

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Guest Speaker

*Club Forum, Business Matters,
Member's Profile*

Bulletin

Tuesday 5th August,

Here is a report on the movie night at Hoyts Eastland on Wednesday evening 23rd July.

'Wayne, Dianne, Glenys and Colin enjoyed company of former club member Brian Knee for a light meal and the hilarious movie, Mama Mia at Hoyts Eastland on Wednesday evening July 23.

Employing the music of the legendary ABBA pop group of years ago, the story line begins with preparation for the wedding of the 'daughter' of Donna (Meryl Streep) on a picturesque Greek Island where they operate a run down B & B for tourists. A problem become evident from the start, in that the daughter doesn't know who her father is, and wants to be 'given away' in a normal wedding, preferably with her father present.

Opening scenes show the girl posting three letters at the mainland mail box, to three different men. It turns out that she has previously discovered her mother's diary from the year of her birth, and, on reading entries around the date of her probable conception, she had deduced that three men could have been her father, each with entries ending

with "Dot, Dot, Dot". So, she has invited them all.

The three potential fathers duly arrive on the day before the wedding, met by a hostile mother, amid the confusion of wedding preparations, and a confused bride to be.

It all ends well, with the girl and her boy deciding not to get married, but to go off to seek adventure and to learn about life. But the wedding is not wasted, and everyone finishes off a perfect weekend with just what they needed.

I am not going to spoil the experience of seeing the movie for those who were not there, you will just have to go to enjoy the experience, and to find out just how it all ends.

TIPS: Take your Seniors Card along to get a better ticket price, or have a meal at Balsemic, where a main course entitles you to a \$12 ticket price, instead of \$16

Colin'

A pair of glasses was left behind at the Foundation Seminar on Sunday. I have the glasses in my possession. If they belong to you, please contact Fran Fallon, either by email or phone.

Fran McLean



Rotary Club of Mitcham Newsletters for the current Rotary Year are viewable in the **NEWS** section of:
www.rotarymitcham.com



August 2008

Philip Daw 24th



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

**Bill & Jill Mudford
14th August**

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

Presidents Ponderings



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary Mitcham; Bursting at the Seams!!!

"The problem for our Rotary Club is that we have too many members and we just can't find a suitable venue to fit them all in!" Now wouldn't that be great?!

In our Club forum today I really want to hear what you think about our Club and what we can do to turn it around. Our dwindling numbers can be seen as a problem, or an opportunity. I see it as a great opportunity for growth.

Searching the subject of membership on the internet I came across www.clubrunner.ca

On the Home page I read the following and I thought it was really worthwhile including in my notes today for consideration in our discussions.

"The minimum age for admission into Rotary is "adult". How adult is defined is up to each Rotary club. Never forget that Paul Harris was 36 in 1905 when he started Rotary. There is a need in all Rotary clubs to recruit young members. The reasons young business and professional people are attracted to Rotary are the same that attract most people. However, there are some specific ways to attract younger members and ways to ensure they never want to join. Which represents your club's approach?"

How to attract young members to Rotary:

- Have active local and international service projects and actually do hands on projects
- Have members who are motivated, enthusiastic and not burned out
- Young members attract young members. Keep a balance of young members and female members
- Provide opportunities for members to become involved with hands on programs
- Provide an economical approach to Rotary membership (lower cost meals or no-meal club meetings)
- Ensure members represent a range of ages, careers and backgrounds that represent the demographics of the community- in other words apply the classification principle
- Have members who are open to new ideas
- Have family social events
- Develop a club web site. The internet is the primary source of information for people under 30
- Networking opportunities are very important for young business leaders and professionals
- Younger members are interested in service projects that address needs such as AIDS, environment or homelessness
- Offer young members club leadership positions that enhance their resume

How not to attract young members to Rotary :

- Don't involve new members in the operation of the club or in club leadership positions
- Ensure the club dues and meal costs are kept high
- Don't involve families in club activities
- Don't invite young members to sit at "your" table
- Keep the club membership disproportionately older retired members
- Make gender and racial jokes or comments as part of the meetings
- Sing WW I songs at Rotary meetings
- When ever a new idea is suggest say, "We tried that once and it didn't work."
- Concentrate on fund raising from members rather than hands on service projects
- Waste time at committee meetings with rambling discussions that never come to a conclusion"

Now, what do you think? Let's talk about it.

From *Attracting Young Members to Rotary* by Chris Offer *originally published in the January 2004 issue of [Membership Matters](#).*

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 5th August 2008

**President David Ayliffe
Desk for August: Colin Spencer
Chairman - David Ayliffe**

Colin's Corner



A father passing by his son's bedroom, was astonished to see that the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, 'Dad.'

With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands.

'Dear, Dad.

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you.

I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her, because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight Motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am.

But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant.

Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a caravan in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune, for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself.

Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love,

Your son, Joshua.

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house.

I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call when it is safe for me to come home :)

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 2008 - 2009



Rotary, Service Above Self.....



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.

www.d9810.rotary.org.au

Diary Dates

August 2008

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Tuesday 12th NOTE: Our monthly evening meeting will be tomorrow night. A few of us will have lunch at the RSL today, to greet any unexpected visitors to our normal meeting. You are welcome to join us if you have time.

Wednesday 13th Mark Curran RYLA Sponsored by Mitcham Rotary. First dinner meeting on Wednesday 13th August 2008. Mark is unable to make it to a lunch time meeting.

Tuesday 19th Warwick Murphy, Someone Who Cares (Drug Abuse)

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 12TH 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.

NAME _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____

ADDRESS _____

SUBURB/TOWN _____ **P/CODE** _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

SKILLS _____

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

New Membership Ideas

- **Why do we need to find new members each year?**

We could say, “Why not?” And save time on lengthy discussions which end up in perpetuation of the ‘limbo’ situation. So, let’s take a quick look at the real reasons, and see if we can be motivated to making a positive response.

The Rotary Club of Mitcham has had many outstanding performers in its membership list over the past twenty nine years. The early efforts of Bruce McLaughlin with his ‘Sunday at Dawn’ efforts at the Wantirna Trash and Treasure Markets and the musical genius of the Joy Boys who entertained thousands over the years at concerts and even at the odd District Conference. The persistent work of Tony Gibson and others organising the Christmas Concert and of course the wonderful team of Bill Mudford and Michael Edney who excelled in every aspect of the club’s work. Not to mention John Atkinson’s annual efforts organising the Camp Quality / Romac Golf Day.

We did replace some of them over the years, but we have relied on the older members for far too long. The Mitcham area has not been able to produce new members often enough, so it looks as though we may have to “re-invent the club” making changes that may not suit our busy life-styles and to get behind the fresh ideas of our new leadership team to make vital changes in the way we meet and the way we operate as a club.

Pres. David, has committed to holding one meeting each month in the evening. This is something that a lot of us have not tried before, but we need to embrace change and look for benefits that might arise from that change.

Perhaps local business and professional people who we invite to our evening meeting will be attracted simply because it is an evening meeting which does not interrupt their ever tightening work schedules during the business week. Please invite them!