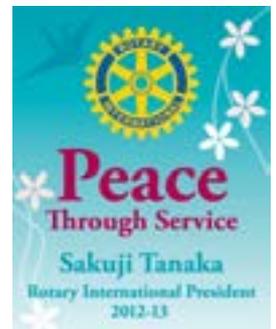


Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017

Lunch Meeting Tuesday 19th February



Guest Speaker - Michael Sukkar

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.

BUILDING infrastructure and reducing the burden on the middle class are among Michael Sukkar's plans for the electorate of Deakin. A specialist tax lawyer, Michael is 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.

Michael 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. "Ambitious, aspirational people, who don't necessarily have a lot of money but want to better their own lives."

As a great supporter of Rotary and its work in the local community, Michael's efforts to become a member of our federal parliament will be of interest to us all. We wish him all of the best in his quest.



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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.

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

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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

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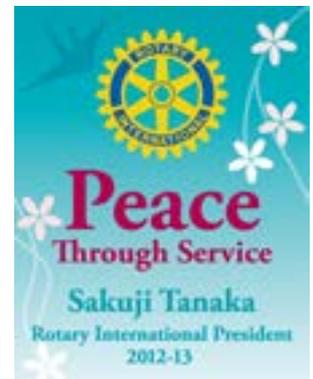
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President: 2012 - 2013

Colin Spencer

Greetings all,



Greetings all,

Welcome one and all to our meeting today.

A special welcome to today's guest speaker, Michael Sukkar, Liberal candidate for the federal seat of Deakin. A small amount of information about Michael's background can be seen on the front page of this bulletin.

So far I haven't seen a report on the Whitehorse Farmer's Market held on Sunday 12th of February. Murphy's law says that it will arrive after this news letter has been printed.

Next week, we will have Johanna Parsons as our guest speaker. The last time Johanna spoke to us, we donated some funds to help with her expenses to travel to a village near the Thai Burmese border to teach physiotherapy at a medical clinic and hospital. Well, she is back, and we are keen to hear of her experiences.

Colin

On April 9th, we will have a guest speaker from the Leukaemia Foundation: If you want to do some background reading on this organisation, please put the following address into your URL panel and check out their web site:

<http://www.leukaemia.org.au/web/media.php>

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

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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?

Guest Speaker February 26th - Joanna Parsons

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 range a Tuesday off - Maybe February 12th or 26th?

Looking forward to seeing you.

Joanna Parsons



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

Teaching rehabilitation methods or techniques to future practitioners in a village near the Thai Burmese border, Johanna Parsons donated three months of her life to ensure that people living in a region of our world where physiotherapy had not achieved the level of importance it has in developed countries.

Joanna embodies the spirit of Rotary ideals.



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.

The Leukaemia Foundation

Our Mission to Care

We support patients and families by providing cost-free services including patient transport to and from treatment, fully-furnished accommodation located near major hospitals for regional and rural patients, counselling, emotional support, disease education, and practical support.

Natalie's story

Natalie Fairclough was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive type of leukaemia in March 2010. After months of treatment, sleepless nights, tears and fears, Natalie was told she had an “explosive relapse” and was given two choices by doctors. Either go home and spend her last moments with her family or receive further and very painful treatment which may ultimately have the same end result.

Natalie and her husband, Andy, refused to believe those were her only choices. The couple are parents to a baby girl, Elkie, and the thought of leaving her without a mum was not one they were prepared to accept.

“I told myself, if there is even a glimmer of light on the horizon there is hope. Without hope there can be no salvation there is only darkness; I frantically set out to find the light,” said Andy.

Andy contacted friends, family and experts around the world seeking options. They were pointed in the direction of a clinical trial in Germany which looked promising. Andy researched the trial and emailed various haematologists in London, Frankfurt, Vienna and New York before finally getting in touch with the principal investigator in charge the trial, Max Topp in Wurzburg Germany.

Natalie suffers from pre B cell form of relapsed /Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL), a very aggressive form of leukaemia with a poor prognosis. The trial is a phase 2 trial of a drug called Blinatumomab, a monoclonal antibody which can destroy B-cells.

The results so far are very encouraging. Three relapsed patients who have been recorded to undergo this treatment achieved remission. In one case it allowed a second transplant and a durable remission. The consensus amongst the specialists is that this may be very good for Natalie.

There are some hurdles for Natalie to overcome, her white blood count is dangerously high for air travel. Chemotherapy would reduce the count however the trial excludes the use of chemotherapy for 14 days prior to beginning the treatment.

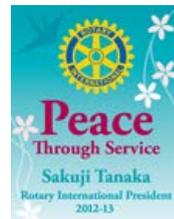
Natalie’s journey has seen her search for and find a suitable donor for a bone marrow transplant, months of chemotherapy, blood transfusions, lumbar punctures, drugs and endless needles and total body irradiation, meaning Natalie will never be able to have another child.

Andy and Natalie are preparing to move to the small town in Germany for what they hope to be the final and successful leg of this horrible journey. They cling on to hope and stay strong in their love which they believe will hold them together.

Diary Dates



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



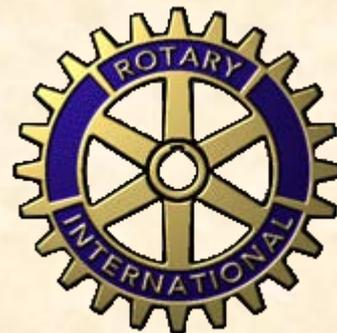
Coming events:

February 19th - Guest Speaker - Michael Sukkar - Electioneering

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

April 9th - Guest Speaker - Leukaemia Foundation.

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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