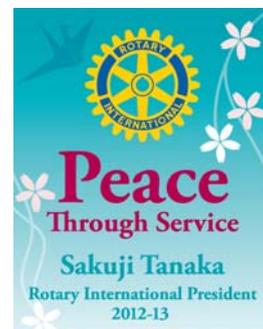


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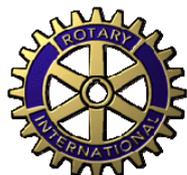
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Lunch Meeting Tuesday 29th January



Guest Speaker today: Steve Cooke Asylum Seeker Update - Search for Freedom

Steve Cooke, Christian cross cultural worker and keen Essendon supporter. He is married with 2 daughters. I'm the one in the middle in the photo on a trip to Afghanistan. Steve works with a Christian cross cultural organization in the cities of Dandenong and Casey called Culture Connect. He has been working overseas in the Philippines and now in Melbourne in community outreach work now for 25 years. He's especially involved in assisting Afghan and Iranian asylum seekers. He'll be sharing with us about topics such as : Why are they coming to Australia? with special reference to the Hazara Afghan community and Iranians. The issue of their search for freedom will be mentioned. The various pressures the asylum seekers face as they come to live in Australia and the practical ministries that Steve and his wife are involved in will be talked about. This leads to the question of what we can do to help them.



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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January 2013



Joseph O'Loughlin
January 1st



Wedding
Anniversaries

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

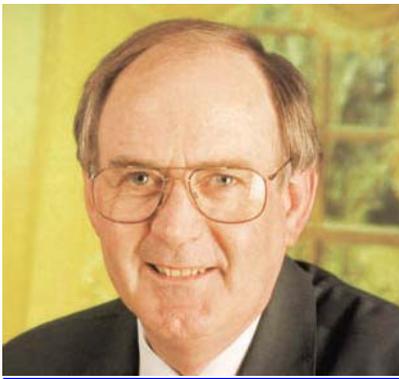
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OTHER PORTFOLIOS

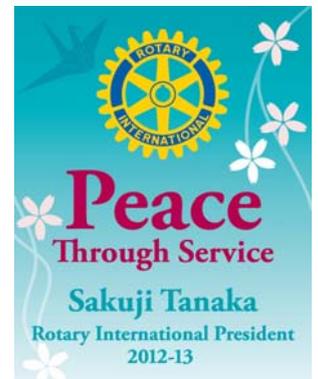
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Sergeant:	David Murray
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Op Shop:	John Atkinson



President: 2012 - 2013

Colin Spencer

Greetings all,



Greetings all,

Welcome one and all to our meeting today. A special welcome to our guest speaker, Steve Cooke, whose great passion in life involves connecting with asylum seekers and finding solutions to their struggle to find a peaceful future.

Five years ago, I was interviewed on my life in the wine business by the author of a retirement magazine and several books on that issue. If anyone is interested to read the story check it out at this link: <http://www.where2now.net/what2do/colinspencer.html> It would be interesting to do a follow up interview on the past five years, but there is not a lot to add, other than a survival story.

Imagine how hard it must be for people coming from a country that their ancestors have lived and worked in for many generations, and now, in their desperation to simply survive, they have travelled around the world in a bid to begin again in a strange, but safe and friendly place.

Colin

Some time in the near future, we will have a guest speaker from the Leukaemia Foundation: <http://www.leukaemia.org.au/web/media.php> Date to be finalised soon.

On February 12th we will have a presentation on ROMAC. See page 7 for details.

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?

The Mitcham Cricket Club.

Not many of us would know that the oldest cricket club in the world is named The Mitcham Cricket Club.

Not our local Mitcham Cricket Club, but the one in Surrey England. And I thought Mitcham was a boring place with no particular history, other than the old Tesla Tile Quarry which was established in the area we now know as Thornton Crescent Mitcham.

Ken O'Meara is the President of our own Mitcham Cricket Club and today he will tell us a lot more about the history of the Mitcham Cricket Club, and more importantly, how busy his club members will be in their 2013 calendar.

Not all of the people living in Mitcham would be aware of the amount of work done by community sporting clubs. If you go to the following web site and check out the calendar of planned events for the Mitcham Cricket Club you will notice a large number of training days, Amongst those events if you look closely, you will notice that some of them take place at local school ovals.

When local sporting clubs train and coach young people in their respective sports, they do more than teach them the skills of competition. They also teach teamwork, leadership, and a sense of community.

If more of our young people chose to be involved sporting clubs there would probably a lot less anti-social behaviour, and a greater sense of pride in their own community.

The noble game of cricket has a lot more to offer than the opportunity to whack a ball to the boundary, although most would dream of such an achievement, the game brings with it traditions and an opportunity for community involvement as well.

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/>

Monday Jan 14th
2013.

Rotary Club of Mitcham.
"President & Members"
on behalf of the Rotary
"Op Shop" Ladies
I would like to say
Thank you for your
good wishes at Xmas 2012
& also for the Luncheon
& chocolates they were
greatly appreciated.
by all.

yours Truly
Arlene Atkinson.



Our Op Shop Ladies have sent us a Thank You Card.

Before Christmas each year, we treat the regular volunteers for the Rotary Club of Mitcham's "Clothes Line Op-Shop" to a nice lunch at the Mitcham Hotel or at the Mitcham RSL.

This year each lady was also given a box of chocolates and a card thanking them for their kindness and efforts during the year past.

Without those volunteers our club would not be able to perform its chosen tasks of financing community projects, assisting communities in times of crisis, or supporting our senior high school students with a number of scholarships.

Over the years, the people who work in our Op Shop have become part of our extended family of Rotarians and the only recognition or thanks we are able to give in return is this Christmas Lunch.

The thank you card on this page shows how gratitude for our recognition of their efforts.

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.

ROMAC



ROMAC Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

A Program of the Rotary Districts
of Australia and New Zealand

ROMAC is assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously respond to requests for assistance, this humanitarian program has provided over 300 children from 20 countries with urgent medical treatment that has given them new hope. To date, children have been brought from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia, Russia, China, Tonga, Solomon Islands, The Philippines, Pakistan, Iran, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Nauru and Zimbabwe.

The children usually come from very remote areas and are brought to Australia, as medical treatment is simply not available in their home countries. These are children with herniated brains, deformed limbs, horrific burns, heart conditions and in the case of the Bosun (Siamese) twins, separation as they were joined face to face from the lower chest to the umbilicus.

Mission Statement

To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

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

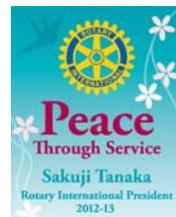
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Now, go to your web browser, to read about the amazing things happening in Australia and in other parts of the world. All of which are being achieved by people just like you.....members of so many Rotary Clubs, just like yours It is a great feeling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

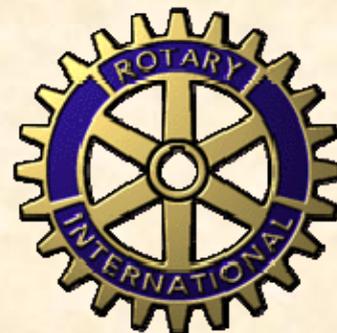
January 29th - Steve Cooke - Asylum seeker update. Search for Freedom

February 7th - Club Board Meeting - 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

February 12th - Guest Speaker - Graeme Chester - ROMAC

February 19th - Guest Speaker - Michael Sukkar - Electioneering

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, 10th February 2013
 8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:
 The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
 Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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