

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Lunch Meeting

Bulletin

Tues 8th September 2009

Today's Meeting:

**Board Meeting
7:30 am at David Murray Motors.**

1:00 pm Club Forum

**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

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

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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 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



September is here already. Is it just me or are the years flying by as we grow older? Some things are not in our power to change so just sit back and enjoy the warmer weather .

Its a little disappointing that two months down and the Club has no new members. There are some potentials but we haven't got them over the line, membership is what is sadly missing in the Rotary Club Of Mitcham. I need help from everyone for this club to continue to make a difference in the community .

Thanks to last week's speaker I now know the difference between Shelter Box and Aqua Box. Both worthy projects and worthy of our support, particularly in light of things going on around the globe. I feel sure that PP Ron Frederick will be looking at the possibility of our support.

Please take note: the Rotary Farmers Market is on this Sunday 7am until 1pm. I hope you are able to make it for an hour or so. Please register at the office. The crew there will direct you to where you are needed.

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 Wirschworth, 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

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and our community
getting their feet wet!**

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...a miracle worker in
disaster stricken counties.**

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



Little known facts about Penguins

Did you ever wonder why you never see dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Ever wonder where they go? Wonder no more. It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguins have a very strong community bond. They are very committed to their family and will mate for life. They also maintain a form of compassionate contact with their offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the freshly-dug grave and sing....

"Freeze a jolly good fellow..."

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 8th 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

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:

08/09/09 Board meeting & Club Forum

Sept15 Ass Governor PP Brian Tyedin Report on next years District Conference

Sept 22 TBA

Sept 29 TBA

Oct 6 Board Reports

Oct 13 Dist Membership presentation

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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