



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

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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?

CHANGEOVER to 2011-2012

INVOCATION & TOAST

Chairman PP Michael McClaren opened the meeting, acknowledged the indigenous people who lived in our region, and invited President Jeff Hunter to approach the lectern for his final time as President.

President Jeff did the invocation and Loyal Toast, and welcomed Rotarians, partners, friends and other important guests to this very important night in our Club calendar: the induction of our President for next year, Peter Geer.

Several people were unable to attend tonight due to other commitments or being interstate or overseas. PP Bob Arnold was unable to attend due to a back injury which has him hospitalised.

President Jeff invited former member Arthur Finch to lead us in the National Anthem.

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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Both Jeff and Peter have made many friends during their time at Rotary, and tonight we meet just a few:

Rotarians

PDG Peter Sandercock & Pam

President John Sandham & Allyson

Coromandel Valley

PE Terry Brown & Ray Jones

Noarlunga East

PP Trevor Sharp & Sandra

Noarlunga East

PP Colin Read & Jean

Noarlunga East

Family & friends of PE Peter Geer

Neil Geer

David & Dee Henshall

Rod & Bev Lapidge

Past members

Elizabeth & John Caldicott

Arthur Finch & Pat Cameron

Carl & Margaret Lloyd

Peter & Barbara Long

Peter & Dorothy Pargeter

Club Guests

Mary & Geoff Thomas

Eva Forster

Family & friends of Eva Forster

Meredith de Wolff

Haley de Wolff

Robert de Wolff

Kristen de Wolff

Jenni Davies

Ben King

Simon Beard

John Forster

Genieve Forster

Susan Daw

Chris Daw

Elizabeth Daw



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After a short break, the Chairman invited Rtn Helen Henbest to toast Rotary International. The response from PDG Peter Sandercock gave us a few chuckles.



PDG John Jackson toasted our partners, which was admirably responded to by Jan Arnold.

After some fellowship, Tom Davenport invited us to join in a Heads and Tails competition, with a prize of six very nice wines valued in excess of \$200, from our own Graham Lough. On this Royal occasion, it was fitting that the winner was Sir Russell Eccleston.

The returns exceeded \$240.

To demonstrate that he has been listening to President Jeff during the year, and has actually learnt something, Chairman Michael returned to the lectern and promptly burst into rhyming couplets!

When we had all recovered, Chairman Michael welcomed President Jeff to the lectern for a final time:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS

President's report

It has been an enjoyable, fulfilling year. With the support of the members of a great club, the job has been easy. Thank you to everyone for your support.

At the changeover, I highlighted three broad areas:

- To increase Rotary's profile in the community
- To develop a longer term view of goals and projects
- To maintain and develop a set of healthy positive values



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I think we have achieved raising our profile: regular articles in the Blackwood Times; great advertising of events; the continued high standard Art Show and Christmas Fair; book sales; Irish Affair and firewood sales have all helped. The two Community Forums also were significant. Opening our meetings to the public is vital for ongoing success.

Longer term views were highlighted through the development of the Strategic Plan, which we all contributed to through discussion. It was brilliantly led by Barbara Chappell. Out of this has come the Clock Tower Project, an exciting project which has begun.

The core values embodied by Rotarians (service, community, fellowship, promoting goodwill and peace to name a few) were on show in abundance throughout the year.

My poetry pointed to some of the values that are mirrored in members of our club.

Another key value is celebration, and we did this in style at our 40th birthday.

The number of past Rotarians that came (and past PDGs) was evidence of the high esteem that they have for the Rotary Club of Blackwood.

Alan Eldridge and Tom Davenport in particular, were magnificent in planning this night to remember.

As an overview of the year, I have decided to highlight people. By focusing on them, the activities and events come to life because of their commitment and enthusiasm:

- John Penta and his International Committee were the driving force for the new "Irish Affair"
- Cherilyn Fleming, with the support of Sue Wymond, Ken Roscrow and the rest of us; for a highly successful Christmas Fair
- Bob Richter, David Neil and many others for another successful Art Show
- Graham Lough for his incredible efforts with the wine bottling and "heads and tails"
- Trevor Abbott for his many hats – Donations in Kind, booksales, BREC
- Barbara Chappell for the Strategic Plan, marketing etc. A huge effort.
- Bob Arnold for his constant reports on Calperum, and all the magnificent support he and Jan give to it. Bob and Jan are a great team.
- Helen Henbest for her wonderful wit and ever present humour as sergeant
- Neil White for running the program so well
- Ray Smith and Naz Dastoor for thorough bulletins (with a few jokes thrown in)
- Reg Hanson for his faithfulness and dedication as Attendance Officer
- Peter Geer and the dedicated helpers at the BREC shed



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- Terry Tierney and all firewood helpers
- Margaret Congram – a great support to the Art Show and Irish Affair
- Ken Roscrow for maintaining our website and his photography and data projector skills (and his thorough role as finance director)
- Barry Sheridan for being such an efficient treasurer
- Tom Davenport for the “Clock Tower” project, and with Alan Eldridge, organizing the very enjoyable 40th birthday
- Bill Flynn for his constant support and the big job of secretary
- Laz Meszaros for his valuable contribution to Community Service, and his work as Public Officer (constitution etc)
- Richard Dix for looking after the PA & helping with the Firewood Project and BREC shed
- PDG John Jackson for his work in helping get the new Rotaract Club at Flinders Uni started
- Tony Hughes for his work in New Generations and Vocational
- John Lewis has inspired us to grow the number of Centurion members which benefit the Rotary Foundation
- Assistant District Governor Jerry Casburn has been a tower of strength and support to me as president, answering many questions I have asked him
- Anita and the Country Club have given us excellent service
- My wife Zenette has been a wonderful support, listening to my ideas and giving me advice.



By giving names this way, I have no doubt missed out on recognizing many.

Thank you to everyone for many hours of unselfish work for the benefit of others, both locally and internationally. Your willingness to chip in and help whenever there's a job to be done, is fantastic.

I have enjoyed working with the board during the year. You have been very professional and supportive, and I have really appreciated it.

To Peter Geer and the new board, best wishes and every success for the new Rotary year.



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A verse to finish, about the Rotary Club of Blackwood.

What a wonderful team
 Who work so well together.
 The service given is superb.
 The motto is: **“never say never”**.

Community Service Awards

The Rotary Club of Blackwood, in its constitution, provides for a community service award to recognise service in a sphere of community activity which exemplifies the principles of community service espoused by Rotary International.

The award recognises service performed in a voluntary capacity over a significant period of time, in the local community.

Eva Forster

Eva is a richly deserving recipient of this prestigious award. Eva has served the community with distinction for many, many years.

Some of the service she has given is:

- Fundraising for the Belair Community Hall in 1951
- Member of the ladies committee for the new Belair Primary School
- Helped with fetes etc to help start Blackwood Community Hospital
- Drove first car into Blackwood area with food from the Mitcham kitchen for Meals on Wheels, which she continued for 8 years.
- Longest running volunteer at Kalyra coffee shop on Wednesdays



Her daughter Meredith de Wolff describes Eva as “a truly inspiring lady who has devoted so much of her time to many and varied causes over her lifetime in this district”



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Mary Thomas

Mary, likewise, is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this award.

Some of Mary's contributions have been:

- Organiser of the Rotary Christmas Fair Plant Stall for 11 years
- Services to Resthaven people in visiting the aged and engaging them in intellectual pursuits such as book reviews, poetry reading etc
- Services through the Blackwood Uniting Church to the wider community, such as lunches on Sundays, Friday friendship groups for older people, community programs of outreach
- Sale of dried fruit and nuts to help Riverland growers in need, and fundraising to support ShelterBox and Frontier Services



Mary has incredible energy and enthusiasm which rubs off onto others, and inspires them to get on with life positively.

The Paul Harris Fellow award is Rotary's highest honour for individual Rotarians.

It recognises those who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts, and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Ray Smith

Ray has given many years of outstanding service to Blackwood Rotary. He was the treasurer for many years, Christmas Fair Director and served as President in 08/09. This year he has been Bulletin Editor, a constant and demanding job. Ray has been very efficient and added his unique brand of humour.





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Cherilyn Fleming

Cherilyn has done just about everything in Rotary. In our Club she has been Secretary and President. To top it off, Cherilyn has been Art Show Director and Christmas Fair Director. She has thrown her considerable talent into each role and done them all magnificently.



Presidential Awards are given by the president for exceptional service to Rotary during the past Rotary year.

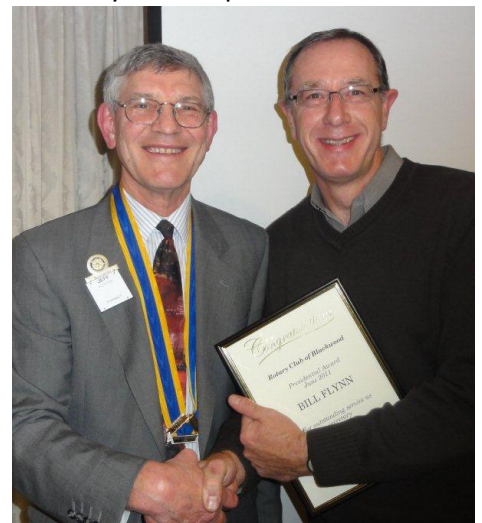
Barbara Chappell

Barbara has been a powerhouse this year. She has given extremely generously of her specialist knowledge and skills to Membership and Promotion. The Strategic Plan took a huge amount of time and energy, and Barbara’s support for marketing all our events has been incredible. What I like about it in particular, is the introduction of a system to promote and evaluate all events we run.

Bill Flynn

Bill has been a constant, often in the background, but providing energy for the engine room. The role of Secretary is huge, and Bill has done it faithfully and thoroughly.

I appreciate the support Bill has given me whenever I’ve asked him to do things.



Anita

Again this year we as a club have been privileged to be able to meet at this perfect forum, and to enjoy the wonderful, helpful, friendly, efficient service and food from Anita and her staff. This is an award of a gift voucher to show our appreciation for the



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wonderful care we have received. To show how much I personally have appreciated having Anita here, I have also included an anthology of my world famous poems!

Jeff Hunter

President 2010/2011



President Jeff invited President-Elect Peter Geer to approach the front, where he formally inducted Peter as President of the Rotary Club of Blackwood for the year 2011-2012. Peter received his badge of Office from Jenny, the Club Charter to be displayed at every meeting, and the Presidential lanyard.

Peter was warmly accepted into his new role by all present.

President Peter Geer

It is an honour and a privilege to be appointed as President of the Rotary Club of Blackwood for the year 2011- 2012.

Thanks to Past President Jeff and members of the outgoing Board, the Club is in a strong position; Jeff has set a good example and high standard for those following in his footsteps. Thanks also, to Zenette for her role in supporting Jeff.

My Rotary history: I joined the Rotary Club of Noarlunga East in 1997 at the invitation of PP Colin Read and served as Director Community Service, International/ New Generations, Student Exchange Counsellor, President 2001/02 and Bulletin Editor.

Since joining Blackwood Club in 2006 I have been involved in the BREC Shed activities.



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I served on the Australian Rotary Health District Committee and Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), before taking up the role of Project Volunteers Coordinator, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Central Region.

My current role in RAWCS is Deputy National Coordinator, Project Volunteers.

The vision of our Club is to provide service, both to the local Blackwood community and the wider Australian and International communities. And **the Mission** is to enjoy working together as members and in our Club committees to provide the Rotary experience for all; and to achieve the goals as set out in our Strategic Plan.

The Club already has a wide range of fund raising activities - as you heard in Jeff's report, these include the Art Show, Christmas Fair, Music event, Wine Bottling, Book Sales, BREC Shed and Firewood project – that meet the Club goals -I will continue to support these projects and anticipate they will enable the Club to finance an extensive range of worthy projects both locally and internationally. The Club has negotiated to facilitate car parking for Earth Station this year which is a new income activity.

The Club is developing a Clock Tower proposal to highlight Rotary in Blackwood. This is a long term project that requires detailed planning and fund raising for it to be realized.

I would strongly encourage you to support our Art Show that is coming up in July and the Bach to Brazil music event with international performer, Nick Parnell on 20th August.

Looking to the future my aim this year is to focus on raising our profile in the local community and increasing membership, as previous Presidents have done successfully.

Also, to provide more opportunities for Club members to socialise. The first of these is a Vocational visit to The Grind Coffee and Roasting Warehouse at Hendon on 2 August; it will be a good night and partners and friends are welcome to come along and learn about different types of coffee (and tea) and how the free trade system works.



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There will be a Community Forum this year and I am working to get that in place.

Last year's Board were very active and thorough in all their activities, providing a sound base for the incoming Board, and, with 2 new members, no doubt will have some interesting ideas.

I look forward to the challenges of the next year, and with the support of the Board and members, I am confident it will be a successful year for the Club.

Past President Jeff, I would like you to accept this gift [*of a beautifully presented bottle of wine*] as my appreciation of your leadership over the past year.

I wish to thank Zenette for her support and use of your home for Board meetings.

Arthur Finch, thank you for leading us in the singing of the National Anthem.

And of course special thanks to Jenny who has the hardest task of keeping me on track. She has made the place cards and produced the feature flower arrangement. Many thanks.

President Peter Geer presented his Board Members for 2011-2012

President Peter Geer

Vice President Bob Arnold

President Elect John Lewis

Secretary Bill Flynn

Treasurer Barry Sheridan

Directors

Finance Ken Roscrow

Membership / PR Barbara Chappell

Community Service Sue Wymond

Youth & Vocational Tony Hughes



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International	Bob Sothman
Rotary Foundation	John Penta
Club Service	Bob Arnold
Past President	Jeff Hunter

Jenny presented Zenette with a floral arrangement, and in keeping with the poetic theme, presented her own poem:

Zenette your year is now completed

Time to send Jeff back

To administer his wizardry

In his dispensary

Take a moment to enjoy his company

But then there is always Rotary!

Jeff becomes a Past President

You remain The gracious Zenette

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST WORD

Thank You's

Everyone who helped tonight, MC Michael McClaren, Arthur Finch, Tom Davenport, Helen Sandercock, Peter Sandercock, John Jackson, Jan Arnold, Robyn Venus, Graham Roberts, David Neil, Richard Dix, Ken Roscrow and many others.



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Special guests for coming, PDG Peter & Pam Sandercock, Mary & Geoff Thomas, Eva Forster, all friends and family who are here to support you.

Rotarians, John & Allyson Sandham, Terry Brown & Ray Jones, Colin & Jean Read, Trevor & Sandra Sharp.

Past members Elizabeth & John Caldicott, Arthur Finch & Pat Cameron, Peter & Barbara Long, Peter & Dorothy Pargeter.

Brother Neil and friends, David & Dee Henshall, Rod Bev Lapidge.

Thanks to Anita and the staff of the Country Club

Now, to business:

Next week

Ken Roscrow will lead a (Brief) briefing on the **Art Show** and then **committees** will meet to develop plans and a budget for the coming year.

Next week's duties, please refer to your Bulletin.

Thank you again for coming and I hope that you have enjoyed the evening as much as I have.

Good night and safe travelling.



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2087	2088	2089	2090
Date	5 July 2011	12 July 2011	19 July 2011	26 July 2011
Fellowship	Russell Eccleston	Robert Lehmann	Don O'Donnell	Graham Roberts
Reg. Assistant	John Jackson	John Lewis	Bernie Morgan	Terry Tierney
Furniture	Bill Flynn John Lewis	Graham Lough Laz Meszaros	Neil White Sue Wymond	Trevor Abbott Stuart Brew
Chairman	Jeff Hunter	Bob Arnold	Peter Geer	Richard Dix
Speaker	Ken Roscrow	Ken Wood		Dr Marcus Cooling
Topic	Art Show Briefing	My Life as a Corporate Troubleshooter	Rotary Information Night	Murray Darling Basin
Sergeant	Alan Eldridge	Alan Eldridge	Alan Eldridge	Alan Eldridge
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith

Events and Celebrations 2011	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 July – Art show set up • 9 July – Road Watch (9 am) Jeff, Bob L, Jacko • 2 August – the Grind Warehouse (<i>coffee, coffee, coffee!!!</i>) • 20 August – Bach to Brazil with Nick Parnell • 18 October – Earth Station Briefing
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 July – Neil White • 22 July – Beverley Eccleston • 23 July – Ken Prime • 29 July – Peter Pargeter
Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 July – Barry and Kathryn Sheridan