



# ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

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## DISTRICT 9520

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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

Roger Trethewey, President of Coromandel Valley Club, opened the Group 5 Meeting with a welcome to all clubs, and then welcomed ADG Jerry Casburn to introduce the presidents of each of the six clubs in Group 5:

Blackwood –	Jeff Hunter
Coromandel Valley –	Roger Trethewey
Flagstaff Hill –	John Howland
Hallett Cove –	Margaret Vade
Noarlunga –	Tony Ruttons
Noarlunga East –	Glynn Osborne

ADG Jerry Casburn welcomed the Group to another joint meeting, and advised that a Rotaract Club (for ages 18 to 29 years) is close to being formed at Flinders Uni. The staff are keen for it to happen and a project group has been set up and it is hoped to be opened in March 2011 at the Open Day.

If you are unable to attend a meeting or wish to bring a guest, please phone LJ Hookers Blackwood office on 8278 9111 by Tuesday 12:00 noon.



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President Roger Trethewey, of Coromandel Valley Club welcomed his wife Lyn and guest speaker, Michael Cusack.

Roger asked pp Ken Clough of Thabarton Club to come forward and accept a silver tray that was obtained by our friends at Lions. The tray had been awarded to a charter member of the Club in the 1950's, and some fifty years later is now being returned to the Club as part of its heritage.



Roger reported that the plant sales are a very successful part of the Coromandel Valley Club's fund raising, as is the Bay to Birdwood run. The Rail to Rocket Tour was so successful that \$20,000 was donated to the Newell Foundation. The Christmas Pageant is again being run this year; an outbound student recently appeared on Radio 891; new membership is good this year and Debbie Reynolds has a successful Christmas hamper project and winter woollies.

President Jeff Hunter, of Blackwood, welcomed guest Maureen Laxton, Bernie's guest, John Bull, who is from Crystal Creek, and the spouses of members. Jeff thanked Roger and Jerry for bringing us together tonight. Jeff said that Rotarians are special people who give outstanding service to their communities and provide incredible internal support. Some of our projects are: the Xmas Fair (which this year for a change had good weather) with the various community associations generating over \$10,000, whilst our Club raised \$9,000; the Irish Affair of song, dance and food raised \$2,000; our Community Forum held on October 12<sup>th</sup> was again successful, bringing Chief Justice John Doyle to the people – our next Forum will be held next February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will feature Channel 9 Weather Presenter Brenton Ragless, and possibly some long range weather forecasts; our recent workplace visit to the CSIRO Centre was successfully run by our own Bill and Hilary Flynn where they improved our scientific knowledge. Some of the beneficiaries of our projects are: the CFS; Nuir, who received cranial/ facial treatment with assistance from ROMAC; Blackwood High Year 12 scholarships; ShelterBox. Next week is our AGM and Club Assembly. ADG Jerry then presented to Jeff a certificate for the Blackwood Club's contribution to the \$200m Polio Challenge scheme.



President John Howland, from the Flagstaff Hill Club welcomed visitors Suzanne Harris and Anne Egglestone and noted that they had received a visit from an ex Charter member; a much loved past member, Dr alan Jessop, has recently died; the Club supports Disaster Aid, and a fully equipped box is on display tonight with a Club representative available to explain its use; the Club provides hampers to the Salvation Army; the Club has sponsored a student to Georgia, an NYSF student, a STYE student from New Zealand, and makes awards to the local high School. The Art Show will be held in April at a new venue.

President Margaret Vade from Hallet Cove said that their Club had two NYSF students; had a vocational visit to the Festival Theatre with the Noarlunga Club; Judy Shipp spoke at a meeting. ADG Jerry presented to Marg a certificate for the Club's contribution to the \$200m Polio Challenge scheme.

President Terry Ruttons from Noarlunga Club said they had just increased their membership from 8 to 9 and all were present tonight. The Club had a vocational visit to Police headquarters;



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their regular Bunnings BBQ raises \$1300 to \$1500, with 65kg to 75kg of sausages plus onions being consumed. The Club now has a Council contract worth \$1300 to provide breakfasts.

President Glynn Osborne of Noarlunga East – announced the very sad news of the death of past president Dennis Markey from cancer. Dennis had been a member for 28 years and a president twice. He was much loved within and without the Club, having introduced a record number of members to the Club, organised garage sales, BBQs etc. Minister Brokenshire awarded Dennis a Parliamentary Medal for his good works. The funeral will be held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Heysen Chapel.

Another member, Kevin Roberts, has the contract to repair fencing in the Victorian bushfire area. He has already repaired hundreds of kilometres; the Club has taken over the Reynella Club food caravan; an LTYE student is currently enrolled at Woodcroft College; they have an NYSF student; recently they had a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner night; and are planning a Mystery Bus Tour.

ADG Jerry presented to President Glynn a certificate for the Club's contribution to the \$200m Polio Challenge scheme.

A Heads and Tails was held and was won by Jan Hooper of Flagstaff Hill. The raffle was won by Graeme Furler.

ADG Jerry introduced the guest speaker, Michael Cusack, who, according to his own website, *quite simply, is the most gifted, warm, generous, talented and humble person on the planet.*

*Starting life, like so many before him as a foetus with no particular skills other than the ability to breathe underwater, he has gone on to become a multi award winning animator. Not bad for someone who spent a full nine months simply wasting time floating around in amniotic fluid... Since then, Michael has developed a great reputation as an animator, based mainly on his uncanny ability to create memorable characters and some bribery.*

*Testament to this is the fact that he has won the AFI award for best short animation twice and the IF award once. For commercials and short films, he has either won or been nominated for Cannes, The London Internationals, The New York Festival, The One Show and has won a couple of Award Pencils.*

*He has also won the Master's Chair at the AADC a record (count 'em!) 5 times and, together with his partner Richard (business partner that is...not that there's anything wrong with the other...Oh! Forget it) has been awarded the AADC President's Award.*

*Many think it is the fact that Michael started as an actor and writer that has given him such a superb understanding of timing and movement. This in turn has given him the ability to put such warmth, personality and life into his characters, but frankly it's more likely that he just flooks it.*

*He is currently working on a feature film concept, but hey, who isn't? He is also working on three short film scripts. One of them might win an Oscar...but probably not.*

Michael's business is called ANIFEX and his creations are seen by us everyday on the television screens, even though we may not know it. For instance, the advertisements for Schmacko's dog biscuits, Quilton, Pascal Fruit Lumps and the Home





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Hardware dogs are his inventions. In order to produce them, he firstly, receives a brief from the client of what is to be said by the characters, and the time required. He then produces a model or puppet which is reinforced with wire and is quite flexible so that movements can be made in arms, legs, lips, eyes etc. Each movement is photographed, with 25 photos producing one second of movie film. The aim is to produce four seconds of film per day. He sometimes blends it with computer animation (such as is used in the Shrek movie – not done by him) but he prefers the fluidity of puppetry animation. The process is:

1. sculpt in modelling clay
2. produce a mould
3. an armature is placed inside the model so that it is like a jointed skeleton
4. Latex is poured into the mould
5. the model is baked in an oven

The result is a doll that is malleable so that arms cheeks etc can be adjusted to show flab movement one frame at a time. When the script is received, he creates a storyboard which indicates the time to be allocated to each movement.

He has worked with actors including Bryan (glass jaw) Brown, Hugh Laurie (now of "House" fame), Russell Crowe, and he has been to many film festivals around the world. Michael said that he loves living and working in Adelaide, and has deliberately downsized the business from 42 people down to eight so they can all smell the roses more. His slogan is to "promise a lot...and deliver more." Up to 95% of his work comes from overseas. He now has the largest "stop motion" business in Australia and Asia.

ADG Jerry thanked Michael for his outstanding presentation, and presented him with a fine Coonawarra red as our thanks.

President Roger also thanked Michael and presented him with a certificate.

Roger thanked ADG Jerry for organising the event; thanked the Group 5 clubs and partners for attending; thanked all guests for attending; thanked pp Ken Clough for attending to receive the silver tray. To close the evening, President Roger toasted Rotary.

ADG Jerry thanked President Roger and the Coromandel Club for hosting the event. The next Group 5 meeting will be held in May 2011.

### Note:

- The Blackwood Xmas Pageant is on Friday 3rd December and 12 marshalls are required. Volunteers should meet at the Iain Evans office at 5.30pm. Please contact Helen.



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2010				
Meeting No.	2060	2061	2062	2063
Date	7 December	14 December	4 January 2011	11 January 2011
Fellowship	Peter Geer	Bob Lehmann	Margaret Congram	Tom Davenport
Reg. Assistant	John Jackson	Michael McClaren	Mark Burns	Cherilyn Fleming
Furniture	Tony Hughes Garry Dolman	John Lewis Graham Lough		Trevor Abbott Geoff Baldwin
Chairman	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter
Speaker		Father Christmas		
Topic	AGM and Club Assembly	Christmas meeting	Mitcham Rotary joint visit at Mitcham	Committees and Buddy Night
Sergeant	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Naz Dastoor	Naz Dastoor	Naz Dastoor

Events and Celebrations 2010	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 December [Friday 6.30pm] <b>Christmas Pageant</b></li> <li>• 14 December <b>Christmas meeting</b></li> <li>• 19 January [Wednesday] <b>Flagstaff Hills Bowls</b></li> </ul>
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 December Terry Tierney</li> <li>• 9 December John Lewis</li> <li>• 26 December Russell Eccleston</li> <li>• 29 December Caroline Smith</li> </ul>
Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 December - Peter and Jenny Geer</li> <li>• 30 December - Richard and Di Dix</li> </ul>