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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

Sergeant Tom (Poet Laureat) Davenport introduced our Chairman for tonight, Garry Dolman who gave the invocation and toast.

PRESIDENT'S SPOT

President Peter:

welcomed our guests:

- Jenny and Ray Williams, ex Club member and now based in NSW
- Jim Driver
- Jacqui and Ray White. This is Jacqui's third visit, and she will soon be joining our club. Jacqui is a Sales Mgr with IBM.
- Tony Davenport
- Welcome back Bernie from your travels
- A few announcements:

1. A letter of resignation was received from our Public Officer, and member of 15 years standing, Laz Meszaros
2. Bev Johnson, a Charter member and a long time resident of Blackwood and owner of Johnson's Drapery has died.
3. A clarification letter regarding meals has been received from the Belair Country Club. The final time for meal numbers is 12pm at LJ Hookers on the day of the meeting. Cancellations will be accepted before 4pm at the Belair Country Club.

After 4pm, all non-attendances will be charged for.

4. The Roadwatch was successfully completed. Thank you Jeff and John.
5. The Council of Legislation will accept items for change up to November
6. The Programme for the vocational visit on august 2nd is attached later in the Bulletin
7. Next Saturday 16th July we have been invited to cook a BBQ between 11 and 2pm at Travel Affair (opposite Coles). This is a promo they are running for their NZ travel. Volunteers are needed, and received. Any extra help on the day will be appreciated.
8. The Christmas Fair has an experienced Committee, but desperately needs a chairman. Please. Please.
9. The Art Show preparation has been terrific. Thanks for all the work that has been done.
10. Tom's poem - what a great piece of writing!
11. Greetings from Doug Forsyth – a member of the Scottish GSE Team

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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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The Nick Parnell Concert, Bach to Brazil is scheduled for 20th August, just 5 weeks away. Unfortunately, we have no real idea of numbers of tickets sold, and we may need to cancel the concert. We need you to tell us immediately how many tickets you have sold or confidently expect to sell. We haven't yet placed advertisements in the local media, and that will happen immediately if we are to proceed.

Please email to John Penta in the next few days. jpenta@bigpond.com This is very important.

ATTENDANCE

Robyn proved that she did use a calculator, and the calculation was 63%

FINES

Fines and cross fines raised a total of \$40.90. Copper Box \$15.15

MAKE-UPS

Bob Lehmann attended the Maitland Changeover for his friend of 73 years. Bob was Groomsman at his wedding, as was his father and his grandfather. Talk about a close-knit community!

President Peter attended the Flagstaff Hill Changeover.

SPEAKERS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Bernie: urged us to read the Letters to the Editor on page 10 of the *Rotary Downunder* magazine. It raises serious potential issues about morale in a club.

Stuart: Art Show raffle tickets need to be returned soon. The final cut-off date is July 26th

Jeff has again thrown down the gauntlet: can you trump his sale of six books?

Helen: - Please bring a plate of finger food to the Art Show opening on Wednesday 13th July

- The Memorial Hall desperately needs assistance, which is not difficult to do. On **6th August** they are holding a Quiz Night. The funds are required to cover their \$5,000 insurance and maintenance bills.

Richard: - There will be no wood chopping this week due to the continued wet weather

- Wood will be offered for sale this Sunday, and we need volunteers. Ray and Terry will not be available, so your assistance is required. An email will be sent.



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Bob L: - Australia's Got Talent has a contestant who is an older comedian. He writes his own material and is now in the finals. He is so good he got 7 gigs on the first night. His fee is \$1,000 per night. We could use him at a future fundraiser. Check him out on the TV.

Don: This was Don's first Art Show, and the set up was amazing for him to see. On pack up day we still need more people, so fill out the dodger.

Robyn: The Adelaide Show runs from 2nd to the 10th September, and we have been invited to man the Yellow Brick Road stall. It pays \$13 ph to the Club, including free admittance. Contact Robyn.

Tom: Bev Johnson recently died. His shop was an icon in Blackwood. Marlene worked for him for 20 years. He was a nice guy as well as a Charter Member.

Peter: Bob Arnold is coming along well, although still in pain.

HEADS AND TAILS

Graham Lough dug deep into the cellar and dusted off six of his best, valued at \$365.25!!!.

Richard Dix is now gloating, and is being assisted with the burden by Tony. The takings were \$58.10

Raffle

The winner was Robyn, who received a phantom bottle of port

FINES: Bernie carried the box

- Robyn at the Art Show for using the "F" word [*ie Room F*]
- Bernie for using abusive language [*there's no room for more paintings*]
- Don for having icicles on his nose when doing car park duty
- Ken for having all the answers at the Art Show [*an illusion*]
- John for being foxy
- Sue W got Reg out of his sick bed for the Art show
- Helen: Rhys (an artist) said the brushwork on a painting was so fine it could have been a photo – it was!
- Tony Davenport – for the personal advert in front of his bank
- Peter for dancing at the Flagstaff Hill Changeover
- Margaret for hounding businesses for sponsorship
- Peter for having a haircut on the coldest day of the year
- John Jackson for looking like a seal in his winter gear
- Alan for saying NO to alcohol!!!?
- Jeff plays a piano for sick people and was told "I hope you get better"



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Cross Fines

Bernie on Graham Roberts: - wearing woollen pants. It must TRULY be winter!

Graham Roberts on the Sergeant: - his emails are now sent straight to "junk"

Graham Roberts on Ray: for saying in the last Bulletin he didn't volunteer to carry the box

GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Garry Dolman introduced our guest speaker Ken Wood, whom we are privileged to hear tonight as he is jetting off to Kazakhstan next week. Ken is a corporate troubleshooter, who now works from home.

Ken thanked Garry for his introduction, and said his life has been tracked in his book "From Coal Dust to Gold Dust". He was born in Sunderland on the NE coast of England, where there is summer for three days of the year. It previously boasted ship building, mining and pottery, but has since lost them all. His father and grandfathers were all miners. His father commenced mining at age 14, and died of work-related illnesses one week away from retirement. He was a stoneman who dug rocks in cramped tunnels, and was always covered in so much coal dust that it could not be washed from his skin. Ken's Brother signed up to mine without telling their father. When he discovered it, his father marched Ken's brother to the employment office and then tore up the indenture forms. He wasn't having his sons working in the mines.

His mother, though is aged 89 and very much in control of her faculties. She taught her son tolerance and resilience.

Ken left school at an early age because there was no money available in the family. His first job was as a time clerk, and he wanted to be an accountant, but soon found he was not methodical enough for that vocation. He is an observer. This was noted by his employer and he was sent to a business that was in trouble to see if they should purchase it. He noted the directors and managers were drunk and abusive, and he recommended not to buy the business. It folded the next week.

In 1980 he was rushed to Australia because of company problems. He received a hostile reception, but discovered a major fraud when a manager bought Art Union tickets using company funds. After returning to Britain he was later sent back for four years. Later it was to Singapore, then Madrid for two years, where the company president was caught selling fake paintings.

All told, Ken has travelled to 20 countries for change management. This has taught him about people and how to motivate them to be happier and more productive in their working environment.

In China it is difficult for some westerners to assimilate because of the ancestral culture.

Ken was headhunted a few times. One was disastrous, as the deal fell through after he had already made the move to Perth, and he was unemployed for twelve months.

Finally, he decided to cease the globetrotting, and formed his own consultancy, in people management. People are considered by some employers to be expendable, and this culture needs to change because people do matter. Ken now works with younger people. He feels that older people need to engage with younger people and maintain communities, and work together. Ken now works with children and speaks at the Uni of SA on international business, and is on the Board of Flinders Uni. The tools needed in life are respect and resilience



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Chairman Garry thanked Ken on behalf of the Club for sharing his experiences and insights with us. He noted that Rotary is also about human interaction.

A questioner noted that troops in the workforce are often forgotten by businesses as they expand. A positive attitude is returned to you.

PRESIDENTS CLOSING WORDS

- Thank you Ken. We'd like to see you return.
- Thank you to our workers tonight
- Thanks to our guests for visiting us tonight:
 - **Jenny and Ray Williams**
 - **Jacqui and Ray White**
 - **Tony Davenport**

- The Art Show opening is tomorrow evening, commencing at 7pm. Please bring a plate of finger food – not hot food
- Next week the Aust Rotary Health committee will meet here, and Jacko will give us more information about little known projects
- Thank you Anita and the Country Club for looking after us again as usual
- Unfortunately, again there will be no poem this week,

But remember the theme from our new International President *Kalyan Banerjee*:

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

Thank you all, and we will meet again tomorrow night

Don't forget to email John Penta about your sales of tickets to the Nick Parnell concert. We are very close to cancelling it.

Just a reminder that we have the Vocational Visit on 2nd August at 6pm. Here is the programme, and the coffee is ground for free!



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WAREHOUSE

61-65 Tapleys Hill Road

Hendon

Rotary Club of Blackwood

Vocational Visit

2 August 2011

Programme

- 6.30 Welcome & Introduction
History of The Grind

- 6.45 Soup served

- 7.05 Presentation
The History of Coffee
Green Beans
Organic, Fair Trade, Forrest Alliance, Cafe Femenino & The
Grind's commitment to these organisations
Roasting methods
Roasting display

- 7.30 Dinner served - while roasting continues

- 7.50 Dessert / coffee / tea

Menu

Pumpkin soup

Lasagne, vegetables, salad

Danish with ice cream

Coffee, Tea

\$20

Please advise me of any special dietary needs

Peter Geer



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2089	2090	2091	2091
Date	19 July 2011	26 July 2011	2 August 2011	9 August 2011
Fellowship	Don O'Donnell	Graham Roberts		Naz Dastoor
Reg. Assistant	Bernie Morgan	Terry Tierney		Tom Davenport
Furniture	Neil White Sue Wymond	Trevor Abbott Stuart Brew		Garry Dolman Alan Eldridge
Chairman	Peter Geer	TBA	The Grind Warehouse	Bob Lehmann
Speaker		Dr Marcus Cooling		John & Catherine Lawler
Topic	Rotary Information Night	Murray Darling Basin	Vocational visit 6.00 for 6.30	ROMAC
Sergeant	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren	Tom Davenport	John Penta
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith

Events and Celebrations 2011	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 July – Art show clear up • 2 August – the Grind Warehouse (<i>coffee, (tea), coffee!!!</i>) • 20 August – Bach to Brazil with Nick Parnell • 18 October – Earth Station Briefing
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 July – Beverley Eccleston • 23 July – Ken Prime • 3 August – Jan Arnold • 8 August – Laz Meszaros
Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 July – Barry and Kathryn Sheridan