

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Bulletin

Tues 19th March 2012

Lunch Meeting: 1:00pm—2:00pm

Guest speaker:

Pat McCafferty

General Manager Strategy & Communications
Yarra Valley Water



I'M RETIRED

I was tired yesterday.
I'm tired again today.

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March 2012



1st Merle Atkinson
1st Joan Daw



Wedding Anniversaries

16th Jack & Pam Butler

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	OTHER PORTFOLIOS
President: Philip Daw	On to Conference: Wayne Lucas
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New Generations: David Murray	Op Shop: John Atkinson



**President Philip Daw
2011 - 2012**



Hi all,

It has been yet another busy week for me as I am sure it has been for you all.

I believe the club is going from strength to strength.

Today I have included an ideas page (Page 5) from Colin Spencer which I would like Colin to put forward for discussion at the next Board meeting.

This idea has the potential of increasing the Club's presence in the community by recognising the efforts of other individuals and organisations. I encourage all club members to read it and convey their thoughts to the Board.

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?

Colin's idea for discussion at the next Board meeting

In order to generate good connections with business and community leaders, as well as enhance our membership listing, I have an idea:

Why not develop a Rotary Community Leadership Award system, firstly by our own Rotary Club, then in coordination with our cluster group clubs, (we need to minimise any chance of duplication) and maybe, if we can make it happen, we can give the idea to District to work with.

Examples:

A couple of really good officers of the local Traffic Management Unit, formerly known as the Traffic Operations Group, were mown down by a driver while dealing with another traffic offender on the side of the road, quite a few years ago. Both Kim Pluim and Patsy were in intensive care and for a while it was touch and go as to whether either or both of them would survive. They both recovered and returned to duty. They loved their job and their loyalty to their community was quite outstanding. I remember asking the Police minister of the time to consider awards for officers injured on the job, and was told that no such policy existed, or was likely to exist. Well, it has taken me a hell of a long time to think of what we as Rotarians could do. Should have thought of it twenty years ago. Both officers are still at work today, and Kim Pluim is the officer in charge of the Traffic Management Unit in Nunawading for our region. I feel that if we made an example of Kim and Patsy, if she is still working, our relationship with local Police would be highlighted and we might have more chance of successfully inviting new members to our club.

Local employers who train and employ young people need to be identified and outstanding examples should be publicly recognized for their commitment and community involvement. I don't know if Centrelink can point out potential recipients or not. Most public servants use privacy regulations as an excuse to minimise their daily activities. On the other hand, perhaps someone from the local Centrelink (Box Hill??) could be recognized.

Management of organisations like NADRASCA, Eastern Emergency Relief Network, and Taralye are obvious community service candidates, as are exceptional school principals and teachers.

How hard would it be to create a prestigious community service award plaque to present to worthy recipients? Such an event would require us to invite a representative of local news papers to attend. Photographer and journalist attending would be important if we are to regard such an award as a Community award. Our club would be conferring the award on behalf of our grateful community. Perhaps the City of Whitehorse could assist us by putting on the ceremony at the council offices or the meeting place. No charge to us, of course. The Mayor would be required to officiate, perhaps? Or a local state MP?

I reckon it would be a great way to put a positive and friendly face to our community and increase the number of people who want to join Rotary.

Connect with your Community!
Become a member of your local Rotary Club.!
Build life-long Friendships!
Never been a better time to do this!



Rotary Clubs of Knox,
Glen Waverley and
Springvale City

Introducing the first . . .

ROTARY FUN DAY

at Jell's Park South

25th March 2012

9.00am - 1.30pm

Fun Run on the day!

1. Age to 12 (3km) 9am start - Entry \$10 per runner
2. Age to 15 (6km) 10am start - Entry \$10 per runner
3. Age to 18 (6km) 11am start - Entry \$15 per runner

Girls & boys cash prizes

Chocolate Hunt!

Preschool to age 11

9.30am • 10.30am • 11.30am

\$10 per family \$5 per child

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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

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

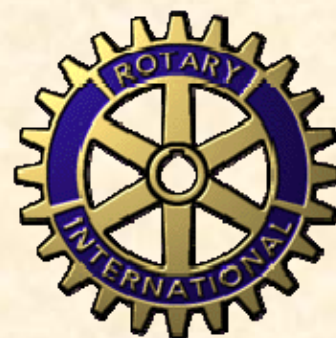
Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

Coming meetings (Guest Speakers):

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, 8th April 2012

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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