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THE FOUR WAY TEST

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?

INVOCATION & TOAST

Sgt. Tom Davenport called the meeting to order and Chairman John Lewis commenced with the Invocation and Toast to Australia..

PRESIDENTS SPOT

- President Jeff welcomed our guest Jeremy Rigney, and guest speaker Glenn Giles, and went on to read DG Malcolm's letter of review following his formal visit to the Club on Aug. 24th.
- Pres. Jeff then-----
- Thanked Rotarians Helen Henbest and partner Reece Roberts, Laz and Jane Meszaros, Barbara Chappell and Sue Wymond for offering to help with the logistics of Don Venus's 60th birthday party. Pres. Jeff also thanked Robyn for giving Rotary this opportunity to not only help her with the party but also to raise funds for the Club.
- Thanked Laz and Jane for representing the Club at the BelleVue Heights primary school's "open day".
- Offered the Club's best wishes to Bernie and Colleen who are about to depart on an extended holiday. (Won't be back until December).
- Mentioned a flyer received from the Walkerville Rotary Club advertising the forthcoming visit to Adelaide of the Japanese "Chor" male Voice Choir, which is performing at Elder Hall on Sept. 15th
- Spoke briefly about the most welcome high level of advertising and promotional exposure currently being achieved in and around Blackwood.

RAFFLE – Bob Arnold



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MAKE-UPS -

Peter Geer used the opportunity of attending the RAWC's dinner to open a credit balance for make-ups. John Lewis qualified for a genuine one and PP Cherylyn tried a new approach in Goolwa, but was "clocked out".

ATTENDANCE

Reg Hanson reported attendance at 77%

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

- Alan Eldridge reported on the 40th Birthday Celebration Dinner, and advised there would be about 110 attendees, including about 60 past members and partners. Those attending are asked to note the time is 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Looks like being a great night!
- Laz Meszaros reported on his and Jane's visit to the BelleVue Heights school open day. He was most impressed by the programs initiated at the school to assist "newly arrived" immigrant children, generally from disadvantaged backgrounds, who need help to settle into a new country and often a new social environment. Laz and Jane met the Principal, many of the teachers, and some of the children and their parents, The Principal's speech, during the formal part of the "Day", included a glowing tribute to our Club for the help we were providing to the school, and the benefits this help provided for the students. Laz believes this to be a great investment by our club and one he would like to see continued.
- Ken Roscrow complimented John Lewis for the major role he played in making this program happen, and this was acknowledged by the Club with applause.
- Peter Geer announced that the "BREC" season was fast approaching and asked the "gnomes" to attend the shed on Thursday.
- Robyn Venus advised re the logistics for those attending the "Yellow Brick Road" project at the Show, and followed this with a heartfelt thank you to those Rotarians (mentioned previously by Pres. Jeff) who helped make Don's birthday a very special occasion.
- Robyn Venus presented a cheque for \$300 to President Jeff in payment for Rotarians help at Don Venuses birthday.
- John Penta spoke about the "Irish Fair". Tickets are now available from him, and all Rotarians are encouraged to make a big effort to form a party and make this event a successful fund raiser as well as a splendid afternoon's entertainment.
- Trevor Abbott called for help as he prepares for the next "Book Sale", planned for Sept. 18th. Rotarians, cars and trailers are required.
- Bill Flynn announced he would be emailing flyers re the oncoming "Blood Service"
- Barbara Chappell spoke about the draft Strategy Plan she has prepared for comment, and tabled the draft Project Template which follows the recently prepared draft Promotion Template. All members are asked to give Barbara their considered responses to these documents. The success of this planning depends on a large input from all of us. The "Strategic Plan", if it has the full support of the Club, will be the base on which the Club will build it's future.
- Graham Lough asked all members to diarise the next wine bottling planned for Oct. 24th





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HEADS & TAILS.

Pres. Jeff won six “reds” and Geoff Baldwin and Sue Wymond shared the six “whites”.

INFORMATION SPOT.

Rotary Foundation Director John Lewis delivered a short powerpoint presentation on the Foundation, which to new members can be complicated and confusing. The Foundation is Rotary International’s own philanthropic organization and is divided into three main areas.

Permanent Fund.

An endowment fund from which only a portion of the earnings may be spent in support of Foundation programs ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation

Annual Programs Fund.

Provides grants and awards through Foundation programs

Polio Plus Fund

Supports Rotary’s dream of a polio free world.

Basically the Funds support Humanitarian Grants and Educational Programs. Humanitarian Grants enable Rotarians to increase their support of International Service projects which provide safe water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials to people in need. Educational Programs include Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Group Study Exchange program and Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Our Club contributes each year to the Foundation, but individual members can add their personal support by joining the “Centurions Club”. This group pledges \$100 per annum to the Foundation.

SERGEANT’S FINE SESSION

Sergeant Tom was in “fine” form and extracted money from all and sundry. Alan E. got it in the ear because of his new hearing aids. Stewart Brew proved he did have a memory, even if it was delayed. Ken Roscrow went cross-eyed holding a heavy (shaggy) dog, and Alan and Bernie were fined for creating a public disturbance in front of Alan’s shop. These were some of the highlights. Talking of highlights (or highlands), Sergeant Tom should have been fined the maximum possible for his poem—specially written to demonstrate to Pres. Jeff he wasn’t the only person in the Club with literary potential. Either that or awarding him the “Champion of Champions” Blue Ribbon.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman John introduced Glenn Giles who spoke with some passion about the Atomic Bomb trials in Australia, particularly those centred on Maralinga in the 1950's and sixties, and the total lack of appreciation by the involved Governments, (UK. Federal Australian and South Australian), of the risks inherent in such operations, and the callous disregard for the aboriginal inhabitants of the areas exposed to fall out and the resulting radiation. Maps were produced at the time by scientists which demonstrated that after some of the explosions up to 80% of Australia was exposed to varying degrees of radiation, which in the extreme areas was deadly. Although there have been consistent efforts to effect Reconciliation with the Aboriginal people caught up in the tests by acknowledging what happened and trying to make some sort of restitution to them, nothing of substance has been achieved. This applies to many of the servicemen involved as well.



Glenn painted a bleak picture of irresponsible behaviour by governments, and although some resolution was expected later this year from the UK Govt. he was not certain how the cards would fall.

He finished his talk with a reference to the 1836 "Letters Patent", and an extract from this document which set out in detail the guidelines laid out by the British Parliament for the treatment of the aboriginal population of South Australia prior to settlement.

The general thrust was that the Colonial Authority was NOT to interrupt their way of life, or their occupation and enjoyment of their lands.

Glenn posed the proposition that Reconciliation is OUR business, and that it means addressing the consequences of 175 years of history.

The basis for resolution was to LISTEN to aboriginal people. Listen very carefully, and EMPATHISE with them.

PRESIDENTS CLOSING WORDS

Chairman John thanked Glenn for a thought provoking discussion, presented him with a Rotary Pen , and handed the meeting back to President Jeff. who reiterated John's words of appreciation and thanked our guest Jeremy Rigney for his attendance.

Pres. Jeff had prepared another of his poems for a "Closing Thought", but after listening to Sergeant Tom's effort he thought it wiser to leave it for another time, and formally closed the meeting



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Events and Celebrations 2010	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 August RAWCS Annual Recognition Dinner • 14 September 40th Anniversary Blackwood Rotary Club –speaker Ann Biddell (has a highway named after her!) • 7 to 10 October 2010 Rotary International District 9520 Conference • Sunday 7 November – Irish Affair (an afternoon of Irish Song and dance) @ Blackwood Football Clubrooms. • 9/3/11 RI Presidential dinner @ Convention Centre.
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 August Trevor Abbott, Don Venus • 30 August Carl Lloyd
Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 August Bob and Jan Arnold • 29 August Sue and Lou Sedivy

MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2010				
Meeting No.	2046	2047	2048	2049
Date	31 Aug	7 Sept	14 Sept	21 Sept
Fellowship	Graham Lough Geoff Baldwin	John Penta Stuart Brew	Ken Roscrow Stuart Brew	Neil White
Reg. Assistant	Garry Dolman	Geoff Baldwin	Bob Sothman	Stuart Brew
Furniture	Laz Meszaros Bernie Morgan	Bob Richter Graham Roberts	Terry Tierney Robyn Venus	Bob Arnold Trevor Abbott
Chairman	John Lewis	President Jeff Hunter	Alan Eldridge	President Jeff Hunter
Speaker	Glenn Giles	President Jeff Hunter	????	David Knight Youth Science Forum
Topic	Maralinga and Reconciliation	Committees	40th Anniversary	My Developing Career
Sergeant	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest
Bulletin Editor	Naz Dastoor	Naz Dastoor	Naz Dastoor	Naz Dastoor