

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Christmas Breakfast 2008

Bulletin

Tuesday 16th December

IT'S FUN BEING IN ROTARY!!!

There's always some fun to be had in Rotary, even when you are doing a good turn for someone else.

Pictured are some of the happy faces from our Ringwood Golf Day.

The Golf Day has produced in excess of \$80,000 for Camp Quality since the concept of the Xmas Party for children and their families was started by the Club.



Thanks to John Atkinson and some stalwart Rotarians for their great efforts over the past 14 years.

Know anyone who'd like to join Rotary? Invite them to a meeting!

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





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.

Christmas, Remembering the first Rotarian

For me in the first Rotarian we see the Spirit of Christmas. Now you might think I'm drawing a long bow here but consider the following:-

When Paul Harris met with his friends in Chicago to discuss forming a business fellowship there was a flicker of an idea that through that fellowship some good could be done for humanity. It wasn't long before that good started to take shape. Since the founding of the first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905 the name Rotary has become synonymous with the slogan that signifies a global organization committed to projects that provide benefit to the world. The slogan is "Humanity in Motion". Now what has that to do with Christmas? Well whilst Rotary is not and never will be a religious organization it stands for the very best principles that we see in the hope of Christmas. We all know that the message of Christmas revolves around the concept of a God-man—someone who was a perfect example of what humanity stands for. This person, Jesus, we are told was a king yet was born in a stable. As a king he was to say he was to give hope to humanity promising redemption from a world that is often a world of pain. He was to say some strange things such as:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Now, theologians have devoted thousands of hours of their lives in trying to interpret his sayings. Despite this, I think many of the sayings are quite simple in their interpretation. The one I've quoted simply says what Rotary says and that is there is value in humanity, even for the poorest of the poor and that if we value the "have nots" in our world then we will do whatever we can to make a positive difference in their lives. The kingdom of man often places little value in human life—whether that of soldiers or civilians, we are all expendable—but the kingdom of God says that even a child has value that cannot be measured in any terms.

We see this exemplified through Rotary International and the reality that the fight against polio is almost won. As a staff member of Red Cross I visited June Middleton today who appears in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest surviving polio victim living in an iron lung. June will be 83 in 2009. The work of Rotary fighting polio means a great deal to June who has lived her life through a mechanical device for more than 60 years.

Through Rotary Clubs in Whitehorse we had great pleasure in providing \$10,000 in a cheque this Sunday for Eastern Emergency Relief to help families in crisis this Christmas. That too is part of the spirit of Christmas and it is also the spirit of Rotary. I hope you will all have a wonderful Christmas and take a few moments to ponder the meaning of Christmas both for you and your family as individuals and for you as a Rotarian.

"Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years... Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart."

George Mathew Adams

David

David Ayliffe
President, 08/09

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 16th December 2008

President David Ayliffe

Secretary: Philip Daw

Treasurer: Wayne Lucas

Desk : Colin Spencer

Jingle Bells the Aussie Way

Dashing through the bush,
 In a rusty Holden Ute,
 Kicking up the dust,
 Esky in the boot,
 Kelpie by my side,
 Singing Christmas songs,
 It's summer time and I am in
 My singlet, shorts and thongs

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
 Christmas in Australia on a scorching summers day,
 Hey!
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute

Engine's getting hot;
 We dodge the kangaroos,
 The swaggie climbs aboard,
 He is welcome too.
 All the family's there,
 Sitting by the pool,
 Christmas Day the Aussie way,
 By the barbecue.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
 Christmas in Australia on a scorching summers day,
 Hey!
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute.

Come the afternoon,
 Grandpa has a doze,
 The kids and Uncle Bruce,
 Are swimming in their clothes.
 The time comes 'round to go,
 We take the family snap,
 Pack the car and all shoot through,
 Before the washing up.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
 Christmas in Australia on a scorching summers day,
 Hey!
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute ...
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute!



Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the Bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one, mate - just had another fight with the little woman.'

'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?'

'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really?' said Charles, 'now that's a switch! What did she say?'

She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'

Merry Christmas everyone! See you all at the President's Barbecue at Schwerkolt Cottage in Heathmont at 12:00 pm on Tuesday January 13th 2009!



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 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 VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE, 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 historic **Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex** Deep Creek Rd Mitcham. Bring a friend

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at the next market on Sunday, January 11th 2008

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

**The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0438 550068**

The First One for 2009! Be There!

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