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MEETINGS

Attendees at meetings are encouraged to be fully Covid Vaccinated

Please advise apologies to **Sandy Burns** or RSVP web link: by 9:00pm Sunday night
Meetings commence at 6:45pm, place meal orders before 6:20pm

RSVP

Click on the button or Ctrl+Click on the link below to **notify your attendance at Club Meetings, and if you are eating.**
<https://www.mitchamrotarysa.org.au/program-and-events>

CLOSE OFF TIME NOW 9:00PM SUNDAY

Please contact Sandy Burns by on 0417956333 or by email sandyburns630@outlook.com) should you not respond by the close off time or if you need to change your attendance status.

13 November 2024

Morning Coffee Catch Up

The Where:

Our Boy Roy
118 East Avenue
CLARENCE PARK 5034

The When:

10:00am

20 November 2024

At the Ed

Topic:

A Veritable Hell: The 32nd Battalion at Fromelles and the families who searched for answers

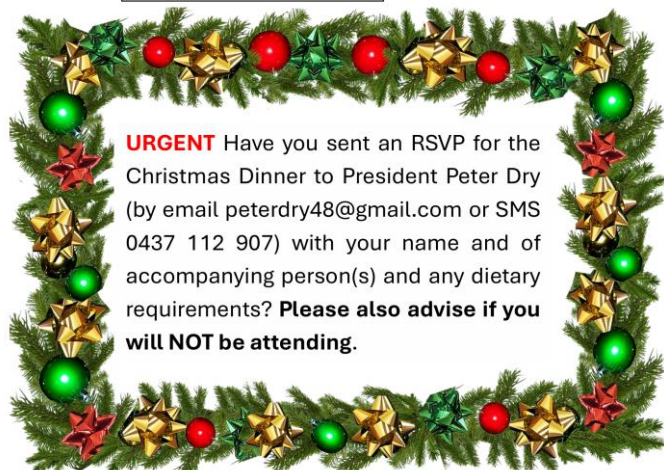
Speaker:

Gavin Scrimgeour

Reception Desk

& Raffle:

Dennis Reynolds



URGENT Have you sent an RSVP for the Christmas Dinner to President Peter Dry (by email peterdry48@gmail.com or SMS 0437 112 907) with your name and of accompanying person(s) and any dietary requirements? **Please also advise if you will NOT be attending.**

MITCHAM ROTARY CLUB

Change to meeting arrangements

- Week One:**
Club Business Meeting with Committees
- Week Two:**
Coffee Catch up Wednesday Morning
- Week Three:**
Guest Speaker Meeting – Invite partners and guests
- Week Four:**
Coffee / Wine catch up Wednesday Late Afternoon
- Week Five:**
Social Outing / Vocational visit

This proposal was approved unanimously by club members and new arrangements will commence on 4 September 2024 and be reviewed in March 2025.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last Wednesday we had a most interesting visit to the University of Adelaide Winery at the Waite Campus.



This facility has many roles. First and foremost, it is a teaching winery where the students gain their vintage experience on-campus—and as such it is one of the best of its type internationally. Also, it is a research winery where new technology is tested; and it is used for the production of wines for commercial purposes. We were hosted by Dr Paul Grbin, the manager of this facility. The visit concluded with a tasting of a selection of wines bottled under the University label.



Also we were pleased to welcome Past Rotary International President and Trustee of the Rotary



Foundation Mark Maloney and his wife Gaye to the Brownhill Creek Conservation Park on 1 November to showcase the local environmental works undertaken by the former Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek, and now the Rotary Club of Mitcham, in association with the Brownhill Creek Association

It was also great to welcome Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor Jennie Herring, visiting from New Zealand, our District Governor Marie-Louise Lees, PDGs Wendy Gaborit, Jane Owens as well as our own Malcolm Lindquist, President Peter Dry and Brownhill Creek Association’s Ron Bellchambers.

Malcolm and Ron presented on the works undertaken and the Kaurna and modern history of the area. The Kaurna Shelter Tree (also known as the Birthing Tree) was prominently featured as was the incredible regeneration work achieved through the planting of native gardens around the base of the tree.



Peter Dry

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS



Community Services Committee

Brownhill Creek

Brownhill Creek Picnic tables rejuvenation project

Thursday October 31 working bee to rejuvenate the picnic table near White Bridge has been postponed until further notice.

However, David G, Peter, Ron and I successfully painted one picnic table.



The next Friends of Brownhill Creek working bee will be held on Saturday 30th November.

Peace Pole

I am contacting the Mitcham Council planning department regarding possible locations for the pole.

Christmas Hampers - Lee

The supply of 60 “Muggies” bags to the Salvos for distribution at Christmas to homeless youths.

Community Group 3 Rotary Day

Clubs in Group 3 will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on March 2, 2025. Our club to clean up Brownhill Creek.

David Elliot

International and Foundation Committee

Malcolm’s Nepal Adventures

Malcolm Lindquist has returned from Nepal with good news.

An MOU has been signed to commence five Self Education and Employment Projects (SEEP) in 2025, which will complete the RAWCS project that



the RC of Mitcham adopted from the RC of Brownhill Creek.

In addition, a club agreement has been signed between the RC of Mitcham and the RC of Dillibazar. This was initiated by the RC of Dillibazar, and reflects the goodwill between our clubs, and re-establishes a similar relationship that the RC of Dillibazar had with the RC of Brownhill Creek.

I am sure Malcolm will provide more news about his visit soon.

Teacher in a Box

The Committee is considering a potential role for the RC of Mitcham in the Teacher in a Box project.

This RAWCS project was initiated by the RC of Paddington in Queensland and trailed in Arusha, Tanzania in 2014. The project uses donated laptop or desktop computers which are re-purposed as Teacher in a Box (TIB) servers. These can be used with a projector and speakers in a classroom setting, or with a USB powered wireless router to allow access to many iphones, tablets and laptops for self-paced learning without an internet connection. They are now being used in schools in disadvantaged communities in 20 countries throughout Africa, southern Asia and the Pacific. The project is now supported by many other Rotary clubs in Australia.

There seems to be a range of ways that the RC of Mitcham may engage in this project. The International & Rotary Foundation Committee is making enquiries to clarify all the options before presenting any recommendations to the Club.

Locky McLaren

Fund Raising Committee

We circulated 3 rosters on Wednesday 06 November at the club meeting with a great response for:

Saturday 23 November Bunnings BBQ, Sat 30 November Mitcham Carols BBQ, Monday 23 December Bunnings BBQ.

We still have a few spaces left for volunteers – the rosters will be sent out to volunteers as a reminder in the week before and will also be taken to the next meeting when other members may have been absent.

We are still waiting on a response from Bedford as to whether they require our help on Friday 06 December and also Pasadena Community Group for Friday 13 December (I have emailed them a costing today

including the fee as agreed by the club for servicing the event).

If these 2 functions eventuate, we will need volunteers (they are not as volunteer needy as Bunnings – with times being less)."

Good to see the reminder has gone out for Coffee Morning Wednesday – it is a great venue, being a house with an outdoor garden!

Youth and Vocational Committee:

Urrbrae Agricultural High School send thanks for our support for the students competing in the National Science and Engineering competition in which they came a very creditable fourth.

At this time of year, we are busy presenting awards:

- Unley High School Sports Award 15th November
- Mitcham Girls High School Performing Arts award on 20 November
- St Josephs Catholic Primary School Service Above Self award on 9 December
- Mitcham Primary School Service Above Self award on 12 December; and
- four other primary schools dates to be determined.

Helen Gooley

Membership and Public Image Committee

Winter jackets with Club's logo are currently being priced. A sample will be brought to a future meeting. The likely cost, at this stage appears to be \$80.

Fridge magnets with information regarding the Club's meeting dates and a QR code for further information about Rotary have been produced. Club members are urged to distribute them widely.

Helen Charles



ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 23 November
Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 30 November (AM)
Friends of Brownhill Creek
working bee

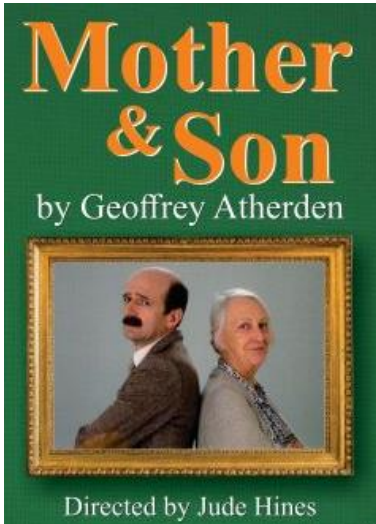
Saturday 30 November (Late Afternoon - Evening)
Carols at Kingswood Oval

Monday 23rd December 2024
Bunnings BBQ



THEATRE NIGHT FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

The Arts Theatre
53 Angas Street
Adelaide



Voted Australia's best television series ever, 'Mother and Son' picks up the story of this crazy family today. Maggie Beare is in the early stages of dementia and her younger son Arthur reluctantly lives with her. Despite

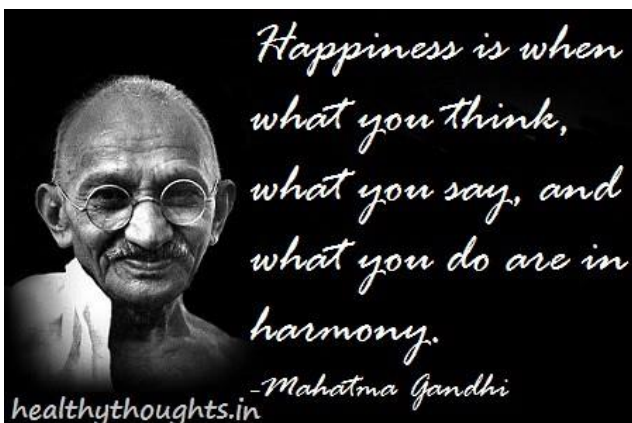
being increasingly forgetful, Maggie is lucid enough to strategically manipulate Arthur, usually for something outlandish and inconvenient.

Their family is dysfunctional, and Arthur's budding love life is 'on the rocks' before he gets to hand holding.

Written by the series writer, Geoffrey Atherden, it is a poignant tribute to older people. It is also about dependence, love, family, and being driven up the wall by someone you love, but can never outsmart.

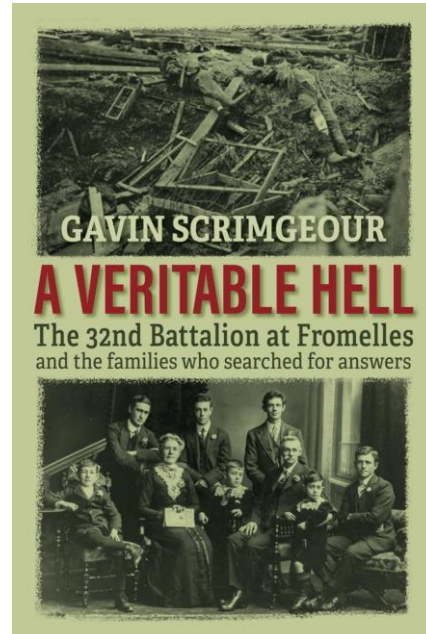
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week, Indian and Balinese communities celebrate Diwali, **the Hindu Festival of Lights**. It symbolises the 'spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance'. It is rather ironic given what has happened in America this week.



ADVANCE NOTICE: NOT TO BE MISSED

20 NOVEMBER 2024 OUR GUEST SPEAKER, LOCAL HISTORIAN GAVIN SCRIMGEOUR WILL SPEAK ON HIS NEW BOOK, *A Veritable Hell: The 32nd Battalion at Fromelles and the families who searched for answers.*



On one terrible night in July 1916, during the Battle of Fromelles, the 32nd Battalion from South Australia and Western Australia lost over 85% of its fighting strength.

Using the words of those from the 32nd Battalion who survived, the

course of the battle in their sector during that night is reconstructed, and the tragic experiences of brave men thrust into an impossible situation is revealed. In the weeks and months following the battle, anxious families were gradually informed that a husband, son or brother was missing. For long years many were given little or no information about the fate of the missing man. The heart-breaking letters written by the families of South Australian men of the 32nd Battalion to the Military and to the Red Cross reveal their grief, anxiety, and suspense as they waited for news, and made their own desperate enquiries. The "forgetting" of the disaster at Fromelles so that it did not become a part of the popular narrative of the war made it more difficult for survivors of the battle, and for bereaved families, to come to terms with their experiences or loss.

This is first class social and military history from a first class historian. A perfect evening to invite a friend who is interested in South Australian or military history.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase on the night at the discounted price of \$25 (RRP \$35).