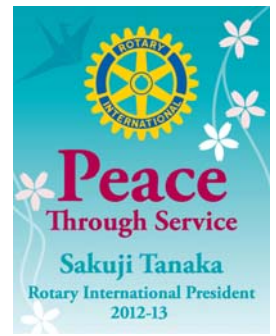


Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017



Lunch Meeting September 18th 2012

Last week, we had Joanna Parsons, 24 years of age, and a qualified physiotherapist, who is leaving for a three month volunteer posting to a place near the Burmese border in northern Thailand. Joanna is paying all of her own expenses, and is touring a list of Rotary Clubs in our district to talk about her commitment to training physiotherapy students in hospitals and injury recuperation clinics.

A specialist in treating back pain, Joanna has also had experience in pediatric work, including children suffering from Cerebral Palsy. In Thailand she will also be working with people who have been inflicted with land mine injuries, including limb amputations.

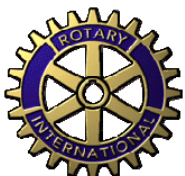


As one could imagine, the trauma of dealing with severe injuries would require extensive physiotherapy treatment. Well, there doesn't appear to be any trained physiotherapists in the hospitals and clinics of the area where Joanna is going. Her aim is to train people in her area of skill, and to teach the training methods as well.

Our club has contributed \$500 to assist with Joanna's expenses, and we hope that she will find time to visit us sometime in the new year to bring us news of her trip and to pass on some interesting stories about her work in northern Thailand.

It would be difficult to accept that young people in this day and age just don't care. Each year, we meet young people just like Joanna who are prepared to give up part of their active young lives to help others in remote places. Joanna's work is not just to help, but to train others to help themselves.

Our best wishes go with her.



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



September 2012



Eva Anderson 24th



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

**John & Merle Atkinson 8th
Dave & Gayle Murray 11th**

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

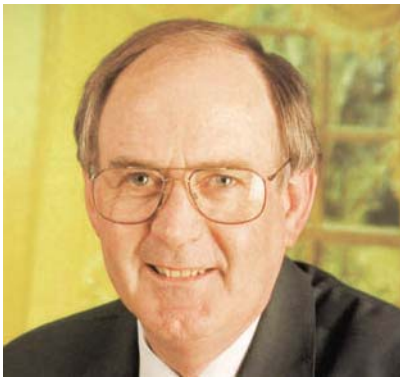
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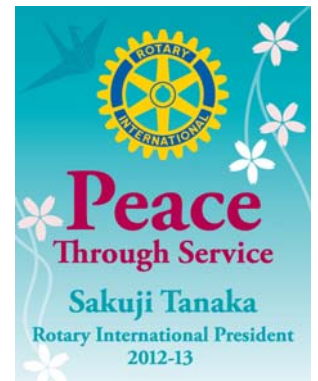
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Pres. Elect:	TBA
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Treasurer:	Wayne Lucas
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Community & International:	Ron Frederick
New Generations:	David Murray

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,

Now that our club secretary and the treasurer have returned from their travels in Europe, we can get back into harness and push on. On Sunday 9th, we had an excellent turnout with the Farmer's Market. No vacant stall places and lots of people. The cluster group took nearly \$6,500 on the day, including fees, donations and the barbecue. Let's hope more of us will be available next month. Today members are reminded that we are having our September board meeting at 12 pm. Please be there if you can.

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/>

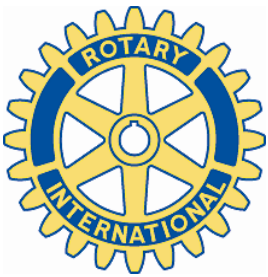
Advance Australia Fair

*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

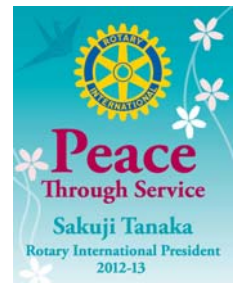
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Desk : Colin Spencer

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?



Club Night Out

Evening Meeting September 26th



The Whitehorse Rotaract Club will hold a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Mitcham in the evening of September 26th at the RSL Mitcham. Commencing at 7 pm for 7:30 pm start.

The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse was chartered on 31st May 2000. Sponsor Rotary Clubs are Box Hill, Box Hill Central, Burwood (disbanded), Forest Hill, Mitcham, Nunawading and MASH (honorary).

Be sure to set this evening aside to meet this vibrant young group of Rotaractors and to hear some of their experiences and about their aspirations as a community service club.

The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse meets at the Melbourne Baseball Club in Surrey Park, Surrey Drive, Box Hill at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Whitehorse Rotaract Club on Changeover Night 2012.



<http://www.whitehorserotaract.org.au/>

Acko's Jokes:

A man called his mother in Florida "Mom, how are you?"

"Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son said, "Why are you so weak?"

She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Schlumberg is such a person:



THIS IS QUOTED FROM HAROLD:

"I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?' Well, I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and whisky into urine. It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."

The Four Way Test

... 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 Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Media Release

28 March 2012

Combination drug treatment can cut malaria by 30 per cent

Malaria infections among infants can be cut by up to 30 per cent when antimalarial drugs are given intermittently over a 12 month period, a three-year clinical trial in Papua New Guinea has shown.

The trial showed the drug regime was effective against both *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax* malaria, the first time antimalarial drugs have been shown to prevent infections by both species of malaria. The treatment regime, called intermittent preventive treatment (IPT), protected the infants against malaria for at least six weeks after the end of treatment, showing that it had an ongoing protective effect and did not hinder the development of natural immunity.

The study was led by Professor Ivo Mueller from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB) with Dr Patricia Rarau and Dr Nicolas Senn from the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research (PNGIMR). Professor Peter Siba from PNGIMR, Associate Professor Louis Schofield from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Professor John Reeder and Dr James Beeson from the Burnet Institute and Professor Stephen Rogerson from the University of Melbourne also collaborated on the project.

Professor Mueller, from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute's Infection and Immunity division, said the findings could lead to trials of IPT in other regions, including South-East Asia and South America, where malaria, particularly *P.vivax*, is a major health problem. IPT has been used for number of years in sub-Saharan Africa, where more than 80 per cent of all deaths from malaria are in children under the age of five.

"*Plasmodium vivax* is the main cause of clinical malaria in infants outside of Africa," Professor Mueller said. "What this study has shown is that IPT can be useful in regions other than sub-Saharan Africa, that it can be an effective tool against *P.vivax*, and reaffirms that we need to effectively tailor preventive drugs to different malaria species in different regions."

IPT uses sporadic, short courses of combined antimalarial drugs to provide protection against malaria infection. "IPT is a cheap and easy way to decrease the burden of malaria in those most susceptible to clinical illness, such as young infants and pregnant women," Professor Mueller said.

As part of the clinical trial, infants aged three to 15 months were treated with a long-lasting antimalarial drug combination at three, six, nine and 12 months. Professor Mueller said the most effective drug combination in the trial was the long-lasting antimalarials sulfadoxine/pyrimethamine and amodiaquine (SP-AQ), which act against the two most lethal species of malaria parasite, *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax*. In the trial, SP-AQ treatment decreased infant infections by 35 per cent for *Plasmodium falciparum* and 23 per cent for *Plasmodium vivax*.

"These are quite remarkable figures," Professor Mueller said. "Different treatment strategies are required for different regions, depending on the dynamics of disease. The drug combination that was most effective in PNG was very different to the drugs you would use to treat malaria in Africa and also different to the drugs currently recommended for treating malaria in PNG."

Professor Peter Siba, director of PNGIMR, said a key factor in the effectiveness of the treatment was running it in parallel with existing vaccination and healthcare programs.

"In the trials, IPT was given at the same time as regular vaccinations and check-ups, using existing health care frameworks to deliver the treatment, so we saw a much higher adherence than with continuous treatment regimes. IPT is also preferable to long-term, continued use of antimalarial drugs, as it allows some natural immunity to develop while decreasing the number and severity of malaria infections," Professor Siba said.

This study was supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

For more information contact Liz Williams, Media and Publications Manager, on +61 3 9345 2928, +61 405 279 095 or williams@wehi.edu.au

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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 events:

Board Meeting today: 12 pm at RSL Mitcham.

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- September 26th Wednesday evening: Joint meeting with Whitehorse Rotaract.
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- October 2nd - District Governor's visit to the Rotary Club of Mitcham

October 9th - Maurice Gleeson, Jean West - Blind Sports Victoria.
Walking with willpower - Focus on Whitehorse.

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 October 2012

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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