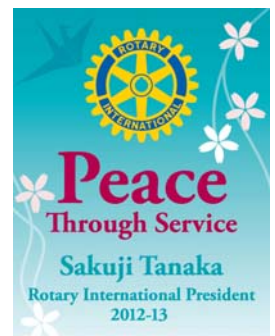


# Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017

## Board Meeting Tuesday 12th February



### Guest Speaker - Graeme Chester



# ROMAC Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

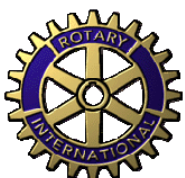
A Program of the Rotary Districts  
of Australia and New Zealand

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.



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



**Gayle Murray  
February 9th**



**Wedding  
Anniversaries**

## Rotary Grace

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



## 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

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!

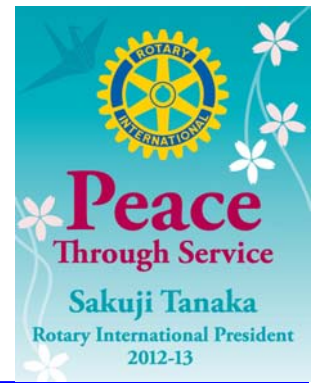


Please call John Atkinson on **9873 3322** for more details!



**President: 2012 - 2013  
Colin Spencer**

***Greetings all,***



**Greetings all,**

***Welcome one and all to our meeting today.***

***A special welcome to our guest speaker, Graeme Chester from ROMAC.***

***Donations to ROMAC each year by most of the Rotary Clubs in Australia, enables vital medical services to remote parts of the world where high level medical facilities and expertise just don't exist.***

***Children living in those remote locations can be brought to Australia for specialist treatment and this is all made possible through the generosity and hard work by people in Rotary Clubs and dedicated individuals like Graeme Chester, who give so much of their time and efforts to make ROMAC work.***

***Thanks for being here today, Graeme. We look forward to your talk.***

***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.**

## ***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?**

I just wanted to email you and thank your Rotary club for their huge financial support during my September - December 2012 Thailand/Burma Physiotherapy Volunteer Trip.

I would love to come to a Rotary meeting and tell your members about the trip. (Think refugee camps, no electricity, wells for water, drop toilets, births, deaths, amputations, surgeries, intense situation, amazing people, doctors and nurses from around the world)

From memory, you meet on Tuesdays for Lunch at 1 pm. I am currently working but I think I could rangle a Tuesday off - Maybe February 12th or 26th?



Looking forward to seeing you.

*Joanna Parsons*



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

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROMAC

ROMAC began, like many other worthwhile humanitarian activities, as the idea of one person. A Rotarian from Bendigo in Victoria in 1985, as part of an outreach team of volunteer surgeons and backup staff which went to Fiji to treat local children with cleft lips or palates, found that there were many seriously ill children who were simply too sick to be treated by their own or visiting surgeons.

It soon became apparent that this was a problem throughout the developing countries of SE Asia and the South Pacific.

These forgotten children had life-threatening conditions, or were so severely disfigured by accident or congenital disorders that they were often kept hidden from society.

ROMAC, a significant Rotary program, was born when Rotary Clubs in Victoria began sponsoring some of these children to be brought to Australia for treatment by some of our most eminent surgeons who generously volunteered their skills to transform these young lives.

The idea grew so that up to 25 children were being treated each year in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. Every Rotary District in Australia agreed to ROMAC being recognised by Rotary International as a multi-District program. Shortly thereafter the New Zealand Rotarians joined in so now all 29 Rotary districts throughout Australia and New Zealand

are involved in the program.

Now recognised throughout the region as Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, ROMAC uses the skills of numerous (volunteer) surgeons in many fields of activity to transform, and often save, the lives of up to 50 children each year in all the major cities of Australia and New Zealand.



## 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.

## Guest Speaker - Michael Sukkar - February 19th

**March 2008: QUICK action by residents and paramedics saved a 26-year-old man who collapsed during a game at Nunawading Basketball Centre.**

Donvale's Michael Sukkar had a cardiac arrest while playing basketball at Forest Hill on Sunday, February 24.

Mr Sukkar collapsed mid-game but thanks to the efforts of a nurse, doctor, friends and a quick-thinking paramedic he was revived and asking about the game's result a short time later.

Intensive care paramedic Andrew Burns intercepted a call for help while he was stationed nearby.

He rushed to the stadium and took control of the frantic situation, reviving Mr Sukkar with a single shock from a defibrillator.



**Michael is living proof of the need to have a Defibrillator available and ready to use at all sporting venues. First Aid Trained People are just as vital.**

**Michael was pre-selected as the Liberal candidate for the federal government seat of Deakin at the next election in September 2012.**

BUILDING infrastructure and reducing the burden on the middle class are among Michael Sukkar's plans for the electorate of Deakin.

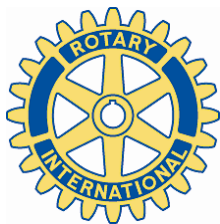
The specialist tax lawyer has been confirmed as the Liberal candidate for the seat of Deakin at next year's federal election.

He will take on incumbent Labor MP Mike Symon, who was elected in 2007.

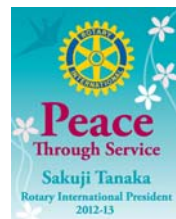
Mr Sukkar grew up in Ringwood, attended Aquinas College, and has moved back to the area with his wife, Anna.

"I grew up in a family that I think is pretty representative of the vast majority of the electorate," Mr Sukkar said.

# Diary Dates



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



## Coming events:

February 12th - Guest Speaker - Graeme Chester - ROMAC

February 19th - Guest Speaker - Michael Sukkar - Electioneering

February 26th - Guest Speaker - Joanna Parsons - Physiotherapist.

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, 3rd March, 2013  
 8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:  
 The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd  
 Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

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