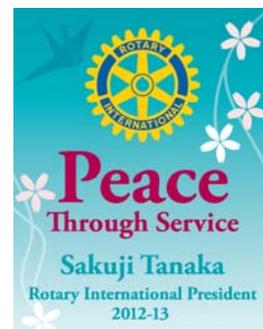


Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017



Lunch Meeting July 10th 2012

Rotary Foundation

After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.



Reaching the ultimate goal of a polio-free world presents ongoing challenges, not the least of which is a US\$535 million funding gap through 2012. Of course, Rotary alone can't fill this gap, but continued Rotarian advocacy for government support can help enormously. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

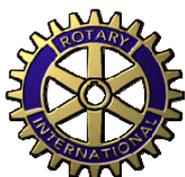
"If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we *will* eradicate polio. -

“Bill Gates”



If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralysed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$5 billion global investment in eradication.

Polio plus has been a major success world-wide and there is determined support to eliminate the disease from the last few third world countries. Billions of dollars have been donated and spent to achieve this success, and Rotary is very proud to have had the responsibility of organising funding and delivery of Polio vaccinations during the past 25 years. This is what can be achieved when ordinary Rotarians in every country of the world work towards a common goal. Rotary Foundation works so well!



Post Office Box 6 Mitcham, Victoria 3132 Australia
Meets at the RSL Club 26 McDowall Street Mitcham 3132 Victoria
12:30 pm each Tuesday Visitors Welcome

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July 2012



**24th Glenys Spencer
29th John Atkinson**



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

**8th John & Merle Atkinson
11th David & Gail Murray**

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

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 2012/13

BOARD

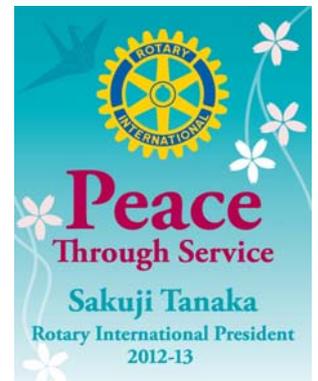
President:	Colin Spencer
Past Pres:	Philip Daw
Pres. Elect:	TBA
Vice Pres :	TBA
Secretary:	John Atkinson
Treasurer:	Wayne Lucas
Membership:	Colin Spencer
Membership Retention PR & Marketing	Colin Spencer
Community & International:	Ron Frederick
New Generations:	David Murray

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

On to Conference:	Philip Daw
Fellowship Vocational:	Joseph O'Loughlin
Attendance:	John Atkinson
Foundation & International:	Ron Frederick
Bulletin:	Colin Spencer
Program:	Philip daw / members
Sergeant:	David Murray
Public Officer:	Ron Frederick
Internet / Website:	Colin Spencer
Op Shop:	John Atkinson



President: 2012 - 2013
Colin Spencer



Greetings all,

The surprise of being president of the club, along with the extra responsibilities that brings is beginning to sink in. My greatest concern is being unable to remember who said what at a previous meeting or even a board meeting. We are all coping with difficult times it seems, sometimes blaming our advancing years, and on occasions, actually admitting that the massive flood of information being experienced by our generation is impossible to cope with.

One suggestion I have had is to stop listening to the news. Stop reading the news paper. Live for today and plan for tomorrow. In other words, we need to cast off a lot of outside information intrusion, and instead, to focus on our day to day tasks. Perhaps the next generation can cope better that we can. I notice that few of them ever read a news paper or watch the news on TV. Being a lot smarter than us oldies, they must have grown up with better BS filters.

To those who made time to help out at the market on Sunday last, my sincere thanks. I received a Saturday night phone call from Philip asking if I knew who was going to be there. Of course, I did not have a clue. I found that Peter McPhee was going to set up at 5 am!!! What a champion.

Last year when I was asked to be President of the club in 12/13, I decided to sell the business and retire. If that had happened by now, I would be a 24/7 Rotarian for a year. Unfortunately, it could take several years to extricate oneself from an operation like ours these days. We will do our best,

Colin

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 2012 - 2013

President: Colin Spencer
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?



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 Whitehorse Farmer's Market Sunday July 8th.

About 62 traders were in attendance this weekend. The weather was fine for a change and good crowd good attendances. The egg man sold out by about 11am and as this is one of the key measures of a successful market, I think we were all satisfied with the outcome on the day .

As always, Eva Anderson and Peter McPhee were there to set up well before dawn, as was Dave Murray who hung in there all day. What a Trojan! Philip was able to be there was there for a stint during the morning as well. We do need a few more club members to donate two hours of their time on the second Sunday of each month to ensure that our club pulls its weight.

If we can get three more people to come along to help out for two hours each on the next date, which is August 8th, we will be well represented as a club.

The funds which our club receives for its participation in the market each year are substantial. From \$6,000 to \$9,000 each year. All of which is used to support important projects within our own Whitehorse community. Please volunteer, and invite a few of your family members



... 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.

Isabel Armer. Guest Speaker for Lunch Meeting on 17th July. Bright Future Community Centre. Nepal.

Bright Future Community Centre began in 2003 in a small room on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal. The centre has grown since then and now money provided through RAWCS helps pay for the education of over 70 children. There are also eleven children attending university. This is a marvellous opportunity for these children, many of whom would otherwise end up on the street or working as labourers like their parents. The Centre has expanded to include dancing and music and each year there are new innovations. Part of this expansion is a direct result of Rotary's involvement and the visits by interesting people who teach the children. The RAWCS registration means personal donations are tax deductible.

Rotary Club of Pashupati, Kathmandu, Nepal



The Rotary Clubs of Kew on Yarra, District 9800, and the Pashupati in Nepal are working together to help the Bright Future Project.



The Bright Future Community Center is a room where the children meet each morning from 7-8am before they go to school. They learn English and do their homework. There is a good range of English and Nepali books. Netra and his student volunteers teach the different groups and organize activities. One of the students developed dance classes and the children spend time learning traditional dances in the afternoons. Many of the children who attend BFCC come from poor families who have moved from country areas to Kathmandu in search of work. The parents usually earn a basic wage and cannot afford to pay for schooling.

In 2008 EWO and the Rotaract Club of Pashupati organized to donate wheelchairs to some disabled children. Netra, as part of BFCC, helped with the organization. The original library project at BFCC now has many Rotary links and is helping many people in Nepal.

Many Australians who visit Nepal often come back inspired to help these people..

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.

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

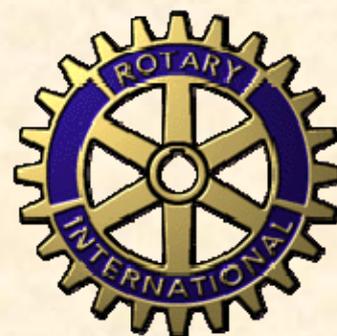
Coming meetings (Guest Speakers):

17 July, Isabel Armer, Bright Future Community Centre Nepal.

24 July, Pam Butler.

31 July, Megan Escalante, Holy Saviour School, to receive donation.

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, 12th August 2012

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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