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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 Helen Henbest opened the meeting and Chairman Trevor Abbott made the toast to Australia and its people.

PRESIDENT'S SPOT

- Welcome to meeting of RC Blackwood 2065
- Welcome to guest Rotarian Kiah Bastion from Coromandel Valley
- Last week about twenty of us attended our daughter's club Flagstaff Hill for the annual social bowls night at the Happy Valley Bowling Club. We had a lot of fun and interaction. Despite the efforts of Bob Sothman and Michael McClaren, Blackwood won the night 34 to 31 to retain the Flagwood trophy. Thanks to Bob Arnold who organized the teams.
- Queensland flood relief: the board has been discussing our response to this. We meet briefly after tonight's meeting. It is likely to be in the order of four to six thousand dollars that we send off. Thanks to members for their interest and concerns to assist others in need.
- Congratulations to Stuart Brew and the Community Service committee for the successful application for a volunteers grant for equipment at Calperum. Stuart will tell you more
- Congratulations also to Laz Meszaros and Peter Geer for negotiating a good deal with Womadelaide for the Earth Station event in the Park for us to manage the parking in October. Laz or Peter will give you more details.
- Tuesday 22nd February is our next Community Forum. Partners are welcome. Invite your neighbours and friends. Channel 9 weather man and Blackwood High old scholar Brenton Ragless is the speaker. Next week I will send around a flyer to indicate your attendance and guests you have asked. It is a great opportunity to showcase Rotary.



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- ROTORACT is being launched at Flinders in March. If you have any relations or friends starting at Flinders, please let me or John Jackson know, and tell them about it too. Each group 5 club has contributed \$250 towards set up costs. Thanks to John Jackson for his contribution to getting ROTORACT up. John is in charge of membership
- Board members are asked to meet here briefly after the meeting

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.

ATTENDANCE

Reg reported the attendance at 76%.

MAKE-UPS

No Make-ups were reported.

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

- John Jackson reported that ROTORACT is progressing well at the Flinders University.
- John Lewis reported that the Foundation will contribute few thousand dollars towards the Queensland Flood Appeal and that this decision predicated on members joining the Centurion Program. He welcomed members to contact him with donation towards The Rotary Foundation Trust.
- Bob Arnold gave a brief report on the 2011 program for Calperum. Blackwood Rotary's involvement is from Friday 29 April 2011 to 5 May 2011.
- Bernie request a review of the Road Watch with the view to managing the high profile sections of Blackwood precinct.
- Peter Geer provided an update on the Brac shed. He also informed everyone of the final negotiation with WOMADelaide which resulted in the management of the car park fee being increased from \$3,200 to \$5,000. Well done!!
- Stuart Brew reported on the successful application to obtain Volunteer Grant of \$1,000 from the State Government. Well Done!



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Heads and Tails

There was no 'Heads & Tail'

The raffle was won by Bernie.

The Copper Box raised \$22.10

Fine Session: The Fine and Cross Fines raised a record breaking amount of \$74.35.

Due to an overwhelming no of fines the Editor has decided to refrain from reporting the details.

Introduction of guest speaker:

Trevor Abbott introduced Stuart Brew as our Guest Speaker for tonight.

Stuart Brew "This is my Life"

Brief summary of Stuarts presentation:

- When I did this, Sunday morning it seemed like I was writing my own obit.
- Born 4/9/47. Middx Hospital London only son of Ina & Bill.
- Lived in London adjacent Regents park until 6. Nans flat + cousins
- Moved to Radlett, a small village in those days, 20 miles N of London.
- This is where I grew up and made lifetime friendships.
- Went to mixed infant school in Radlett, boys Junior school between Elstree and Radlett and then high school near Watford.
- Sport: Loved cricket was a good bowler but poor batter, always seemed to be 12th man. However I was committed.
- Didn't enjoy soccer, but being left handed and footed, and no concept of fear I was played in the left back position and was always in the school team. Bit of a problem when you didn't enjoy it and it involved long distances on a push bike every winter on a Saturday come rain or snow. Be aware sport was compulsory in UK and a no show on a Saturday was a cardinal sin resulting in a public humiliation at the Monday morning assembly and a canning thereafter. Bullying was a problem and it was a lot worse than school corporal punishment.
- I liked basket ball and was good at it until high school where I found other blokes became much taller and I not so good.
- Was good at swimming and subsequently played water polo for University.



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- Wanted to become an Airline Pilot on completion of high school: Travel, good pay and plenty of nice young ladies. RR engines Dart, Spey, Trent on 380.
- Went to University Aston in Birmingham. Physics and Maths.
- Financed by farm work in Holidays, poor pay long hours, slave labour
- Oil and gas: money and travel. Tried Shell but wanted MSC, but I'd had enough of academia by then.
- Career Seismic contractors and oil company.
- Married Elizabeth in February 1974, had two wonderful sons James in July 79 and John in March 81.
- Transferred to Australia in June 85 and family joined me in September. That's when all my xmas came at once.
- Interests: Cricket: Sheffield shield and tests. One day if I've nothing else to do. 20/20 what's the point?
- Fishing
- Travel Boat round Oz
- Gardening
- Voluntary: VMR
- Rotary thanks to Jeff. I'm really glad I've joined Rotary I thoroughly enjoy it.
- Support Mental Health: WCH Boylan ward financially. Once retired I want to be physically involved. Put in some time and effort and hopefully make a difference.



Trevor Abbott and Stuart Brew



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PRESIDENT'S CLOSING WORDS

- Stuart, a very interesting talk. We are delighted you are a fellow Rotarian
- A pleasure to have guest Rotarian Kiah Bastian with us
- Thanks to John Lewis for talking to us about the Centurion Club.
- I encourage you to join.
- Next week is committees. I know there is a lot to discuss, so I hope you are all here
- Furniture next week is Graham Lough and Michael McClaren,
- Laz is registered assistant
- I'll finish with an essay from one of my collections.

Why it is Important to help others

It is amazing to see the response of people when a shining light unexpectedly offers to help. I've seen old ladies coming in the shop with heavy shopping bags, trying to negotiate the door and step. They are delighted when a helping hand opens the door and assists them over the step.

Sometimes support is not physical, but emotional. How often does a listening ear and empathetic heart lift the spirits of a person down in the dumps. There are times when we all need a shoulder to lean on. It is reassuring that someone cares. It helps us to bounce back.

There are some great sayings about helping others

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

"Many hands make light work"

"What goes around comes around"

There are some wonderful children movies that show animals supporting one another, resulting in positive outcomes. Examples are found in "Madagascar" and "Chicken Run".

It is good to see that kids are watching these kind of shows.

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I reckon helping others is a natural thing to do; see a need and chip in.

Aussies are good at doing this. Just look at the response to the 2009 Victorian bushfires and the 2011 Queensland floods.

When the going gets tough

And things are very low

It's great to get support

So energy starts to flow.

Events and Celebrations 2010	
Events	• 22 February – Community Forum – Speaker Brenton Ragless
Birthdays	•
Anniversary	•

MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2010				
Meeting No.	2065	2066	2067	2068
Date	25 January 2011	1 February 2011	8 February 2011	02/15/11
Fellowship	Peter Geer	John Jackson	David Neil	Terry Tierney
Reg. Assistant	Robert Lehmann	Laz Meszaros	Bernie Morgan	Robin Venus
Furniture	Cherilyn Fleming John Lewis	Graham Lough Michael McClaren	John Penta Graham Roberts	Jane Silbereisen Bob Sothman
Chairman	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter	Neil White	Jeff Hunter
Speaker	Stuart Brew			
Topic	"This is my Life"			
Sergeant	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Meet Brenton Ragless

Channel 9 weather presenter

Tuesday 22nd February, 2011

Belair Country Club, 6.30 for 7.00pm

Everyone welcome

This is a dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Blackwood open to the public

Cost is \$25. Bookings are essential. See Jeff Hunter at John Spick Pharmacy

or phone 0433 14 9977 or email jpchunter16@bigpond.com