

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Rotary Student Exchange **Bulletin** 2010

Tues 27th July 2010



Grace Graham-Edney - Germany

It's almost impossible to put the last six months into words that make sense and not just a jumble of feelings and emotions, and an over-use of the words 'awesome', 'amazing' and 'fantastic' and about 20 other synonyms that mean the same thing.

Rotary Youth Exchange has been one of the best choices I have ever made and, I think, one of the best experiences I will ever have! The first six months have been a crazy non-stop time with the highs undoubtedly outweighing the lows. The beginning of my journey was a bit rocky, choosing where I was going to spend my year (and I now know that I made absolutely the right decision with Germany), and the settling in process once I arrived. It was quite a challenge to acclimatise myself to my new surroundings, the different culture, so many new people and, of course, an unfamiliar language.

One of the hardest things for me to comprehend coming from Australia (a country so big there is no such thing as a day trip to another country) is Germany is only about 4 hours from the French border, and that is how I spend my weekends. I have recently from my Euro tour around Europe, which was an 18 day roller coaster ride and one of the coolest things I think I have ever done. Forty six Rotary Exchange Students in one bus for 3 weeks, travelling through 6 different countries ... an incredibly difficult thing to describe. Prague and Berlin were my undisputed favourites. I loved Prague because it was different in so many respects, particularly its architecture, and (well, I am a girl and I'm sixteen) ... Prague has awesome shopping! Actually it's for similar reasons I loved Berlin. In a moment of small drama, the other Australian students and myself got completely lost and ended up in Turkish ghetto Berlin. After a small anxiety attack we discovered it was fantastic, and it made a great story to share with our fellow travellers.

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July 2010



Glenys Spencer 24th
John Atkinson 29th



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 |
| | 2010 Jack Butler |

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 2010/11

BOARD

- President:** Wayne Lucas
- Past Pres:** David Murray
- Pres. Elect:** Wendy Oliver
- Vice Pres :** TBA
- Secretary:** John Atkinson
- Treasurer:** Wayne Lucas
- Membership:** Philip Daw
- Membership Retension PR & Marketing** Colin Spencer
- Community:** Ron Frederick
- New Generations:** Sharon Partridge

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

- On to Conference:** Wendy Oliver
- Fellowship Vocational:** David Murray
- Attendance:** John Atkinson
- Foundation:** Ron Frederick
- Bulletin:** Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
- Program:** Philip daw / members
- Sergeant and Community Service:** Wendy Oliver
- 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
Wayne Lucas
and Dianne
2010 - 2011**



It seems as though this calendar year has moved along at a very fast rate.

Not that long ago it was Christmas. By now, most of us should have done stock take, sent in our BAS statement and started looking for the BAS money due tomorrow. Then it is tax for the financial year to be done. I know some put it off, but you should catch up.

There are many things to do before Christmas this year and some preparations are underway. We have a directors meeting next Tuesday, and the following Sunday is our day for the farmers market. Please see David Murray to see where you can help. The following Tuesday is our night meeting at Sapporo Japanese restaurant.

David Murray has planned a night to see "Eddie" at channel nine and view the inner sanctums as well. We also need more fellowship functions and also guest speakers.

Our guest speaker Pam from last week noted, they do need more goods for Eastern Emergency Relief Network, and so does our op-shop. Keep you eyes open for anybody downsizing their property as they may have goods for our op-shop.

Thank you to all the members who have helped to make this year run smoothly.

Wayne

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*

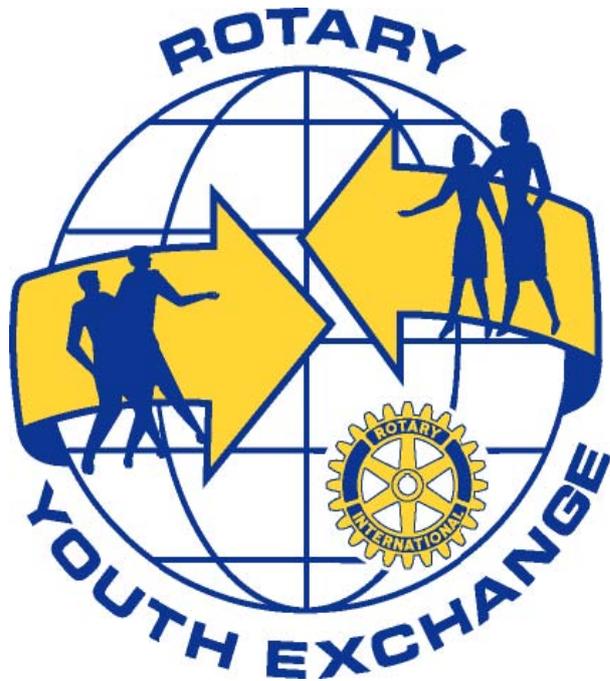
The Year 2010 - 2011

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

From Page One: A crazy aspect of touring with 46 new best friends on Euro tour is that sleep becomes a figment of your imagination after about the first 4 days. This happens because you want to make the most of every second; you just don't want to miss a thing - every moment must count!

The friendships that Rotary Exchange kids develop are perhaps the most difficult thing to explain - there is a shared bond that is created instantly – it's like an instant click and then they are your family. I guess the one thing that I have learned most about on exchange, is myself. Lately, I have been thinking and reflecting a lot about how I have had to learn quickly to deal with good and bad situations; how I have had to change my ability to look at things and, as a result of that, I see life very differently and look at the world in a new way. Being plucked up out of the security of family and well known friends, and surroundings that are as familiar as the colour of your own eyes (comfort zone in the true sense of the words) and dropped into an entirely alien environment, challenges everything you think you know. That experience has a life changing effect and while in some ways it's my feet and stand on my own, on my little patch of the planet.

Grace



Rotary's Youth Exchange Program

is a tremendous opportunity for secondary school age students to travel abroad to further their education in an entirely different environment to their own.

Rotary hopes that the impact of this experience for the participants will not only have an immeasurable impact on international relations but will stimulate those in the program to become better citizens and, as such, help prepare them for participation as leaders of their communities and play a significant role in the shaping of tomorrow's world.

The program is an extremely rewarding experience for all who participate in it, whether a student, Rotary club, host family, counsellor, host community or as District committee members.

Rotary Youth Exchange is an official activity of District 9820. The program is administered by the District Youth Exchange Committee which reports to the District Governor. In our District, District 9820, David Piper is the District Governor for this Rotary year 2010/2011.

The Youth Exchange Committee is responsible for the administration of the program. The exchange itself is the responsibility of the Rotary club - both the sponsor and the hosting Rotary club.



Our First Social Evening

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant
Shop 1, 432 Mitcham Road Mitcham

The Rotary Club of Mitcham is having a night of enjoyment with wonderful Japanese food, Australian wine and exceptional company.

For \$35.00 per head you can indulge in a banquet and sample some fabulous Red Box wines. Colin Spencer will inform us about his wines and answer any questions.

Sapporo is a B.Y.O restaurant, so please bring any extra wine you may wish to consume.

The more people to attend the better it will be.

We hope to see you then at Sapporo on Tuesday 10th August at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

If you and others would like to attend please complete the form below and give to either
Wayne or David or RSVP on 9842 4433 or 873 1838.

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

July 2010

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

SATELLITE Meetings:

6:30 FOR 7:00 dinner (Tues 13th July & Tues 27th July)

Coming meetings (Guest Speakers):

**Have a guess!
There is a prize for getting it right.**

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, 8th August 2010**

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

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

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