

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Lunch Meeting

Bulletin

Tuesday 24h Feb & 3rd Mar 2009



The Sun & the Moon over the north Pole. Taken by Colin Spencer during one of his many (African) safaris.



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March 2009



1st Merle Atkinson
1st Joan Daw
15 Mar Jill Mudford
18 Mar Shirley Wiffrie
20 Mar Ivan Munoz



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

16 Mar Jack & Pamela Butler

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.

30 Years to Remember!

1979 seems more than 30 years away when you look back. Each of us have various memories of that time when we were younger, some thinner, and when our bodies ached less and were more agile.

I was looking for a photo to signify 1979 and came across this photo which seemed appropriate. It shows Julie Anthony who in August this year will turn 60. The man is Brian Naylor on stage for Carols by Candlelight. As you know Brian and his wife Moiree

tragically lost their lives in our worst ever Bushfire fatalities on February 7. You may not know that their son Matthew was killed in a plane crash in Kinglake in May last year.

The year before this photo was the beginning of a 20 year stint for Naylor as Chief Newsreader for Channel 9 Melbourne where he made famous his sign-off line: "*May your news be good news, and good-night.*"

In 1979 Elizabeth II was still "Queen of Australia" - a title 'bestowed' by former Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. The Prime Minister was Malcolm Fraser with a Coalition Government, and the Governor General Zelman Cowen. There were only two Labor State Governments one in South Australia under Don Dunstan, and one in NSW under Neville Wran. Conservatives ruled in Victoria (Rupert Hamer), Queensland (Joh Bjelke -Peterson), Tasmania (Harry Holgate), WA (Charles Court) and Victoria (Rupert Hamer). and the Northern Territory (Paul Everingham).

Not only that but Jimmy Carter was President of the USA, and Maggie Thatcher Prime Minister ruling the UK.

What a different world it was. And yes, 1979 was also greatly significant as the birth year of the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Back then it was an all male Club, as most Rotary Clubs were, but thankfully that changed as our worldviews changed and the Club remembers four women Presidents.



Please help us by thinking of ways that we can make our 30 year celebration this May something that really marks the service and sacrifice of members of the Club over those years and feed those ideas through to the Board. We need your input to make the night something spectacular.

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 24th Feb & 3rd May 2009
President David Ayliffe
Secretary: Philip Daw
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Colin Spencer

Colin's Corner

IT'S FUN BEING IN ROTARY!!!



THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. One for Jack and other budding mathematicians!

Shortly after class, an economics student approaches his economics professor and says, "I don't understand this stimulus bill. Can you explain it to me?" The professor replied, "I don't have any time to explain it at my office, but if you come over to my house on Saturday and help me with my weekend project, I'll be glad to explain it to you." The student agreed.

At the agreed-upon time, the student showed up at the professor's house. The professor stated that the weekend project involved his backyard pool.

They both went out back to the pool, and the professor handed the student a bucket. Demonstrating with his own bucket, the professor said, "First, go over to the deep end, and fill your bucket with as much water as you can." The student did as he was instructed.

The professor then continued, "Follow me over to the shallow end, and then dump all the water from your bucket into it." The student was naturally confused, but did as he was told.

The professor then explained they were going to do this many more times, and began walking back to the deep end of the pool.

The confused student asked, "Excuse me, but why are we doing this?"

The professor matter-of-factly stated that he was trying to make the shallow end much deeper.

The student didn't think the economics professor was serious, but figured that he would find out the real story soon enough.

However, after the 6th trip between the shallow end and the deep end, the student began to become worried that his economics professor had gone mad. The student finally stated, "All we're doing is wasting valuable time and effort on unproductive pursuits. Even worse, when this process is all over, everything will be at the same level it was before, so all you'll really have accomplished is the destruction of what could have been truly productive action!"

The professor put down his bucket and replied with a smile, "Congratulations. You now understand the stimulus bill."

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

February 2009

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Tuesday 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

EVENING Meeting:

4th Tuesday 6.30 for 7.00pm Dinner

Join us at the Movies

6.30 pm Hoyts Eastlands 2nd Wednesday of every month

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

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at the next market on Sunday, February 8th 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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