

Club Forum

Bulletin

Tuesday 2nd December 2008

Only a couple of weeks to go!

This week we have time to chat about our achievements during the past half-Rotary-year, and to sort out our calendars for the months ahead.

Next week, we have a board meeting at 11:00 am at the RSL in Mitcham, followed by our regular lunch meeting at 1:00 pm. Please note this in your diary today if you are a director. If anyone has a proposal to put forward, today is the day to do it, if we are to fit it into the agenda for next week's board meeting.

The week after next, which is the 16th of December, we have our last meeting for 2008. It will be a traditional Christmas Breakfast at - **One More Café, 112 Surrey Road, Blackburn 7:15 am for 7:30 am**

Family and friends, including business associates can attend this meeting, so please be quick to invite all who might like to be there, then notify our Club Secretary ASAP so that he will be able to book the appropriate amount of space and seats.

On Sunday December 14th we have the final Farmer's Market for the year! What a busy time of the year!!! Never mind, pretty soon it will all be over, and we can cruise on into 2009. Which reminds me! The President's Barbecue is planned for Tuesday January 14th 2009, and will be at the Redbox Vineyard Cellar Door, 12 pm 'til 2 pm. If it is more convenient for people to have it at Halliday Park in Mitcham we can see if the barbecue facilities there are available on that day.

The Camp Quality Christmas Party for Children living with Cancer

was held on Sunday 30th of November. Our esteemed, although elderly member, John Atkinson attended, and has informed us that the event was bigger than ever and very well attended indeed.

Each year there seems to be a bigger crowd of people, and even more Camp Quality Kids, along with their families.

Putting a smile on the faces of those kids, their families and friends, is an invaluable reward to all of those who work to make this event happen. The Rotary Club of Mitcham began this event with the help of the Emerald District Rotary Club, and through the hard work and organisation by past Camp Quality personality, Garry Braybon.

The event has grown so big over the years, that it is now far too big for our Club to manage on its own, and we are now simply a sponsor. As the years pass, our contribution will be minor, but we will always remember the first years and that amazing experience of making cancer stricken kids happy for a day.

Stop Press:

- **Congratulations to Philip Daw, who will soon be sworn in as a councillor for the City of Whitehorse. Well done, Philip.**
- **A story is circulating to the effect that Kamahl died and was turned back at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter. Apparently he could not be admitted because his voice was deeper than God's.**



December 2008

Past Members only:

Ann Gibson, 17th, Les Marton 22nd
Jan Marton, 24th, Robyn Rose 27th
Kevin Elsbury, 25th. (Well, he isn't really a member, but we like to treat him like one)



Wedding Anniversaries

Glenys and Colin Spencer, 31st.

Past Members:

Joan and Brian Bergin 16th
Marie and Vic Dye 1st
Jan and Les Marton, 22nd

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 2008/9

BOARD

President:	David Ayliffe
Past Pres:	Sharon Partridge
Pres. Elect:	David Murray
Vice Pres :	David Murray
Secretary:	Philip Daw
Treasurer and Fundraising:	Wayne Lucas

PORTFOLIOS

Membership	David Ayliffe
New Generations	Sharon Partridge
Communication/Marketing, Public Relations and Photography:	Eva Anderson
International and on to Conference:	David Ayliffe
Vocational Service:	Ivan Munoz
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



The President's Ponderings.

A troubled world.

It's an understatement to say that the events of the last week in Mumbai remind us that we live in an imperfect, troubled globe. Sometimes we can be tempted—on a beautiful country drive, seeing an amazing sunset and planning an enjoyable evening with friends—to think that “all is well with the world”. Sadly the couple who were crying in my church this morning as they waited to hear from their daughter in Mumbai would tell us otherwise.

So what has all this to do with the Rotary Club of Mitcham? Everything. While we have people in the world who for whatever reason place little value in human life, the world will always need groups like Rotary.

What an incredible vision Paul Harris and those who supported him had. An organization that met for business networking but that showed no partiality. Rotary was never to be a vehicle for promoting religious or political agendas and because of that Rotary Clubs could not exclude members on the basis of their religion or politics.

The genius of this is that it has brought millions of people together who might not have put their feet under the same meal table with one another. Some of these were natural enemies. Rotary has been into reconciliation across cultures and divides since the beginning.

In Australia this is important but it is even more important in some Asian and African countries where differences in political or religious beliefs have often led to bloodshed. Interesting isn't it that Rotary is flourishing in India today. I can't help but wonder whether a different outcome last week might have been achieved had those involved in causing terror had peaceful connections with Rotary.

The Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

David

Our Christmas Breakfast Bash—Remember please that the Rotary Club of Mitcham Celebrates Christmas with Beethoven's Breakfast Bash at One More Cafe, Tuesday 16th December 2008 112 Surrey Road Blackburn. You will love it, please be there. (The Cafe is part of One Church - formerly Blackburn Church of Christ).

Yes, it really is Beethoven's Birthday. Please invite Rotarians, family and friends but confirm numbers with me by Friday 12th December.

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 2nd December 2008
President David Ayliffe
Secretary: Philip Daw
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Colin Spencer

The Jokes Keep Coming.....

Not many people know it, but the Devil actually wears a wig. You'd never know if you weren't told - it's a perfect fit. Anyway, down in the world of fire and brimstone one guy did find out, and he decided to have a little practical joke. So one night, he sneaks past the guardian demons and manages to get all the way into Satan's bed chamber, whereupon he steals the hair-piece and makes good his escape.

Well, of course the Devil was most displeased by this, and he rounds up his demons, and demands to know which of them had been so lazy as to let someone sneak past them. Naturally, none of them owns up, which makes him even madder: So he calls a general meeting of everyone the underworld: everyone has to attend.

The meeting is held in a huge cavern, and it's absolutely packed (except for the odd gap in the crowd, where there's a lava-pit or bottomless fissure in the floor). As Satan steps up to speak, everyone sees that he's got no hair, and peals of laughter start echoing out around the hall.

The devil bellows at them to be quiet, and a deadly hush falls.

"Whoever stole it," he shouts, "had better return it immediately!" And here he paused for effect...

"Or else there'll be Hell Toupee!"

The Power of Alcohol

A man is waiting for his wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion.

After 21 years, the son is now old enough for his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar, tearfully tells the son he is proud of him and orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol.

Swoooosh! Plop!! A torso pops out! The bar is dead silent; then bursts into whoops of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant 'Take another drink!'

The bartender continues to shake his head in dismay . Swoooosh! Plip! Plop!! Two arms pop out.

The bar goes wild. The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant, 'Take another drink! Take another drink!!' The bartender ignores the whole affair and goes back to polishing glasses, shaking his head, clearly unimpressed by the amazing scenes.

By now the boy is getting tipsy, but with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Plop! Plip!! Two legs pop out. The bar is in chaos.

The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left then staggers to the right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly. The bar falls silent.

The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs, and says,

"He should've quit while he was a head."

Rotary Clubs and Membership

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of business and professional people that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32000 Rotary Clubs located in over 200 countries.

Clubs may differ from each other in demographic terms, meeting times and venues, but all have the same aims of making the world a better place, locally and internationally, while at the same time strengthening established friendships and creating new ones.

One of 51 clubs in Rotary District 9810, the Rotary Club of Mitcham has served its local community, and participated in many international projects since its charter in 1979. In these busy days, it is not so easy for young business and professional people to set aside a little bit of time to participate in Rotary functions. Those who do, are rewarded beyond belief. Support for Camp Quality - Kids living with Cancer, the International Polio Plus worldwide Polio eradication program, International Student Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and many other fantastic opportunities exist. Giving immense satisfaction to all who are involved.



... 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?

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.

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.

www.d9810.rotary.org.au

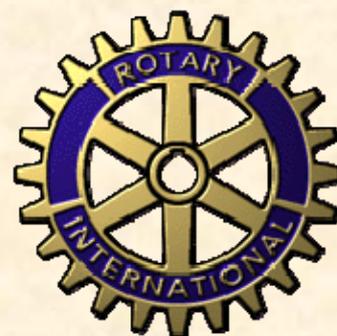
Diary Dates

December 2008

- Tuesday 2nd Meeting at the Mitcham RSL 12:30 for 1:00 pm
- Tuesday 9th Meeting at the Mitcham RSL 12:30 for 1:00 pm
Board meeting at 11am
- Tuesday 16th (Beethoven's Birthday) Christmas Breakfast Meeting at One More Café, 112 Surrey Road, Blackburn 7:15 am for 7:30 am

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BARBECUE AT 12:00 PM ON JANUARY 13th 2009. That's right! It is the second Tuesday in January. To be held at the Redbox Vineyard 2 Ness Lane Kangaroo Ground, 3097. Melways: 271 E8

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at
the next market on **Sunday, December 14th 2008**
8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:
The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0438 550068
The Last One for 2008! Be There!

www.rotarymitcham.com