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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 evening and introduced President Peter Geer in his capacity as the chairman for this special combined night with the Rotary Club of Mitcham.

President Peter offered the Invocation, toasted Australia and her people, recited the Four Way Test, and then introduced the President of Mitcham, our "Mother Club", Robert Nottage.

PRESIDENTS SPOT

President Peter welcomed the visiting Rotarians, went on to advise that a Board Meeting will be held on Jan 17th at 7.30pm at his house, and concluded his remarks with a message from Bev Eccleston thanking the Club for it's support and prayers during Russell's final weeks.

President Robert thanked our Club for hosting this year's Combined Meeting, welcomed his Rotarians, and spoke briefly about some of Mitcham's current projects and member's forthcoming duties.

Both Presidents mentioned the presence of Peter Trumble, once one of Blackwood's most senior and respected members, who when shifting residence from the Hills to the Plains resigned from Blackwood and transferred his Rotary activity to Mitcham.

President Peter called on Rtn. Sue Wymond, Community Service Director, to present a cheque to the Captain of the Eden Hills CFS Unit, who responded with a generous tribute to our Club for it's continuing financial support.

Bernie Morgan was asked to introduce his two guests, Colleen and a house guest from Brazil, Fernanda, a member of one of the families Bernie and Colleen have visited on their trips to South America.

President Peter reminded Blackwood Rotarians about the Bowls competition with Flagstaff Hill on Wednesday January 18th.

Bob Arnold needs to know who is attending, so if you haven't filled in the attendance flyers available on the tables over the last couple of meetings please let him know of your intentions.



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Attendance: Not calculated

Takings for the night:

Copper Box \$28.25

Fines \$87.85 (50/50 with Mitcham)

Heads and Tails \$74.50

SPEAKERS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Mitcham and Blackwood alternated with speakers.

Trevor Abbott reminded us about the next Road Watch on Jan 22nd. He will follow up over the next week or so.

Bob Arnold spoke briefly about Calperum and acknowledged Mitcham Rotarians David and Helen Gooley. David with Helen's support and encouragement is Bob's senior lieutenant at Calperum, and in Bob's absence attends Calperum as Guide, Mentor and Friend when a "first time" club is making the trip.

PDG John spoke about Peter Trumble's contribution to Blackwood, and Peter responded with a brief history of his personal involvement at Calperum and the very first Club trip many years ago to establish a signage system for the "mallee country" tracks. This was followed with a second trip to install the signs

Heads and Tails

Bernie Morgan explained what this was all about to the bemused Mitcham Rotarians, and the six bottles of wine conservatively valued at a figure somewhere between \$5.65 and \$56.50 per bottle were won by Mitcham Rotarian David Gooley.

Fines: Alan Eldridge carried the box for Blackwood and Sergeant Michael provided a masterly fines session with his special brand of wit and good humour.

Among those contributing to the "fines box" were-----

Jeff Hunter re Santa Claus and Poetry. (Further on in this edition you will see reasons why this fine was imposed).

Garry Dolman who had a change problem.

Neil White who had a rush to the head and released trillions of millions of litres of free water to the grateful residents of Collinswood.

John Jackson who was sartorially distressed.

Alan Eldridge who was said to have admitted that the three years spent acquiring his HSC were the happiest days of his life. (It's possible this was fabricated by an enthusiastic supporter).

Cross Fines. There were some but this scribe didn't scribe them.

GUEST SPEAKER

President Peter introduced Bernie Morgan to the assembled Rotarians.

Bernie and Colleen have travelled extensively in South America, particularly in Brazil, where they have been welcomed into the life of several families, a highlight of which was being invited to make a speech at a family wedding speaking Portuguese

Bernie spoke about his and Colleen's impressions of Brazil which proved to be a very well prepared and thoughtful presentation. Most of us know very little about this country, it's geography, its industry or it's economy and Bernie's talk and photos added enormously to our knowledge.



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A detailed summary of this presentation will be added as an attachment to the next Bulletin.

SPECIAL INCLUSION

Here is the report provided by Barbara Chappell last year, but did not make it to the bulletins.

Membership and Promotions Committee Meeting Report November 2011

Please accept my apologies for the meeting. I am training interstate. Thank you to all the Membership and Promotions Committee and in particular to Tom Davenport for delivering this report in my absence and for all the other support he provides; and to Jeff Hunter for his never ending drive to bring new members into the club.

Main membership activities

- Visitor's packs presented at meetings under the direction of Sgt Michael.
- Guest book purchased to record visits to our club and follow-up on potential members.
- Membership building program in place under the direction of Jeff Hunter.
- Jeff following up on potential members.
- Membership banner on display outside LJ Hookers on Main Road.

Main Promotions activities

- Working with the calendar Neil has set up to provide a version for members and visitors.
- A project working group is being established to progress the web site upgrade to support our promotional activities.
- Clock Tower – Tom and Barbara meeting with Council to continue the progression of this project.
- Promotion banners rolling display is in place. Thank you to Mark Burns for supporting this project. An additional site for displaying our banners is the Coles corner on Main Road and Young Street. Thank you to Trevor Abbott for helping with the banners on two occasions. Alternative arrangements are now in place for the set up of the banners.
- Articles are being sent regularly to the Mitcham Council News and the Blackwood Times with varying publication success and event information is sent to CoastFM for promotion over the two week period leading up to events.
- Promotion plan was prepared and implemented for the Christmas Fair.
- Rotary Club of Blackwood promoted at every opportunity on CoastFM program Close Encounters of a Community Kind on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Barbara Chappell – Director Membership and Promotions



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Christmas Party Nostalgia – from poet laureate Jeff Hunter:

Kangaroos love Blackwood Rotary

A kangaroo crossed the creek
Hopping high with glee
He had just been in to see
His friends at Blackwood Rotary.

His skip was slightly slow
He asked what could be done
Rotary said “we’ll give support”
Now the roos are having fun.

He felt a warming glow
Because we smiled with him
The care that we did show
Made him want to sing.

The word has got around
To all his furry mates
If roos are really struggling
See the Blackwood Rotary greats.

Christmas Greetings

Have you heard the Christmas bell
Ringing sounds of cheer
Can it be that it will tell
Your gifts include some beer?

Have you seen the Christmas star



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Shining joy all round

It lights your pathway from afar

So that laughter does abound.

Have you tasted a Christmas cake

Rich and fruity in every bite

It says that we can also make

A friendly feast on Christmas night.

Have you felt the Christmas child

Embrace your life with love

There is a peace and quiet so mild

As gentle as a morning dove.

CLOSING WORDS

President Robert summed up for Mitcham and thanked Blackwood for hosting another successful combined meeting.

President Peter spoke on behalf of Blackwood and thanked Mitcham for their attendance and added some reminders of future events----the most significant of which is the Bowls Night competition with Flagstaff Hill-----

Bowls night – Wed 18 January – Happy Valley -\$30

President Peter then closed the meeting.

Take to heart the words of the RI President Kalyan Banerjee:

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| MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011 | | | | |
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| Meeting No. | 2112 | 2113 | 2114 | 2115 |
| Date | 10 January 2012 | 18 January 2012 <i>(Wednesday)</i> | 24 January 2012 | 31 January 2012 |
| Fellowship | Bernie Morgan | Jacquie Wright | Trevor Abbott | Bob Arnold |
| Reg. Assistant | Graham Roberts | David Neil | Graham Roberts | David Neil |
| Furniture | Don O'Donnell Terry Tierney | | Sue Wymond Stuart Brew | Mark Burns Barbara Chappell |
| Chairman | Peter Geer | | Jeff Hunter | Ken Roscrow |
| Speaker | Andrew Pfeiffer | | Meredith deWolffe | Bob Arnold |
| Topic | <i>Lasers</i> | <i>Bowls Night</i> | <i>This is My Life</i> | <i>A different Perspective on C...</i> |
| Sergeant | Michael McClaren | | Michael McClaren | Michael McClaren |
| Bulletin Editor | Ray Smith | Ray Smith | Ray Smith | Ray Smith |

| Events and Celebrations 2011 | |
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| Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 January (Wednesday) - Bowls night – Happy Valley -\$30 • 17 March – Progressive Dinner |
| Birthdays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 January – Colleen Penny • 6 January – Jenny Geer • 8 January – Bill Flynn • 9 January – Mark Burns • 9 January – Garry Dolman • 13 January – Kathleen White |
| Anniversaries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 January – John and Jenny Lewis • 16 January – Ken and Denise Roscrow • 17 January – Terry and Jill Tierney |