008. He is unable to make it to a lunch time meeting.

Regards,  
David Ayliffe

## 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.



... 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.*



## VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2008

The Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC) has again been selected by IMG as the Official Charity of the Samsung Melbourne Marathon for 2008. Last year CPEC provided volunteers who managed the 16,000 runner's logistical requirements in and around the MCG. Our efforts are best summarized by the comments from Dallas O'Brien, the Samsung Melbourne Marathon Event Director, who wrote that, *"The biggest thank you should go to our official charity CPEC, true partners in every sense of the word in their support in providing over 170 volunteers at the MCG. Their professionalism and humble attitude was astounding ..."*

This year to maintain our status as the sole charity, one of the requirements was for CPEC to provide 250 volunteers. It is a big ask, and one that we now must deliver on. I am confident that with many of the families and friends from last year, and many new volunteers, we will achieve the required number and deliver the best managed event that is on IMG's events calendar.

The logistical tasks that we will again be managing are –

- Storage and tagging of the clothing for the 20,000 runners before and after the races
- Marshall's at the MCG to direct runners to their race starting points to start the races
- Marshall's for runners as they approach and enter the MCG
- Marshall's on the arena and at the finish line
- Marshall's for the First Aide station
- Marshall's to direct the runners to massage areas, back to collect clothing and into the stands to meet with their families and friends after the races.
- Marshall's away from the MCG for drink stand and runner directions.

General volunteers will be required to attend one evening event briefing a week before the event, arrive at 5.45am on event day for checking in at the MCG and to be on duty until 2.00pm. Lunch, snacks and drink packs are provided free for the day. It is a great community support day for the children, families and staff of CPEC.

To register as a CPEC volunteer please fill out the questionnaire and forward it to CPEC, PO Box 211 Glen Waverley 3150, fax it to (03) 95 600 669 or email it to [garry.prigg@cpec.com.au](mailto:garry.prigg@cpec.com.au).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth    /    / \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ P/CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS \_\_\_\_\_

**All enquiries to Garry Prigg the CPEC President on 0419 56 1248.**



**The Rotary Foundation**  
**District9810**  
 (Chair – Denis Hyland)



July5, 2007

Dear Secretary,

On behalf of your District Foundation Committee, I am pleased to extend an invitation to you and your members to attend our annual District Foundation Seminar to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008 in the Theatre at the Whitehorse Centre, 397 Maroondah Highway Nunawading, Melway Ref 48 G9, commencing 8.45am for 9.00am and concluding at 12.30pm.

The Clubs of our District are great supporters of the Rotary Foundation and you will find that the seminar will be packed with interesting information and will provide Club members with an opportunity to network over morning tea and maybe arrange some interesting speakers for your Club meetings. There will be an emphasis on polio eradication in support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenge to the Rotary Clubs of the world.

The programmes attached to District Designated Funds will all be covered in detail during the seminar. You will have the chance to ask questions of relevance to your club or the Foundation in general during a designated question time.

Importantly the Foundation Seminar gives you the chance to learn how your Club can participate in the programs of our Rotary Foundation.

In registering your Club members' attendance, please make sure that this invitation is extended to your President Elect, Club Foundation chair as well as your newer members (older members are most welcome too). This is an excellent opportunity to help increase their Rotary information and understanding of some of our great humanitarian and educational programs.

Please also find attached a Club Registration form for your completion and return to the Foundation Secretary Fran McLean by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008**. Please note there is **NO** registration fee.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008. Your early attention to returning the completed registration form would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*Denis Hyland*

District 9810

Foundation Chair 2008/ 2009



**DISTRICT 9810  
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR**



**SUNDAY, August 3, 2008**

9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

at

**Whitehorse Centre Theatre  
397 Maroondah Highway, Nunawading  
Melway Ref: Map 48 H9**

There is **no charge** to either members or clubs for attendance at  
**The Rotary Foundation Seminar**

## REGISTRATION FORM

The Rotary Club of : \_\_\_\_\_

will have the following people attending The Rotary Foundation Seminar:

<b>Foundation :</b> _____	<b>President 2000/09</b> _____
<b>President-Elect 2009/10</b> _____	<b>International :</b> _____
<b>Secretary:</b> _____	<b>Community:</b> _____
<b>Program :</b> _____	<b>Bulletin Editor:</b> _____

**Have you also invited the following:**

**Partners :** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotaractors:** \_\_\_\_\_

(please add an additional sheet of paper if space is insufficient – remember to include your Club's name on any additional pages)

**REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED BY: Monday July 21, 2008**

**Please forward Registrations to:**

Email: [fran.mclean@bigpond.com](mailto:fran.mclean@bigpond.com)

Mail: Fran McLean, Secretary,

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