

# Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



## Lunch Meeting

Bulletin

Tues 1st September 2009

## Today's Meeting:

## Aqua Box Project



**Peter Roden is our guest speaker from the Rotary Club of Eltham**

### Aquabox Gold



**Know anyone who'd like to join Rotary?**

**Invite them to a meeting!**

*AQUABOX Gold, prefilled with; 2 filter kits, 2 water purification tablet sets, muslin, 2 taps, 2 blankets, 2 treated mosquito nets, instructions cartoon and filled with new, specially purchased, humanitarian goods*

The AQUABOX GOLD is packed by the Aquabox team and filled with new, specially purchased, humanitarian goods to meet the basic needs of the recipients of our Standard Aquaboxes ... and more.

The AQUABOX GOLD humanitarian aid packing list exceeds our basic recommended "Standard Aquabox" packing list. It includes at least another ten items or so together with a second filter pack to extend it's water purification life for one family of four to well over six months. The Aquabox Gold does not include clothing.



Rotary Club of Mitcham Newsletters for the current Rotary Year are viewable in the **NEWS** section of: [www.rotarymitcham.com](http://www.rotarymitcham.com)

# September 2009



**24th Eva Anderson**



**Wedding Anniversaries**

**8th John & Merle Atkinson  
11th David & Gayle Murray**

## Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Presented by the Rotary Club of Mitcham

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 2009/10

### BOARD

- President:** David Murray
- Past Pres:** David Ayliffe
- Pres. Elect:** Wayne Lucas
- Vice Pres :** TBA
- Secretary:** John Atkinson
- Treasurer:** Wayne Lucas
- Membership:** Philip Daw
- Fundraising:** Colin Spencer
- Community:** Ron Frederick
- New Generations:** Sharon Partridge

### OTHER PORTFOLIOS

- International and on to Conference:** Wayne Lucas
- Fellowship:** David Murray
- Attendance:** Sharon Partridge
- Foundation:** Ron Frederick
- Bulletin:** Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
- Program:** Philip daw / members
- Sergeant and Community Service:** Colin Spencer
- Public Officer:** Ron Frederick
- Internet / Website:** Colin Spencer
- Op Shop:** Jack Butler/ John Atkinson

**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!

## President David Murray 2009 2010



It would seem that bureaucracy has hit the Whitehorse Farmers Market! All stall holders must have accreditation to prove that they are genuine farmers and not just on-selling other peoples products. This means that if you buy in anything to make your product and it hasn't come from your farm or area near you, you will not be allowed to sell your produce.

PP Eva Anderson and I attended the committee meeting for the Whitehorse Farmers Market on Friday night and listened to a presentation by PHF Vicky Davison manager of both Glenferrie and Chelsea Rotary markets. The markets will now have to operate under a lot stricter guidelines controlled by Government hit squads attending all Farmers Markets to check stall holders credentials. (What next I ask?)

Thursday evening Sharon Partridge, Richard and Sue Temby and I attended the launch of David Ayliffe's book "Through My Brothers Eyes." It was a very informative night with some good presentations by David and his brother John. Also in attendance were Past District Governors and former Mitcham Rotarians. I haven't had the chance to read the book yet as Gayle has stolen it from me, but I have been advised that she is enjoying the story so far.

For the Board members there will be no board meeting This Tuesday. It has been rescheduled to next Tuesday morning, eighth of September.

The Whitehorse Farmers Market is on again next weekend. If you can give up some time on Sunday morning to collect donations or help out where you can, just report to the market office and they will direct you.

Enjoy the week,

President David



### The Problem.

Disasters come in many forms - earthquake, cyclone, flood, and refugee displacement - but all share a common factor.

The most urgent single problem facing relief agencies is the provision of a supply of safe drinking water.

The lack of, or disruption to, safe water supply or sanitation creates an ideal breeding ground for waterborne disease. Cholera and Typhoid are the most virulent of these, but they are not the whole story.

Often the problem can be a simple infection causing diarrhoea and leading to dehydration, particularly in the very young.



### How does Aquabox work?

- Aquabox is a 78 litre container containing water purification equipment and humanitarian aid.
- When the Aquabox is emptied of its humanitarian aid, a treatment cartridge and matching water treatment tablets turn dirty water into drinking water.
- Aquabox can purify 1,000 litres of polluted water, making it safe and pleasant to drink.
- 1,000 litres is 5,000 cups—enough for a group of four people drinking 10 cups per day for about 4 months.
- Aquabox meets WHO standards and has been exhaustively tested by an independent body, proving it to be exceptionally effective in providing clean water.
- Aquabox has helped fight disease in Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Chad, Croatia, East Timor, The Gambia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niue, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine, Yemen and Zaire.

### The AQUABOX Story

Aquabox literally began over a cup of coffee!

In 1990 members of the Rotary Club of Wicks, UK were discussing a better way of providing emergency aid to disaster areas. The idea was to combine a robust box with water purification equipment and other emergency supplies and so Aquabox was born. It was officially launched in October 1992 by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth House UK and is an official project of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, managed by its initiators.

Each Aquabox contains sufficient water purification equipment to supply a family with clean water for about 4 months, in addition to humanitarian aid in the form of eating and drinking equipment, water containers, tools, blankets and other basic equipment.

Since 1992 over 85,000 Aquaboxes have been distributed to disaster areas around the world, providing in excess of 417,000,000 litres of clean drinking water.

Aquabox (Australia) began through the Rotary Club of Eltham, Australia in 2001 and since that time boxes have been distributed from Australia to disasters in Nepal, Iraq, Cambodia, East Timor, PNG, Niue, Chad, Bangladesh, Colombo and Sri Lanka.

In February 2009 AQUABOXES were distributed, for the first time within Australia, to victims of the Victoria bushfire disaster.

Aquabox (Australia) have revamped the contents of Aquabox Gold to suit conditions in the Region and are focussed on distributing these and the Aquabox 30.

### What does Aquabox cost? Just \$480

Yes I would like to donate an Aquabox

Yes I would like to find out more about Aquabox

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



#### Contact Us:

[www.aquabox.com.au](http://www.aquabox.com.au)

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**Rotarians  
and our community  
getting their feet wet!**

**Aquabox turns dirty water  
into drinking water  
...a miracle worker in  
disaster stricken counties.**

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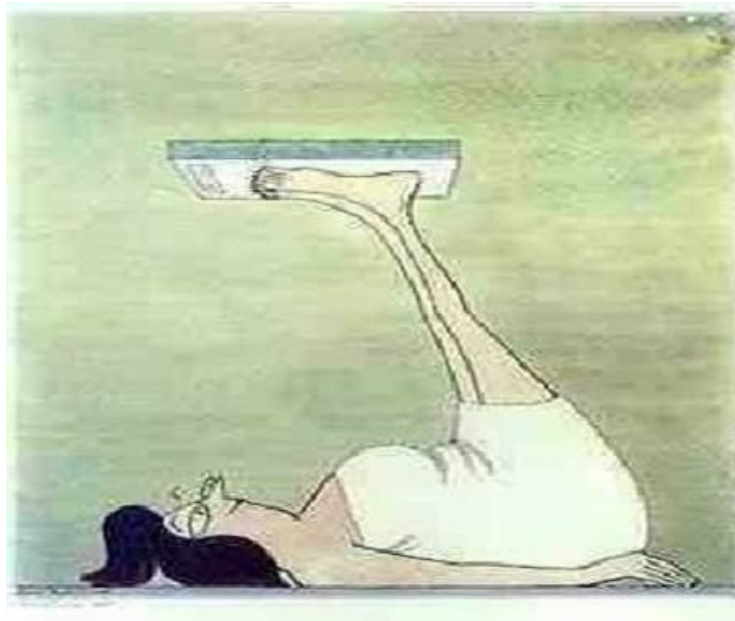


# Colin's Corner IT'S FUN BEING IN ROTARY!!!



I'M SO GLAD I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS!

The correct way to weigh yourself:



I can't believe I was doing it wrong all these years.

**WE MUST SPREAD THE WORD.**

Never take life seriously; nobody gets out alive anyway

## 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 1st September 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.*

[www.d9810.rotary.org.au](http://www.d9810.rotary.org.au)

# Diary Dates

**September 2009**

**ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM**

**Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham**

**LUNCH Meetings:**

**Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch**

Coming meetings:

01/09/09 Aqua Box Project Peter Roden is our guest speaker from the Rotary Club of Eltham

08/09/09 Board meeting & Club Forum

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, 13th September 2009**

**8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:**

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

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