

# Rotary Club of Mitcham

Inc ABN 19809964017

*Tuesday 10th July 2018  
Lunch Meeting at Natalie's Restaurant  
6:30 for 7:00 pm start.*



## Guest Speaker today Bob Gardiner



**Bob started racewalking in 1953 at age 17 and was immediately successful, winning the Victorian Junior title the very next year. It was then a long haul before he hit real prominence in the senior ranks in 1961.**



**Post Office Box 6 Mitcham, Victoria 3132 Australia  
Meets at Natalie's Restaurant 669 Whitehorse Road Mitcham 3132  
12:30 for 1:00 pm each Tuesday Visitors Welcome  
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# July 2018



**Glenys Spencer 24th**



**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Barbara and Peter McPhee 5th**



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Presented by the Rotary Club of Mitcham

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1979 Geoffrey Prior †   | 2001 Christine Ryan          |
| 1980 Dr John Munro †    | 2001 Bill Mudford            |
| 1983 Bruce McLaughlin†  | 2001 John Atkinson†          |
| 1986 Maxwell Bloom †    | 2002 Wayne Lucas             |
| 1988 William Wood†      | 2002 Denis Bunn †            |
| 1988 Alan Fraser        | 2002 Michael Edney†          |
| 1989 Tony Gibson        | 2002 Peter McPhee            |
| 1989 David Gawler †     | 2003 Dawn & Graham Whiteside |
| 1991 Dr Peter Brown †   | 2003 Keith Nunn              |
| 1991 Robert McDowell    | 2004 Brendan Tunstall        |
| 1991 Bruce Wainwright   | 2004 Colin Spencer           |
| 1993 Ronald Slattery †  | 2005 Fred Wiffrie            |
| 1994 Vic Dye            | 2006 Les Marton              |
| 1995 Fr Kevin Dillon    | 2009 Eva Anderson            |
| 1995 Kenneth Rose       | 2009 Sharon Partridge        |
| 1997 David Murray       | 2010 Jack Butler             |
| 1998 Ian Young          | 2015 Joseph O'Loughlin       |
| 1998 Ron Frederick      | 2015 Philip Daw              |
| 1999 Chris & Ian McColl | 2016 Merle Atkinson          |
| 1999 John Varley †      | 2018 Dianne Lucas            |
| 2000 John Cook          | 2018 John Richard            |
| 2000 Jean & Ray † Rose  |                              |
| 2000 Brian Bergin†      |                              |

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOW SAPPHIRE AWARD

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| 2002 Bruce Wainwright | 2014 Ron Frederick   |
| 2004 Tony Gibson      | 2014 David Murray    |
| 2004 John Atkinson †  | 2014 Wayne Lucas     |
| 2007 Colin Spencer    | 2014 John Atkinson † |
| 2007 Brian Bergin †   | 2007 Bill Mudford    |

### FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD

2000 John Atkinson†

### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND COMPANIONS

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| 1994 Roy Knudson † | 1996 Dr Peter Brown † | 1999 David Murray |
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## 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 Philip Daw on 0408 342 426 for more details!

### BOARD MEMBERS

- President:** John Richard
- Past Pres:** Dianne Lucas
- Pres. Elect:** TBA
- Secretary:** Ron Frederick
- Treasurer:** Wayne Lucas
- Membership Retention PR & Marketing:** Colin Spencer  
Joseph O'Loughlin
- Community:** John Richard
- New Generations:** Peter McPhee
- Fellowship:** Ranjit Matthew  
Joseph O'Loughlin

### AND PORTFOLIOS

- International:** Ron Frederick
- Attendance:** Ron Frederick
- Vocation:** Wayne Lucas
- Foundation:** Joseph O'Loughlin
- Bulletin:** Colin Spencer
- Program:** Colin Spencer
- Sergeant:** David Murray
- Club Protection:** Ron Frederick
- Internet / Website:** Colin Spencer
- Op Shop:** Philip Daw

President:  
2018 - 2019  
**John Richard**

Presidents Report  
July 10th 2018



**BE THE  
INSPIRATION**



## *Greetings all,*

*Welcome to our meeting today, and a very special welcome to our guest speaker, Bob Gardiner, Australian champion athlete, who participated in four Olympic games. Some history on Bob's amazing athletics career is on page 5.*

*Thank you to all of our Whitehorse Farmer's Market Volunteers once again.*

*Thank you also to our Op Shop Volunteers for giving their time on Monday for the first Op Shop Volunteers meeting in living memory. It is so important for everyone to discuss the important work they do while running the Rotary Club of Mitcham Op Shop, and to do so in a meeting for the entire staff together.*

*Our guest speaker today, is one of those living legends in Australian athletic sports. Rarely do mere mortals like most of us ever even meet a multiple Olympian, let alone a person who has held national championships and records in his or her chosen sport.*

*What an amazing amount of passion must have been present to keep performing, year after year at the highest level of his sport. Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for visiting our club today to relate some of your memories of those amazing years.*

**Regards John**

**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?

### **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 2018 - 2019**

**President: John Richard  
Secretary: Ron Frederick  
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas  
Desk : Colin Spencer**

# Whitehorse Farmer's Market

## Thank you Volunteers



### The Four Way Test

... 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?

# Rotary Club of Mitcham



Supported by Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse, Eltham &  
Kinglake Ranges

Melbourne Cup Day Carnival  
Tuesday 6th November 2018

# Taralye

The oral language centre for deaf children

An **RIDBC** service

137 Blackburn Road Blackburn

Family Day. Barbecue and salads provided including tea and coffee.  
Indoors if weather inclement. \$20 per person (children free).  
Bring friends and family to participate in sweeps and raffle prizes.  
Wear your most outrageous hat and don't forget your camera.  
Proceeds shared between Taralye and Rotary Community Projects.



**Please Phone: Joseph O'Loughlin to advise numbers attending with you to enable adequate catering: Office: 9877 5555  
Mobile: 0438 355 521**

# Bob Gardiner - Australian Champion and Olympian.

## An Aussie Athletics Legend.



Bob started racewalking in 1953 at age 17 and was immediately successful, winning the Victorian Junior title the very next year. It was then a long haul before he hit real prominence in the senior ranks in 1961.

In that year he defeated Ted Allsopp and Harry Summers to win the Victorian Open 2 mile track walk, a title his father (Bert) had won four years in a row from 1928 to 1931. Then he captured his first Australian title in the 1961 National two miles championship at Lang Park in Brisbane. This marked the start of Bob's national and international career which had many highlights including

- 5th place in the 50 km walk in the 1964 Olympics in Rome in a new National record of 4:17:06.
- 19th place in the 50 km walk in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Bob suffered badly in the heat and altitude but battled gamely to finish.
- Selection in the Rest of the World vs USA competition
- A great second to Noel Freeman in the 20 mile walk in the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh
- Selection in both the 20 km and 50 km walks in the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Unfortunately he had to withdraw from the team with a groin injury shortly before departure.

There were many exciting races between Noel Freeman, Bob Gardiner, Frank Clark and Ted Allsopp at national level during the 1960s and a great rivalry existed between Freeman and Gardiner who filled the top 2 positions in the walking hierarchy.

Bob was trained by former Olympian George Knott and advised by Frank McGuire in his early days. The brilliant NZ coach Lydiard's attitudes were a big influence and Percy Cerutti's methods also influenced his training.

He was mainly a loner in training although he trained with Harry Summers at times. Bob competed in the famous Darwin 100km Relay with Ted Allsopp and Jim Gleeson against the Army teams of seven in the 1960s.

# Diary Dates



**ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM**  
**Meets at Natalie's Restaurant Mitcham**  
**669 Maroondah Hwy Mitcham**  
**12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch**



**Tuesday 10th July - Lunch Meeting 12:30 for 1:00 pm. Natalie's Restaurant**  
**Guest Speaker: Bob Gardiner, Local Olympian.**

**Tuesday 17th July - Lunch Meeting 12:30 for 1:00 pm Natalie's Restaurant**

**Sunday Nov 6th - Melbourne Cup Day Carnival at Taralye Blackburn.**

**Whitehorse Farmer's Market Brekky Stall: Mitcham - 2018 - October 14th**  
**2019 - May & December. 2020 - July only.**

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



**After another successful event, make sure you join us at**  
**the market on the second Sunday, 12th August 2018**

**8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:**

**The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd**  
**Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550**

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