



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

President Jeff

PRESIDENT'S SPOT

- Welcome
- Exchange of flags with Eric Marshall from smithton club in Tasmania

MAKE-UPS

Nil

1. reported that Wolf Syke's wife is very low

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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ATTENDANCE

Reg announced 79% attendance.

RAFFLE

Won by David Neale

HEADS and TAILS

Won by Alan Eldridge to loud acclaim

MAKE-UPS

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Neil White circulated a dodger for Art Show raffle selling

Don O'Donnell

1. circulated a roster for helping with the Art Show
2. Reminded members re the Hats for dinner next week

John Penta announced that the music show would be on August 8th and would feature Nick Parnell.

Help is needed to sell tickets and on the committee.

Peter Geer

1. Announced the BREC shed would need lots of help on Thursday am
2. The district Assembly at Waikerie on May 15th has vacancies which we have to pay for. See Peter if you can attend
3. Rotary directories are still on sale through Peter
4. He needs community forum ideas for next year eg suggestions for guest speakers

Tom Davenport reported that Reg Tannebring has gone into "low care" at Hove

Helen Henbest

1. Spoke strongly about the shutting off of access to National Park from the Golf Club side
2. Reported that Wolf Syke's wife is low.

Terry Tierney reported that a load of wood will be delivered to the Aberfoyle Park site this Saturday and sellers are needed for Sunday. An email will be sent around

Fine Session: Neil White carried the box

- Sgt. Helen extracted the maximum from the royal wedding and several other bulk fines as well as numerous individual fines

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Cross Fines:
Were all against the Sgt.



Copper Box = \$16.10

Fines = \$60.65

Heads & Tails = \$50.00

GUEST SPEAKER

President Jeff introduced Don O'Donnell who spoke on "This is your Life".

Don began by explaining that he is really Donnell O'Donnell and became "Don" rather than put up with the Scottish "Donald"

He then gave us a confusing explanation of his lineage which derives from the O'Donnells and the O'Neils of Donegal apparently dating back to pre 1600.

His father enlisted (underage) in the first ww and was dragged out by his grandmother.

He was the youngest of 10 or 12 and never knew his grandparents.

He started his education in a convent in one of the poorest parts of Dublin. His Aunty was the Mother Superior so that was why. His memory of the school is the smells of the neighbourhood and the abbatoir nearby.

From there he went to a Christian Brothers school, and then to a boarding school in Tipperary, where he still remembers the cold and the Porridge for breakfast.

After finishing school he worked for a while in a bank in London, but soon went back to Dublin and studied to become a chartered surveyor.

When the family moved to England he got a job surveying in London.

Eventually he moved to the Dept. Of London Transport where he doubled his salary and worked on a number of interesting projects including a special block of flats and the construction of the Victoria Line as part of the London Underground.

He got involved with the property management side of matters and was leasing out railway property including houses and old tunnels.



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The "Clean Air Act" was a catalyst for many changes in housing and accommodation and lead him to dealing with some very basic issues with some very basic people. Many of the areas he walked with safety he would now not venture into because of drugs, crime and violence.

From the age of 12 he played rugby and met his wife through sport. He only gave up when he lost his rugby boots in transit to Australia. At least 4 members of his rugby side married Australian girls.

In Australia he was initially a manager with L J Hooker but eventually set up a consultancy acting for tenants or landlords in disputes.

He has a wife;Dianne and one daughter; Claire

Pres. Jeff presented Don with a collectable Rotary pen

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING WORDS

**Reminded members to wear hats next week and also about the Group 5 meeting on May 17th
President Jeff closed the meeting:**

MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2079	2080	2081	2082
Date	10 May 2011	17 May 2011	24 May 2011	31 May 2011
Fellowship	Russell Eccleston	Bill Flynn	John Jackson	Michael McClaren
Reg. Assistant	Tom Davenport	Peter Geer	John Lewis	Laz Meszaros
Furniture	Nazmul Dastoor Garry Dolman		Tony Hughes Graham Lough	Bernie Morgan David Neill
Chairman	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter	Barbara Chappell	Hilary Flynn
Speaker		Group 5	Chris Hughes	Linda Turner
Topic	Club Assembly	Thaxted Park	Helena Goldie Hospital Solomon Islands	Indigenous Scholar
Sergeant	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith



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Events and Celebrations 2010

Events	•
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 May – Richard Dix • 15 May – Jeff Hunter • 24 May – Patricia McClaren • 27 May – Denise Roscrow • 31 May – Mary Roberts
Anniversary	•



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Terry,