

# Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



*Lunch Meeting:  
Be Surprised!!!*

**Bulletin**

*Tues 11th May 2010*

## Satellite meetings for May 11 & 25

### 6.30 for 7pm at RSL Mit- cham.

Regards,  
Fred



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

# May 2010



**Jack Butler 5th May**  
**Meg Ayliffe 15th May**



**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Nil**



## 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

## 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



The Farmers market went off very well on Sunday with good support from our club. To all who attended, thank you.

Saturday night was an amazing night. One hundred and seventeen guests arrived at the Museum's Melbourne Gallery to help our own Mr Jack Butler celebrate his Eightieth birthday party .

When Gayle, Sharon and I arrived (I'm still not sure if the I is in the right spot) there was Mr. Butler sitting directly next to Pharlap with an ear to ear grin. (Jack not Pharlap), and that's pretty much how Mr. Butler remained for the rest of the evening.

The array of speakers who where privileged to be able to share with us their knowledge and memories of Mr. Butlers life, and there part in it, gave all present plenty of laughs and the chance to know and understand Mr. Butler's life's journey to date.

As you in the Rotary Club of Mitcham probably already guessed Mr. Butler has lived an extraordinary life, I was amazed how many of his former students made the trip to support him, some not having had contact with him for many years.

Jack, I feel sure that I speak for all present when I say your birthday celebration was truly an amazing evening - One that we will remember always. Your life and your dedication to others is nothing less than amazing and it is a privilege to have both you and Pam in our club.

Back to reality: here at Mitcham you will always be Jack but I respect the fact that your past students are even now in mortal fear to refer to you in any other way but Mr. Butler.

Enjoy the week,  
President David

P.S. Form four at Mitcham Tech. was as far as I went and after Jack's night I cant help but feel he has all my President's Columns at home corrected and marked waiting to give me my end of year marks.

Ed. The editor makes some minor adjustments to your column so the deduction of marks might be equally shared.

# Colin's Corner



A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet.

(I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing..

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

> His name?....

> We just call him 'TV.'

> (Note: This should be required reading for every household!)

> He has a wife now....we call her 'Computer.'

> Their first child is Cell Phone

> Second child is I Pod

## 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**

**\*\*\* The Not-So-Smart Meter is headed your way!**

For those interested in electromagnetic radiation, the information below is extremely important.

"The Brumby government has approved Smart Meters (electrical meters) to be installed in Victoria, the installation is occurring as I type. Victoria is the first State in Australia to do so. Smart meters will operate using 'high' frequency' radiation from telecommunications microwave digital towers. High frequency microwave radiation has been proven now beyond any doubt by the world's renowned scientists that the radiation is causing severe health problems, brain tumours, various types of cancers, childhood leukemia, Alzheimer's disease, aneurysms and many other illnesses as this microwave radiation penetrates the human brain (past the blood brain barrier) to damage the molecular structure and penetrates human bodies up to 10cm which covers most of our organs.

"Australia does not have protection in place for exposure of non-ionising radiation. The safe level should be at least 2000 times lower than exists. After some recent successful test cases which were held in the Appeals Court in France, Italy, Chile, etc. the "Responsible Authorities" who allow and give approval for microwave radiation towers and antennas may now finally be held accountable and liable in criminal law courts, as still trying to plead ignorance of these facts is no longer a sufficient excuse given the overwhelming amount of proof that now exists.

"Also expect to pay at least an extra \$300 per year on these new smart meters – (\$100 per year for cost of the meters and \$200 plus for higher charges for kilowatt hours usage)

"The Smart Meters has been banned in Canada and parts of Europe.

"I hear many people in Victoria are padlocking their meter boxes and writing signs on them", says Wendy and Stewart McClelland of Sebastopol (who sent the original of this e-letter), and they state emphatically: "We will NOT be having a smart meter installed at our home".

To complain about this unhealthy impost:-

Contacts are: Peter Wallace, Customer Management Project co-ordinator of Powercor, Locked Bag 14090, Melbourne City Mail Centre, 8001, or phone him on 03 9683 4135 or Powercor hotline 132206.

Alternatively, contact the Energy & Water Ombudsman (Victoria) @WOV on 1800 500 509, or [www.ewov.com.au](http://www.ewov.com.au). You could also contact the Opposition Leader Ted Baillieu (MP for Hawthorn), 325 Camberwell Road Camberwell, 3124, or phone him on 9882 4088.

This information on the 'smart meter' was obtained from Powercor, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Department of Primary Industries and Origin Energy.

Pass this onto anyone in Victoria.

# 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

**May 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:**

**Enjoy a wonderful lunch with Rotarians and guests at the Mitcham RSL at 12:30 for 1:00 pm today.**

**Guest Speaker???? Yep, Be surprised!**

**This evening you can attend a dinner meeting of the satellite club to enjoy the company of those member and past members who find it difficult to get away for the lunch 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, 13th June 2010**

**8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:**

**The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd  
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550**

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