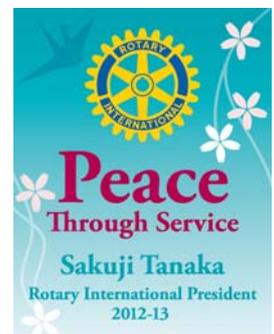


Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017



Lunch Meeting July 31st 2012

Last week we had a most informative talk by Pam Butler who worked as a nurse in remote aboriginal communities in the Kimberley region of northern west Australia a few years ago.

Pam has extensive experience and qualifications in her chosen career, and she certainly has a practical approach to an ongoing dilemma for Australia: Improving the lot of Australia's original inhabitants living in remote areas.

Pam explained that throwing money at the problem, building dwellings, and providing limited administration for communities has not really changed the lot of the Aboriginal communities with regard to their overall health and living conditions. To achieve a positive outcome, it seems that, somehow, we have to bring them many years ahead by addressing education, hygiene and by stimulating their own aspirations to improve living standards.

Unless aboriginal groups living in remote communities, or indeed in settlements around many towns, change from their present patterns of behaviour, taking advantage of opportunities to educate the young, and to develop a desire for a better life-style, then it appears that the problems we are constantly addressing, will simply self perpetuate.

So, what can Rotary and Rotarians do to make a difference? How about asking some Rotary Clubs in the NT to advise us? Their members live amongst those communities, perhaps some of them will have some ideas that can be developed into Rotary District or indeed, Rotary International projects.

It is not enough to go out and repair or build dwellings. That approach clearly has been well wide of the mark in the past. Education seems to be the only hope for the young ones. It is tempting to look back at the "Stolen Generation" stories and wonder if those problems were the result of people who could not stand by and watch most of the aboriginal children die as infants and never have a chance to live a full and satisfying life.

I could be criticised for commenting in this way, of course, but my hide is thick enough, I can take it. Perhaps we will see a program that will get kids from remote communities into host families during the school year, and being able to visit their families during holidays when they want to.

If more aboriginal children can become accustomed to better living conditions and be educated to the same standard as the rest of us, perhaps the future generations will have better lives.



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

www.rotarymitcham.com



July 2012



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



**Wedding
Anniversaries**



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

Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.

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

The Rotary Club of Mitcham needs you!

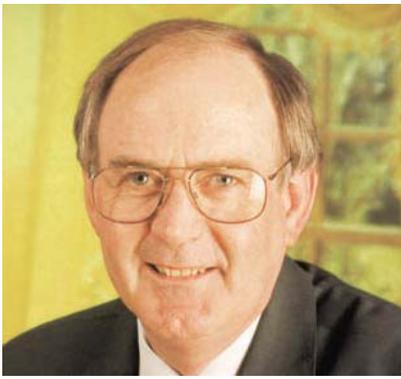
Helping Hands

The Rotary Club is looking for volunteer shop attendants to help assist in the continued running of our local op-shop.

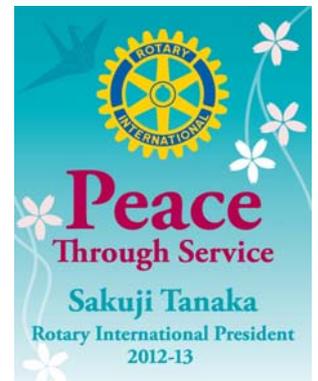
Why not come and spend a few hours in our fun and happy environment and help support our community and have fun too!



Please call John Atkinson on **9873 3322** for more details!



**President: 2012 - 2013
Colin Spencer**



Greetings all,

Welcome to Megan Escalante, Holy Saviour School, and thank you for taking a bit of time out of your busy day to come to today's meeting to receive our donation.

Last week's guest speaker, Pam Butler sent an email to me this morning, thanking our club for inviting her to speak about her work in aboriginal communities in the Kimberley region of north western Australia. Pam's view on the social issues of remote aboriginal communities was most enlightening, and I am sure it has made many of us rack our brains to figure out the best way forward with any future efforts to change the sad self-perpetuating dilemma of living standards for aboriginal communities in remote areas of Australia.

Colin

District Conference 2013: Wangaratta

The District 9810 Conference for 2013 will be held from Friday 15 to Sunday 17 March 2013 at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, 33 Ford Street, Wangaratta, Victoria.

The official launch of the 2013 District Conference will be held on Friday 10 August as part of the Club Presidents meeting

Full details of conference arrangements including registration, accommodation options, program, conference tours and related activities will be available and updated on the dedicated conference website:

<http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/>

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?

Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse Farmer's Market Sunday July 8th.

About 62 traders were in attendance, 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, their families or friends to donate two hours of their time on the second Sunday of each month to ensure that we will be able to maximise the return in terms of funds to the Rotary Clubs of the Whitehorse Cluster Group.

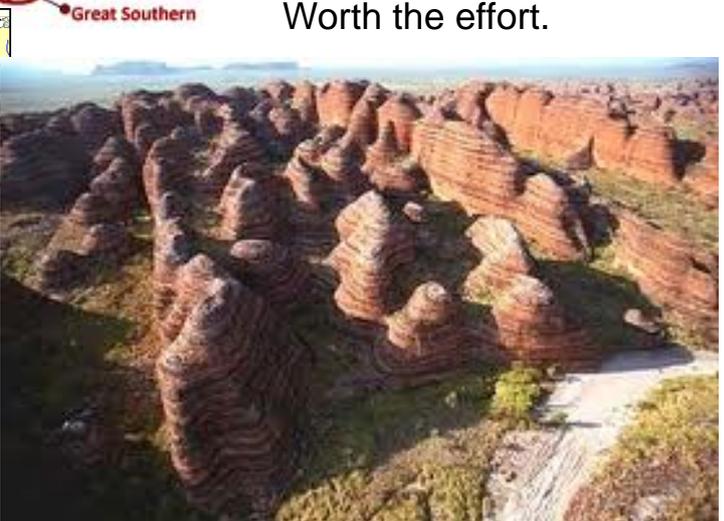
We need at least three more people to come along to help out for two hours each on the next date, which is August 8th, we will be well represented as a club.

The July Farmer's Market Figures came in as follows:

Stalls \$3,830 Donations \$1,579 Barbeque \$599 Total: \$6,008



If you have never been to North West Western Australia, find time to go. If you drive, it will take a week to get there, and you will need about one month to travel around the area . It is an enormous area with amazing scenery and experiences Worth the effort.



**Connect with your Community!
Become a member of your local Rotary Club!
Build life-long Friendships!**

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) is a major research fund and grants organization. It is the largest Australia-wide project undertaken by Rotary.

The Australian Rotary Health Board allocates research grants on the advice of a Research Committee that comprises eminent medical and paramedical professionals.

Since 1985 over A\$26.7m has been allocated to approximately 495 grants for research into such areas as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Care of the Aged, Adolescent Health, Family Health, Mental Illness, Cancer research, Neurological research and many other research areas.

Medical research is the primary beneficiary of funds from Australian Rotary Health. Since the year 2000 Mental Illness has been the main focus of research funding.

"Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education"

Our District has contributed A\$2.4m since allocated grants commenced in 1985. And our ride has contributed over \$850,000 over the past 25 years.

All donations over \$2 are Tax deductible.



... 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.

Rotary District 9810

District and Project Information



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9810 ARH COMMITTEE 2012 - 2013

The Australian Doctors Orchestra is a unique membership of medical professionals who are classically trained musicians. Since its first Concert in 1993, the Orchestra has played a concert every year in every State and used each occasion to raise funds for charity.

In Melbourne on Sunday, 16th September, the Orchestra will play their 20th performance under the baton of conductor, Warwick Stengards in the Melbourne Town Hall.

The 2012 Melbourne Concert will feature:-

Brahms: *Academic Overture*
 Mendelssohn: *Violin Concerto* featuring acclaimed violinist Natsuko Yoshimoto
 Stenhammer: *Symphony No. 2*

The members of the Orchestra donate their time and the proceeds of the 2012 Concert will be given to Australian Rotary Health.

Tickets for the Concert \$35 per person/\$25 concession are now on sale and to make bookings or obtain further information on the Concert please visit www.ado.net.au or www.e-ticket.com.au

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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):

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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