

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Lunch Meeting

Bulletin

Tues 14th July 2009

Today's guest speakers are Mr. Peter Nixon and Captain Richard Parker from the Mitcham Salvation Army.



Take time to smell the roses

MITCHAM ROTARY—A NEW DAWN



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

July 2009



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

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| 1979 Geoffrey Prior | 1999 John Varley |
| 1980 Dr John Munro | 2000 John Cook |
| 1983 Bruce McLaughlin | 2000 Jean & Ray † Rose |
| 1986 Maxwell Bloom † | 2000 Brian Bergin† |
| 1988 William Wood† | 2001 Christine Ryan |
| 1988 Alan Fraser | 2001 Bill Mudford |
| 1989 Tony Gibson | 2001 John Atkinson |
| 1989 David Gawler | 2002 Wayne Lucas |
| 1991 Dr Peter Brown | 2002 Denis Bunn † |
| 1991 Robert McDowell | 2002 Michael Edney† |
| 1991 Bruce Wainwright | 2002 Peter McPhee |
| 1993 Ronald Slattery | 2003 Dawn & Graham Whiteside |
| 1994 Vic Dye | 2003 Keith Nunn |
| 1995 Fr Kevin Dillon | 2004 Brendan Tunstall |
| 1995 Kenneth Rose | 2004 Colin Spencer |
| 1997 David Murray | 2005 Fred Wiffrie |
| 1998 Ian Young | 2006 Les Marton |
| 1998 Ron Frederick | 2009 Eva Anderson |
| 1999 Chris & Ian McColl | 2009 Sharon Partridge |

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	OTHER PORTFOLIOS
President: David Murray	International and on to Conference: Wayne Lucas
Past Pres: David Ayliffe	Fellowship: David Murray
Pres. Elect: Wayne Lucas	Attendance: Sharon Partridge
Vice Pres : TBA	Foundation: Ron Frederick
Secretary: John Atkinson	Bulletin: Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas	Program: Philip daw / members
Membership: Philip Daw	Sergeant and Community Service: Colin Spencer
Fundraising: Colin Spencer	Public Officer: Ron Frederick
Community: Ron Frederick	Internet / Website: Colin Spencer
New Generations: Sharon Partridge	Op Shop: Jack Butler/ John Atkinson

President David Murray 2009 2010



Last Tuesday morning I was driving to our first morning board meeting, it was dark and I was staring at a full moon above Whitehorse Road just before day break.

I was reminded of the draft bulletin that Philip Daw had sent me the day before, the front cover that Phil had chosen was of a night shot of a pier and the heading added was "*Mitcham Rotary, a new dawn.*" I thought! This is amazing, perhaps we are off to a good start and many more members will join us, lots of fund raising, and worthwhile projects. Yes I will hold onto that hope for the year ahead.

It was very sad to hear about John Atkinson and his office antics. I struggle to remember anyone ever breaking their leg in their own office but I feel sure that John will have a good story to tell us when he returns to us. Get better fast John, we need you!

Today's guest speakers are Mr. Peter Nixon and Captain Richard Parker from the Mitcham Salvation Army. Peter is a social worker with the salvos. Peter and I first met at the homeless kids cafe set up at St. Johns by Father Kevin Dillon many years ago. Peter will undoubtedly have many stories to share with us. The new Boss at the Mitcham Salvation Army is Captain Richard Parker. Richard has the task of rebuilding the Mitcham branch after it had been closed for many years. We look forward to hearing from these gentlemen today and I feel sure we will be enlightened as to what is going on in our own community.

Enjoy your week ahead,

President David

The Importance of Walking

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60.
Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken
by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking
is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning,
before my brain figures out what I'm doing..

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks.
Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise',
I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well,
she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,.....
just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our
heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

AND

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look,
I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine..

You could run this over to your friends
But just e-mail it to them!

Colin's Corner IT'S FUN BEING IN ROTARY!!!



ENGLISH HOSPITALITY

An American tourist in London decides to skip his tour group and explore the city on his own. He wanders around, seeing the sights, occasionally stopping at a quaint pub to soak up the local culture, chat with the locals, and have a pint of bitter.

After a while, he finds himself in a very nice neighbourhood with big, stately residences. No pubs, no stores, no restaurants, and worst of all no public restrooms.

However, he really has to go, after all those Guinness 's. He finds a narrow side street, with high walls surrounding the adjacent buildings and decides to use the wall to solve his problem.

As he is unzipping, he is tapped on the shoulder by a London bobby, who says, "Sir, you simply cannot do that here, you know."

"I'm very sorry, officer," replies the American, "but I really have to go, and I just can't find a public restroom."

"Ah, yes," said the bobby, "just follow me". He leads the American to a back delivery alley to a gate, which he opens.

"In there," points the bobby, "whiz away sir, anywhere you like."

The fellow enters and finds himself in the most beautiful garden he has ever seen. Manicured grass lawns, statuary, fountains, sculptured hedges, and huge beds of gorgeous flowers, all in perfect bloom.

Since he has the policeman's blessing, he relieves himself and feels much more comfortable. As he goes back through the gate, he says to the bobby "That was really decent of you. Is that what you call English hospitality? "

"No sir...", replied the bobby, "that is what we call the American Embassy."

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 14th July 2009
President David Murray
Secretary: John Atkinson
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Sharon Partridge

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.

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Diary Dates

June 2009

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

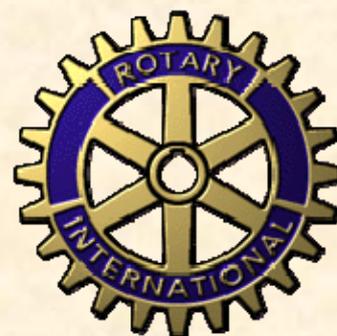
Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

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 a Sunday, 9th August 2009

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

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

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