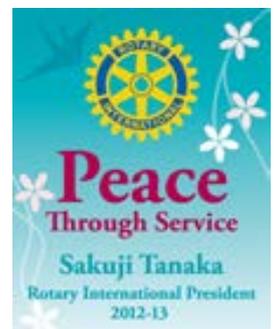


Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017

Lunch Meeting Tuesday 26th February



Guest Speaker - Joanna Parsons

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.

"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)

Looking forward to seeing you."

We are likewise, looking forward to hearing about Johanna's time in Thailand.

Welcome to our meeting, Johanna.



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



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

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

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Community & International:	Ron Frederick
New Generations:	David Murray

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

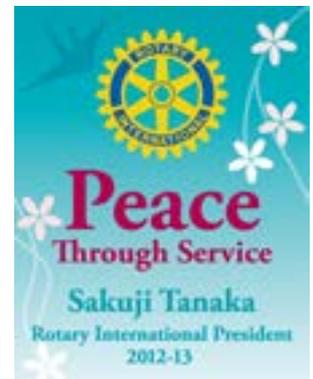
On to Conference:	Philip Daw
Fellowship Vocational:	Joseph O'Loughlin
Attendance:	John Atkinson
Foundation & International:	Ron Frederick
Bulletin:	Colin Spencer
Program:	Philip daw / members
Sergeant:	David Murray
Public Officer:	Ron Frederick
Internet / Website:	Colin Spencer
Op Shop:	John Atkinson



President: 2012 - 2013

Colin Spencer

Greetings all,



Greetings all,

Welcome one and all to our meeting today.

Welcome also to Johanna Parsons. Having returned from her trip as a volunteer to teach physiotherapy at a clinic in a village near the Thai Burmese border., Johanna has made time to tell us of her experiences, and perhaps she may have ideas for us to consider for the future.

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.

My powers of deduction tell me that the February Whitehorse Farmer's Market combined income for the month was \$6,524.

Next week, March 4th, we will have our board meeting.

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>

Colin

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?



Teaching Physiotherapy Skills



**Johanna Parsons,
Skilled Volunteer at work.**



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

Board meeting next week, 5th March.

Do you have any issues which you want the board to consider at our regular board meeting at 12 noon next meeting on March 5th?

At present, we have to consider finalising details with Mullauna College for this year's Model United Nations Assembly - MUNA

Sharon will arrange with the staff at Mullauna to provide the team or teams, and the paperwork should be in the system within a week or so.

The Whitehorse Farmer's Market Committee has arranged to donate funds from the last Farmer's Market to a Gippsland Bushfire fund.

A donation to the value of \$3,840.00 comprising half of the February Whitehorse Farmer's Market income, \$3,262.00, plus the City of Whitehorse agreeing to forgo the February license fee, \$578.00.

The cheque will go to the Rotary District 9820 District Relief Fund, under the care of District Governor Tony Spring.

Great news for the combined clubs, and many thanks to the City of Whitehorse.

Every month, our club faces decisions relating to dispersal of funds to worthy causes. Mostly we look to the future by focussing on projects based around the development of the next generation. If only, the current generation were not so averse to joining community service clubs such as Rotary. How good would it be, to sit in a meeting of our club seeing the work of a new, younger, and energetic group of people?

For this reason, each member needs to think about explaining the need for new, younger members to suitable recent arrivals to the business and professional ranks, and if possible, convincing them to join up and donate some of their time, energy and ideas to progress the work of Rotary.

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.

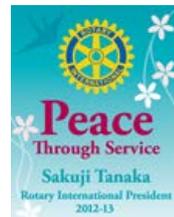
Natalie’s journey has seen her search for and find a suitable donor for a bone marrow transplant, months of chemotherapy, blood transfusions, lumbar punctures, drugs and endless needles and total body irradiation, meaning Natalie will never be able to have another child.

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:

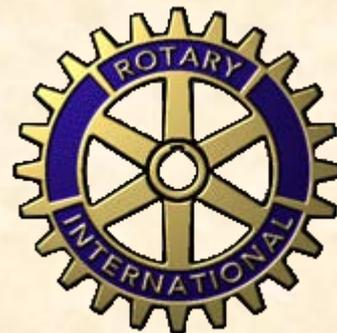
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March 4th - BOARD MEETING. 12 Noon.

April 9th - Guest Speaker - Leukaemia Foundation.

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse

**Over
80
Stalls**



**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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