

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Breakfast Meeting

Bulletin

Tues 15th December 2009

This will be our last meeting for 2009

So, what have we achieved so far this year? At our breakfast today we can reflect on our Rotary work for the year so far, and have a quick look at our plans for the remainder of the Murray's Rotary Year.

Membership has had an important boost in recent months! The latest inductees, Major Wendy and Lt. Richard from the Salvation Army will add substantial talent to our ranks.

Our club has donated \$1,500 to Stephanie Woollard's school project in India.

We also helped with \$1,500 for Tracey Sawyer's Tanzania water project. Each year we award 4 scholarships for deserving students at Mullauna

Our club purchased a new bike for young fellow who delivers prescriptions to elderly citizens.

Evolve at Typo Station received 2500 to sponsor their unique training and life experience program for two teenage boys.

There will be a few things that don't immediately come to mind, and I am sure that some of the members will remind me of them. In fact, I hope they do so today.

President David Murray & Gayle wish everyone a happy Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



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

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Put your hand up and be fined.



Wedding
Anniversaries

**Put your hand up, own up and be
fined.**

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 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

President David Murray 2009 2010



Christmas time is just around the corner, and I think that we at the Rotary Club of Mitcham can be proud with the first half of our Rotary year. We have grown in numbers, thanks to Richard and Wendy. Our Club's support for the local community has been fantastic, and our work internationally during tough times for our neighbours should make us proud to belong to, or to be associated with our small but strong Rotary club.

This morning will see us help out Steph. Wooland with support for her project in India, and Steph. will give us an update on how this is going to help in the local school she is has adopted.

PDG Dick Garner will also be joining us for breakfast and Dick will report on a Rotary project that he is passionate about, and that our club will be instrumental in helping him start.

Thank you to our many friends that have come this morning to enjoy our last meeting for the year, particularly our op shop volunteers, without your help we would not have the funds available to support the projects that we are able to undertake.

Gayle and I hope that you have a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year and together next year our club should again be able to make a difference for many people who will need our help.

Merry Christmas

President David

Worawa Aboriginal College, Healesville
PP Liz Guiver, District 9810 Indigenous Affairs Officer

I was fortunate to be invited as a Special Guest to the Worawa Presentation Day on Friday 11 December 2009. This invitation was extended to Rotarians in our District and members from the Healesville and Upper Yarra Clubs attended together with Glenda Sherwin-Lane. What a beautiful experience we had. There were so many highlights. Firstly there is the belief of those who attend the College:

We believe - The Spiritual song of the Aborigine
 "I am a child of the Dreamtime People
 Part of this land like the gnarled gum tree
 I am the river softly singing chanting our songs
 On the way to the sea
 My spirit is the dust devils
 Mirages that dance on the plains
 I'm the snow, the wind and the falling rain
 I'm part of the rocks and the red desert earth
 Red as the blood that flows in my veins
 I am eagle, crow and snake that glides
 Through the rainforests that cling to the mountainside
 I awakened here when the earth was new...
 There was emu, wombat, kangaroo
 No other man of „differen“ hue
 I am this land and this land is me
 I am Australia"
Hyllus Maris, Worawa founder.

Secondly, seeing the students graduate and the joy on their faces was quite incredible. They were obviously proud of their achievement. Michael O'Loughlin, AFL Representative, awarded some of the prizes to students and he commented on being overwhelmed by the students' aspirations and what the College had achieved.

Thirdly, we were invited to view the students' art work and we delighted to find that three students had been awarded monetary prizes from Swinburne and would be contracted to present their work.

Finally, several students told me they were going to interviews at other schools for the opportunity of furthering their studies. Worawa College educates students from years 7 to 10, so being invited to attend interviews at other partner schools was rewarding and exciting for them.

The Worawa founding elders and members of the College Board believe in offering students education that covers their past, present and future philosophy on culture, personalised learning, AFL Sports Academy, creativity, pathways for life, responsibility, respect and relationships. The College was founded by Aboriginal visionary Hyllus Maris in 1983 and continues to grow with the help of a range of benefactors including Rotary this year.

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 15th December 2009
 President David Murray
 Secretary: John Atkinson
 Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
 Desk : Sharon Partridge

Post Script*

Since our last meeting, the members discussed the possibility of sponsoring Mat. For extra time with his driving instructor! That would obviously be most welcome, from Mat's point of view.

However, perhaps one or two of our members need to go somewhere during the next few months and could use a "co-driver" for the day???????

Just email Anna Healey and make arrangements!

healey.anna.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

From: [Healey, Anna M](#)

To: themurrays@bigpond.com

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 10:35 AM

Subject: student in need

Dear David

As per our phone call" Mat is a Year 10 student at Mullauna College. He is an excellent student with outstanding academic results in all subjects. He is a member of the Debating team, Drama Club, and is the President of our Student Union Body for 2009. Earlier this year he was a recipient of a Carers Australia Scholarship, so he could get his learners permit, attended METEC for a short driving excursion and have a series of Driving lessons with RACV.

Mat's mother is a blind single mum who loves and supports Mat in all that he aspires to do.

But he needs 120 hours of driving experience to apply for a license in 18 months and at this time he cannot gain enough hours of experience without some help.

Rotary Mitcham has a scholarship at the end of this year which he would be an excellent applicant for. I hope that your team of volunteers can help this young man achieve this goal that so many of us take for granted.

Cheers Anna

If anyone can assist, please send your email address to President David with your mobile number included.

On second thoughts, because President David hates email, the worldwide web, computers and people who use them, perhaps you should cc your email to Anna Healey at the following email address:

healey.anna.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

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

December 2009

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

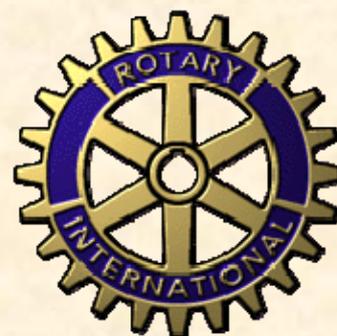
LUNCH Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

Coming meetings:

Our Christmas breakfast, the final meeting of the year, Tuesday 15th at the RSL , 7:00 for 7:30 AM start full breakfast for only fifteen dollars, wow what a bargain bring your partner, and also your friends, see Wayne for bookings. Be there at 7:00 am to socialise!

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, 10th January 2010

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

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

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