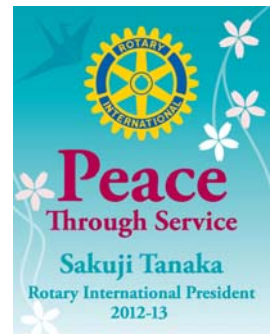


# Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017



**Lunch Meeting Tuesday 11th December**

**Our Guest Speaker for today is Tracey Sawyer  
from *Testigo Africa*.**

Tracey spoke to us before leaving on her mission a while back. Having arrived back in Australia she was kind enough to ring to offer to speak to our club about the work she has completed and of the achievements of her program to supply water to villages in Africa. Tracey has a fascinating story to tell us today. So, welcome to Tracey and we look forward to your talk.

**Christmas Breakfast Meeting on**

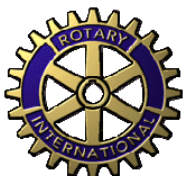
**December 18th 7:00 am for 7:30**

**Mitcham RSL**

**McDowall Street Mitcham**

**December 18th will be the last meeting for our  
Club during 2012. The first meeting for the New  
Year will be the third Tuesday of January 2013.**

**Probably a BBQ at the Redmond Drive Park  
Picnic Area in Mitcham Road.**



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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# December 2012



**Dianne Lucas 4th Dec**



**Wedding  
Anniversaries**

**Glenys & Colin Spencer  
31st December**

## 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

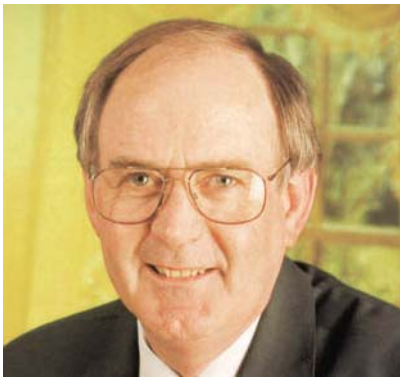
## Officers for 2012/13

### BOARD

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

### OTHER PORTFOLIOS

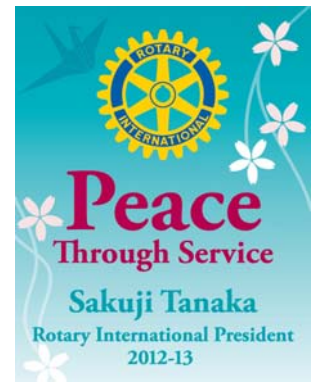
<b>On to Conference:</b>	Philip Daw
<b>Fellowship Vocational:</b>	Joseph O'Loughlin
<b>Attendance:</b>	John Atkinson
<b>Foundation &amp; International:</b>	Ron Frederick
<b>Bulletin:</b>	Colin Spencer
<b>Program:</b>	Philip daw / members
<b>Sergeant:</b>	David Murray
<b>Public Officer:</b>	Ron Frederick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



**President: 2012 - 2013**

**Colin Spencer**

***Greetings all,***



**Greetings all,**

**This will be our second last meeting for 2012. Please let us have numbers for those who will be attending the Christmas breakfast at the RSL. Include family and friends if you like, they will be welcome.**

**Our club ran the egg and bacon stall at the Whitehorse Farmer's Market last Sunday. It was surprising to find the equipment and supplies in the van so incomplete. We had members rushing off to Bunnings and Coles in order to get started. But, when the fresh crew arrived after 8 am, you could see professionalism in its stride, and everything just fell into place. It is a privilege to belong to such a fine group of people.**

***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.**

**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:**

**Click here for further information: <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?**



# **XMAS BREAKFAST MEETING**

**December 18th**

**7:00 for 7:30 am**

**RSL Club**

**26 McDowall Street  
Mitcham.**

**Let us know how many friends  
you will be bringing, please.**

## **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.*

<http://www.9810rotary.org.au/>



<http://www.testigoafrica.org/about-us.html>



**Testigo Projects Inc.** is a not-for-profit incorporated association and Testigo Africa is our first operating division. Tracey Sawyer, the founder, has been to Tanzania many times since her first visit in 2004, visiting Longido village and her Masai friends. Tracey's sharing of her Masai adventures and the challenges they face through her stories, documentary and photographs has inspired her family and friends to be involved in helping Longido and other Masai villages. The members of the Testigo Projects Inc. team have collectively known Tracey for over 120 years!

"I first visited Tanzania in 2004 when I was on safari, and I discovered that much as I loved seeing the African animals, it was the Masai who really captured my imagination. Four months later I returned to Tanzania to witness a coming of age ceremony in Longido, and that's when Namnyak and I became great friends. I

now have my own mud hut next to Namnyaks, and it's my friendship with her that has inspired me to respond to their request for help in a water project by giving up my career as a lawyer to undertake this project and many other water, food and adult education projects in Tanzania and other parts of Africa and the world."



... 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.

# Club News and Views

Please drive even more carefully than you normally would during this busy time of the year.

Millions of people in millions of cars are going to be rushing to get so many things done before relaxing over the Christmas / New Year period.

Sadly, a number of them will be involved in accidents. Either someone else's, or their own; leaving families and friends in a chaotic state, not to mention your own circumstances if you are involved.

So, take your time and be totally aware, at all times.



Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

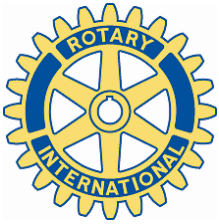
'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!'  
'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

To browse through our Rotary DownUnder magazine online click on the following link:

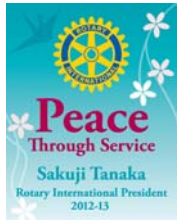
<http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub/>

Now, go to your web browser, to read about the amazing things happening in Australia and in other parts of the world. All of which are being achieved by people just like you.....members of so many Rotary Clubs, just like yours It is a great feeling to be part of such an amazing organisation!

# Diary Dates



**ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM**  
**Meets at Mitcham RSL Club,**  
**26 McDowall St. Mitcham**  
**12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch**



## Coming events:

December 11th - Tracey Sawyer - Testigo Africa

December 18th - Christmas Breakfast Meeting. Our last meeting for 1012.  
 Mitcham RSL 7:00 am for 7:30 start.

January 15th - Lunchtime BBQ at Redmond Drive Park Picnic Area

January 22nd - Guest Speaker - Ken O'Meara Mitcham Cricket Club

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 February 2013  
 8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:  
 The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd  
 Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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