



# ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

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## DISTRICT 9520

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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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 Michael opened the meeting and introduced our Chairman for tonight, Neil White, who toasted Australia and her people. Playing it safe, Neil READ the 4 Way Test.

### ACTING PRESIDENT'S SPOT

Acting President Jeff :

- Welcomed our frequent guest Andrés Leal
- Welcomed our guest speaker Catherine Purvis
- Our Club Birthday is on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker is George Heading on "Wetland setup in desert Oman". This is an Open Meeting and partners are encouraged to attend. Please indicate attendance on the flyer being distributed.
- The next Community Forum will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The CEO of SACA, John Harnden will speak on The Future of Adelaide Oval. It is time to start inviting people.

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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- John J: Helen and John had a lovely coffee together...with Meredith
- Tom: met with Heather in the Library [*large print section!*]
- Neil: You'll all be pleased that the updated water bills have been issued!
- Bob Arnold: The Birthday Party on 13<sup>th</sup> September is an Open Night and partners are welcomed. It should be a great night as our speaker, George Heading is an entertaining and amusing man.

Calperum update:

- up to June 2010 there have been 13 trips
- up to December 2010 there have been 12 trips
- The Adelaide Light Rotaract Club was an attendee
- the kitchen is being refurbished, with help from us and other clubs

The fines landed \$30.00.

### HEADS AND TAILS

Graham Lough provided the wine. He tossed the coins and Bob (Calperum) Arnold and Bill Flynn shared the spoils. The Treasurer banked \$53.00

### Raffle

Our guest speaker, Catherine, drew the winning ticket and Bob Sothman shared the port around the tables.

### FINES: Reg carried the box.

- Graham L for taking an early mark last week
- Guest Catherine for calling Jeff a drug dealer
- Jeff: both Port and Geelong losing last week
- Neil for cheating on the 4 Way test
- Tom for being away last week
- Reg for being away last week – except he was here, so the Sergeant paid
- Terry is not going to the Cambodia Golf Challenge because at Andamooka you always get a hole in one
- John Lewis for being tempted to join the Rotary Bike Club
- Ken- doesn't have any Webbers in his Porsche
- Bill and Trevor for fossicking thru a book package



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- Tony for doing the 5 step dance when he gave his talk
- Jacqui for sparking up the dress code
- Helen for having a Whiz Bang
- Garry has been hard hit by the GFC: he grabbed a bottle of coke and two wine glasses
- Terry for boiling the electric kettle...on the gas stove
- Michael for wowing our visitor with his grasp of the Spanish language...he can say "olé!"
- the winners tonight: Bob Sothman, Bob A and Bill.

### CROSS FINES:

- Barbara fined herself for being late
- Jacqui on Ken: because he said she is wearing a tablecloth!
- Trevor: he tuns 70 on Sunday

### GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Neil introduced our guest speaker Catherine Purvis, who lives in Windsor Gardens. Catherine has studied law, worked for the Guardianship Board and now works for the Red Cross. On her days off, Catherine spends time with Animal Welfare and the RSPCA. Tonight Catherine is speaking about the Migration Support Programs at the Red Cross.

A refugee is a person who is unable to return to his home country because of persecution. He starts his new role as an asylum seeker until he is declared to be a refugee by the United Nations or by the host country which is a party to the UN.

Once he is declared to be a refugee in Australia, we are bound to protect him.

A visitor to Australia can become an asylum seeker if his situation changes at home, such as a coup or war etc and he is unable to return home. Once his visa expires he must apply for refugee status.

The Migration Support Program provided by Red Cross offers:

- International Tracing - where in times of war or natural disaster they will help find missing relatives through the 186 countries where they are represented. Red Cross is independent of countries.



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- **Message Service** – if normal communication channels are severed this allows separated family members to exchange news in almost any country.
- **Health and Welfare Reports** – if contact is lost between family members or long-term friends, the Red Cross will attempt to obtain information on their wellbeing.
- **Prisoner of War Captivity Certificates** – Red Cross will obtain a certificate verifying a person's status as a civilian detainee or prisoner of war, which can assist in him obtaining compensation.
- **Immigration Detention** – emotional and social services are provided in the detention centres as well as help in tracing or messaging overseas to families, and will raise humanitarian issues with the host country. Under the Geneva Convention, a detainee must be treated humanely. The Red Cross will check the centre, and did so at Guantanamo Bay.
- **Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme** is for eligible asylum seekers awaiting the outcome of their Protection Visa applications. It provides ongoing financial support and health care. In Australia, this is funded by the Dept of Immigration.
- **Trafficked people** can become virtual slaves as they struggle to repay exorbitant debts. Red Cross assists victims to give evidence and provides a safe-house and income support.

**Assessing the claims of asylum seekers may take many years.**



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The Red Cross has vacancies for volunteers for many tasks, including helping people through the bureaucratic maze in a foreign country. It's worth thinking about.

Chairman Neil noted that the many questions posed to Catherine shows an intense interest in the topic. Neil thanked Catherine for her comprehensive talk, and presented her with a Rotary pen.

### PRESIDENTS CLOSING WORDS

- Thank you to our guest speaker Catherine Purvis. You have a wise head on broad shoulders.
- Good to see Andrés here tonight and hope to see you again
- Committees meet next week; very important for full attendance to contribute to ongoing planning & activities
- Don't forget to invite your partner to the Birthday Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September

My closing comment is not a poem, but a one liner:

**Life is larger than a moment**



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2096	2097	2098	2099
Date	6 September 2011	13 September 2011	20 September 2011	27 September 2011
Fellowship	John Lewis	Naz Dastoor	Tom Davenport	Helen Henbest
Reg. Assistant	Helen Henbest	Jacqui Wright	Graham Lough	John Jackson
Furniture	Graham Roberts Ken Roscrow	Mark Burns Barbara Chappell	Garry Dolman Bill Flynn	David Neil Don O'Donnell
Chairman	Bob Arnold	Bob Arnold	Neil White	Batman
Speaker		George Heading	Ray McGhee	
Topic	Committees	Oman Wetland <b>Club Birthday</b>	Surviving the Media Revolution <i>Board Meeting</i>	SWSA Presentation
Sergeant	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith

Events and Celebrations 2011	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 September – Road Watch –Ken, David, Bob Sothman</li> <li>• 13 September – Birthday Party</li> <li>• 17 September – Book sale</li> <li>• 20 September – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 11 October – Community Forum: Adelaide Oval Redevelopment</li> <li>• 18 October – <b>Earth Station</b> Briefing</li> <li>• 21 to 24 October - Earth Station parking – All help please</li> <li>• 30 October – Wine bottling</li> <li>• 13 November – Christmas Fair</li> </ul>
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 September - Heather Jackson</li> <li>• 20 September – Michelle Penta</li> <li>• 21 September – John Penta</li> <li>• 22 September – Fiona Evans</li> </ul>
Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 September – John and Heather Jackson</li> <li>• 24 September – Bernie and Colleen</li> </ul>