

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Lunch Meeting

Bulletin

Tues 16th February 2010

Guest speaker: Jack Butler

If you cut a lemon into half and stick a few cloves into them and place them around the house you will be free of mosquitoes and this is a lot safer than the usual mosquito repellents. We tried it out and it works even up to 2 weeks!!! It can keep malaria away too!



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

February 2010



Gail Murray 9th
Bill Mudford 25th



Wedding Anniversaries

Nil



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

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!

President David Murray 2009 2010



Well at least the boys from District are enthusiastic about increasing the club's membership, Wayne and I are meeting with them on Wednesday night to formulate a plan.

Last Sunday was farmers market day and luckily the weather was mostly fine, the crowds were up a little and sales were good, I think Eva had a sell out day.

Today's speaker is our own Jack Butler who will be giving us an English lesson.

Enjoy the week President David

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale ' He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?' The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.' 'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a liar. He never did any of that shit.'



Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

- * 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- * 7 have been arrested for fraud
- * 19 have been accused of writing bad cheques
- * 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- * 3 have done time for assault
- * 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- * 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- * 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- * 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- * 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year...

Can you guess which organization this is?

Give up yet?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress.

The same group that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of America in line!

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 ...

**President David Murray
Secretary: John Atkinson
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Sharon Partridge**

Colin's Corner



Little Firefighter

A firefighter was working on the engine outside the Station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in
 A little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides,
 And a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.
 The girl was wearing a firefighters helmet.
 The wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat.
 The firefighter walked over to take a closer look. 'That
 Sure is a nice fire truck,' the firefighter said with admiration.'
 Thanks,' the girl replied. The firefighter looked a little closer...
 The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's
 Testicles.

'Little partner,' the firefighter said, 'I don't want to tell you how
 To run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's
 Collar, I think you could go faster.'

'The little girl replied thoughtfully, 'You're probably right, but
 Then I wouldn't have a siren.'

SISTER MARY ANN'S GASOLINE

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.'

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 2010

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:

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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, 7th March 2010**

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

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

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