

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Bulletin

Tues 21st February 2012

Lunch Meeting: 1:00pm—2:00pm



Induction of Joseph O'Loughlin into the Rotary club of Mitcham

**This came to me from one of our intrepid Rotarians with the heading:
"Betcha not game to print this...." How much was that bet again???**

Wonder when we'll get THIS sort of straight talking in Australian Schools?

From a friend of a friend in Canada, comes the following:-

"Dennis Prager, Principal at a High School in Toronto, on the first day of classes in 2012.

To: The students and faculty of our High School.

I am your new Principal, and honored to be so. There is no greater calling than to teach young people. I would like to apprise you of some important changes coming to our school. I am making these changes because I am convinced that most of the ideas that have dominated public education in Canada have worked against you, against your teachers, against your parents, and against our country.

First, this school will no longer honor race or ethnicity. I could not care less if your racial makeup is black, brown, red, yellow, or white. I could not care less if your origins are African, Latin American, Asian, or European, or if your ancestors arrived here on the Mayflower, leaky SE Asian refugee ships, or on slave ships. The only identity I care about, the only one this school will recognize, is your individual identity -- your character, your scholarship, your humanity. And the only national identity this school will care about is Canadian. This is a Canadian public school, and Canadian public schools were created to make better Canadians.

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none



Wedding Anniversaries

none

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

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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 2011/12

BOARD

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

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

- On to Conference:** Wayne Lucas
- Fellowship Vocational:** David Murray
- Attendance:** John Atkinson
- Foundation & International:** Ron Frederick
- Bulletin:** Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
- Program:** Philip daw / members
- Sergeant:** David Murray
- Public Officer:** Ron Frederick
- Internet / Website:** Colin Spencer
- Op Shop:** John Atkinson



**President Philip Daw
2011 - 2012**

Hi all,



Last weeks guest speaker was Kevin Gray from Taralye. What a great job Taralye undertakes for hearing impaired children and their families. We have been fortunate as a club to have had the opportunity to make donations to Taralye and be actively involved in supporting them. I am sure that we will have many opportunities to do so in the future.

I made contact in the last few days with Jenervieve Hamerton of the Rangeview pre-school. If you recall, we offered to donate \$6000 to help with the schools building program which will enable the school to conduct both 3rd and 4th year kindergarten. Jenervieve advises that the pre-school is most grateful for the donation. There appears to have been some communications problems but I believe that this has now resolved.

Donations for Wayne and Dianne's container load of needy goods for Indonesia is coming along splendidly and beyond my wildest expectations. You and others in Rotary and the community have been most generous.

Today our guest speaker is John Williams who will be speaking on a surprise topic since I have not been told what it is!

Until next time, stay well.

All the best,
President Philip

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 2011 - 2012

**President: Philip Daw
Secretary: John Atkinson
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Colin Spencer**

APOLOGIES: Would all members please ring or email another member if they are not able to attend a regular meeting of the club, if they find they have another engagement?

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If you wish to affirm an ethnic, racial, religious identity through your school, you will have to go to another one. We will end all ethnicity - race - and non-Canadian-nationality-based celebrations. They undermine the motto of Canada. Everyone is equal, coast to coast, and this school will be guided by Canadian values. That includes all after-school clubs. I will not authorize clubs that divide students based on any identities. This includes gender, race, language, religion, sexual orientation, or whatever else may become in vogue in a society divided by political correctness. Your clubs will be based on interests and passions -- not blood, ethnic, tribal, racial or other physically defined ties. Those clubs just cultivate narcissism - an unhealthy preoccupation with the self -- while the purpose of education is to get you to think beyond yourself. So we will have clubs that transport you to the wonders and glories of art, music, sport, debating, astronomy, languages you do not already speak, math, carpentry, and many many more. If the only extracurricular activities you can imagine being interested in, are those based on ethnic or racial or sexual identity, that means that little outside of yourself really interests you and that means you don't belong in this school.

Second, I am not interested in whether or not English is your native language. My only interest in terms of language is that you leave this school speaking and writing English as fluently as possible. The English language has united Canadian citizens for more than 200 years, and it will unite us at this school. It is one of the indispensable reasons this country of immigrants has always come to be one country. If you leave this school without excellent English-language skills, your teachers and I will have been remiss in our duty to ensure that you are prepared to compete successfully in the Canadian employment market. You will learn other languages here -- it is deplorable that most Canadians only speak English. But if you want classes taught in your native language rather than in English, this is not the school for you.

Third, because I regard learning as a sacred endeavour, everything in this school will reflect learning's elevated status. This means, among other things, that you and your teachers will dress accordingly. Many people in our society dress more formally for a meal at a nice restaurant than they do for church or school. Those people have their priorities backwards. Therefore, there will be a formal dress code at this school.

Fourth, no obscene language will be tolerated anywhere on this school's property -- whether in class, in the hallways or at athletic events. If you can't speak without using the "F-word," you can't speak. By obscene language I mean the words banned by the Federal Communications Commission plus epithets such as the "N- word," even when used by one black student to address another, or "bitch," even when addressed by a girl to a girlfriend. It is my intent that by the time you leave this school, you will be among the few of your age to distinguish instinctively between the elevated and the degraded, the holy and the obscene, the educated and the non-educated.

Fifth, we will end all self-esteem programmes. In this school, self-esteem will be attained in only one way -- the way people attain it will be by earning it from their fellow students and teachers. One immediate consequence of this is that there will be only one class valedictorian, not eight.

Sixth, and last, I am reorienting the school programme toward academics, scholarship, and away from politics and propaganda. No more time will be devoted to scaring you about smoking and caffeine, or terrifying you about sexual harassment or global warming. No more semesters will be devoted to condom-wearing and teaching you to regard sexual relations as only, or primarily, a health issue. There will be no more attempts to convince you that you are a victim because you are not white, or not male, or not heterosexual, or not Christian. We will have failed, if any one of you graduates from this school does not consider himself or herself inordinately lucky -- lucky to be alive, lucky to be well educated, and lucky to be a Canadian.

Now, please stand and join me in singing, OH CANADA to the only flag in Canada. As many of you may not know the words, your teachers will gladly hand them out to you."

REGISTRATION
Dinner
Northern Region Cluster – Whitehorse and Manningham

The Rotary Club of Nunawading is organising the Cluster Dinner Meeting for the Northern Region Cluster. It is envisaged that this meeting could be in lieu of your normal meeting that week.

When: Wednesday, February 29th, 2012
 Where: Monte Carlo Room, Casavini, 5 Mitchell St, Doncaster East
 Time: 6:00 for 6:30pm
 Cost: \$30 pp (Drinks at bar prices)

The Rotary Club of _____ will have ____ representatives at the dinner.

Number of members attending _____ (@ \$30 per person) Total amount:
 \$ _____

Please list any special dietary requirements:

Name	Special dietary requirements

Payment:

By your Club cheque, made payable to The Rotary Club of Nunawading. Please bring your club cheque to the event. No cash desk facilities will be available on the night.

OR

The Rotary Club of _____ will not have representatives at the dinner. Please tender the club's apology to the meeting.

REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED BY: Wednesday February 22, 2012

Please forward Registration Sheet to:

Judith Eadon
 Rotary Club of Nunawading
 Email: eadon.judith.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
 Mail: 1/85 Churinga Avenue, Mitcham 3132

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Become a member of your local Rotary Club.!

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.9810rotary.org.au

Diary Dates

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

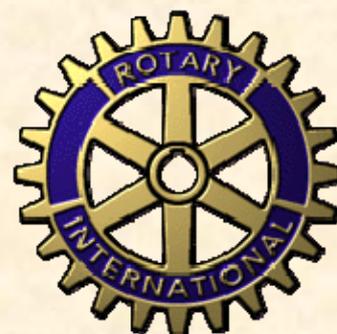
Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

Coming meetings (Guest Speakers):

21st Feb John Williams

28th Feb RYLA

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at the next market on the second Sunday, 11th March 2012
8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

www.rotarymitcham.com