



# 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

**Sgt Neil White** opened meeting 2019 of the Blackwood Rotary Club and asked acting **Chairman John Jackson** to give the Invocation, Toast.

### PRESIDENT'S SPOT

**President Cherilyn Fleming** welcomed guests Jenny Lewis, Geoff Baldwin and Corey Pearson.

She announced that:

- Geoff would be inducted during the meeting
- the inter-club Bowling trophy had been found
- The trophy has been awarded to the Rotary Club of Blackwood from 2007 to 2010.

### MAKE-UPS

**Rotarian Bob Arnold** did 6 make-ups.

### ATTENDANCE

**Reg Hanson** announced attendance was 79%.

### RAFFLE

The raffle was won by **President Cherilyn Fleming**.

### INDUCTION

**Geoff Baldwin** was inducted into the club by President Cherilyn. Jeff Hunter was Geoff's sponsor. Tom Davenport will be his councillor and he will join the Community Services Committee. Geoff was welcomed to the club by all the members.

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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### SPECIAL SPOTS

Rotarians Bob Arnold and Richard Dix presented a number of special spots. Bob talked about Haiti, the upcoming District Assembly and Calperum. Richard told a story that connects Rotary across the years and miles.

#### Haiti

**Rotarian Bob Arnold** read a letter from Past District Governor Dick McCombe (who is serving as the Haiti Liaison Chair for Rotary District 7020) about what the wider Rotary community is doing to assist on the ground in Haiti.

Their efforts include:

- Flights to Haiti transporting doctors, orthopaedic tools and supplies
  - \$180,000.00 in donations from 3 Virgin Island Rotary Clubs
  - Rotarians and partners clearing flights in and out of Haiti
  - Trucking supplies inland
  - Providing 50,000 lbs of medical supplies
  - Transporting generators, water makers and water through Jamaica to Port An Prince in Haiti
  - Moving supplies and Shelter Boxes inland
  - Using helicopters and barges to drop supplies inland
  - 15 planes in service to help do the work of supply distribution
  - Transporting fuel inland to ensure trucks reach their destination – the Carrefour Rotary Club is in desperate need of fuel
  - Working strategically with the “big guys”
- PDG Dick’s final words in the letter are, “Keep up your efforts and let us know what help you need to get your local efforts to Haiti and “Rotary Rocks! And Rotary flies!”

#### District Assembly

Bob urged all incoming Club Directors to attend the District Assembly in Murray Bridge on 16 May.

#### Calperum

Bob’s final spot was about Calperum. Districts 9500 and 9520 are involved in the work at

Calperum. Bob is proposing that each club send one group which would equate to 16 groups of between 10-12 Rotarians contributing to the work at Calperum for the year.

Currently all environment issues are combined under one District committee. Bob is proposing there should be two committees, ie. one that is active/hands-on and the other to be advisory. District involvement at Calperum could include long and short-term Youth Exchange and the green light for RYLA, RYPEN, RYWELL to visit Calperum.

The District Management Committee meeting is being held at Calperum on 21<sup>st</sup> February for the first time.

Currently at Calperum they are expanding the Aboriginal Training Program and continuing with the tree health and salinity checks, vestibule surveys, fence clearing and maintenance. They are also working on the restoration of 11,000 hectares of degraded land.

Bob’s aim is to cement relationships so that we have priority access for Rotary to the station facilities. Calperum has proposed that Rotary helps with a “Trees for Life” style growing program to raise thousands of native pines and help develop the nursery facilities at the station.

#### Rotary Memorabilia

**Rotarian Richard Dix** told us about his friend Bev who was cleaning out her mother’s house prior to her mother moving into a unit. She found a booklet from the Rotary Club of Battersea in London. It was not dated and she had no idea where it had come from. As she knew Richard was a Rotary member she gave it to him. He found that it was signed by the President of the Battersea club, so he emailed the Secretary of club giving the President’s name and within the hour received a reply. The Secretary could not recall seeing the booklet but advised that Mr GA Cayless was President for the Rotary year 1944-45. He wondered whether it was presented to a soldier passing



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through England during the war, as the club entertained many overseas servicemen at this time.

On contacting Bev, Richard found out that her father was Ronald Charles Baker, who was a 22 year old Warrant Officer Wireless Operator in the RAAF, but flying with 167 RAF Squadron in 1944.

Battersea Club is now combined with Clapham Junction Club. Ronald later married Bev's mother who lived in Clapham Junction and brought her back to Adelaide as a war bride. He obviously was so impressed with his visit to Battersea Rotary Club that he kept the booklet all his life.

Richard now enjoys the booklet as a treasured possession.

### FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

**Peter Pargeter** reported there would be no work on the wood project on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, but work would recommence the following week

**Peter Geer** reported the Gnomes would be working at the shed on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Margaret Congram** told us that past exchange student from Belgium Pierre Skilberg was working in Haiti for the UN at the time of the earthquake. He will return to Haiti after a short break in his homeland.

**John Lewis** presented a cheque for \$300.00 to Bellview Heights School on behalf of Rotary.

**John Jackson** thanked John Lewis, David Neil, and Michael McClaren for doing Road Watch and special thanks to Laz Meszaros and Graham Lough who did their bit on Friday because they could not make it on Saturday.

**Graham Roberts** provided feedback on the Bangka Memorial Service held at the South Australian Woman's Memorial Playing Fields on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 where we helped organised the parking.

**Rotary Clubs of Reynella and Noarlunga** are hosting a Quiz Night on 6 March.

**Rotary Club of Murray Bridge** is having a golf day on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### SERGEANTS SESSION

**Sgt Neil White** conducted the fines session. Michael McClaren, Alan Eldridge and Ken Roscrow had great fun dishing out cross fines.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the evening was Crime Scene Investigator Constable Corey Pearson from SAPOL. Corey was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blackwood as part of the Group Study Exchange to North Carolina in 2009. He managed to keep the members entertained throughout his talk, combining serious facts with his great sense of humour.

After helping us to get a sense of the size of North Carolina by comparing it to the size of Canberra, Corey told us a story about attitude in the deep-south. On arrival the GSE were told by their host they must not use GD when speaking to people. After being told this on several occasions one of the GSE members plucked up the courage to ask what GD was and they were told it was "God Damn". Corey responded by saying. "J...C... then I reckon we are in a shi.... load of trouble". Needless to say, there was lots of laughter from the club members.

When the members settled down, Corey proceeded to tell us about the 100 counties in North Carolina (NC) which resemble local council areas in Australia. There are about 500 police forces spread across NC. These numerous police forces are obsessed about boundaries and because they do not share any information, NC is a playground for criminals because there is little chance they will get convicted of any crime. The differences between CIS in NC and Australia floored Corey. He told us it takes approximately 1 year and 1 day to get a DNA check in NC, whereas in Australia the turn-around time is 6 weeks.

Corey met a few influential people during his visit. One was the State Governor whom he pleaded with to revisit what happened on 9/11 and learn from it rather than continue to ignore the problems and revise the way they handle CSI. He also met Emily Procter who is known for



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her leading role as Calleigh Duquesne in CSI Miami. Again Corey displayed his sense of humour by duplicating Emily's pose up against a wire fence from a picture she had signed for him. She looked all blonde and gorgeous after taking just an hour to solve a major crime and he looked grubby and dishevelled after hours of work and still many more hours of work ahead of him to solve the crime.

In NC a majority of women work in CIS whereas in Australia there are mostly men. The NC officers carry automatic weapons as standard issue and all the 500 different police officers drive different cars. Corey showed a picture of 6 different police cars which he photographed all parked on the same street.

While in NC, Corey worked as many days a week as he was allowed and the rest of the time he managed to get to a number of sporting events such as a University Football scratch match with 30,000 people attending; a hockey match where Rotarians made sure he was in the box seat and a "Bulls" baseball game at the club used for the making of the movie "Bull Durham".

Leading into his closing remarks, Corey presented us with a few startling statistics to demonstrate the differences effective CSI work can make to crime rates. The population in NC is 4 million and SA is 1.5 million which needs to be taken into account when reading the statistics (it is my understanding these stats are for the month of April 09).

NC Statistics	SA Statistics
Murders - 52	0
Rapes - 176	54
Assaults - 2335	96
Burglaries - 9261	1409
Thefts - 19635	1944
Car thefts - 2420	414
Arson - 169	195
Common Assault - 7924	1007
Offences against Police – 231 (made up of 119 shootings and 112 stabbings)	70 (punches)

Corey's response to these statistics was to quote SAPOL's mission statement:

*"Working together to reassure and protect the community from crime and disorder".*

He told us this to help us understand how important CSI work is for the wellbeing of everyone.

Corey concluded his presentation by letting us know he told every club he visited in NC that the Rotary Club of Blackwood was the best "dang" club in Australia and at some point (it would seem in the distant future) he will join Rotary.

Chairman John Jackson thanked Corey on behalf of the club and presented him with a pen. The members responded with enthusiastic applause.

### PRESIDENT'S LAST WORDS

#### President Cheryl Fleming:

- Reminded everyone that the District Governor is visiting the club next week.
- The Shelter Box meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- The Board meeting was being held at Ken Roscrow's home.

Events and Celebrations 2010	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Governors visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010</li> <li>• Shelter Box meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010</li> <li>• The Best of Broadway Show on 29 May 2010</li> </ul>
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 22 – Reg Hanson</li> <li>• February 28 – Bob Arnold</li> <li>• March 3 – Josanne Eldridge</li> <li>• March 9 – Alan Eldridge</li> </ul>
Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 6 – Graham and Mary Roberts</li> <li>• March 8 – Sue and Reg Wymond</li> </ul>





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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2010				
Meeting No.	2019	2020	2021	2022
Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March
Fellowship	John Lewis	Helen Henbest	Michael McClaren	Graham Roberts
Reg. Assistant	Bob Richter	Tony Hughes	Ken Prime	Ken Roscrow
Furniture	Jeff Hunter Laz Meszaros	Bob Lehmann Graham Lough	John Penta Bob Richter	Barry Sheridan Ray Smith
Chairman	President Cherylyn Fleming	President Cherylyn Fleming	Ray Smith	TBA
Speaker	DG Dick Cuttle	Tom Henderson	Shannon Nicholson	TBA
Topic	<b>District Governor visit</b>	<b>Shelter Box</b>	<b>Blackwood REC Centre</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sergeant	Neil White	Neil White	Neil White	Neil White
Meeting Note Taker	Barbara Chappell	TBA	Barbara Chappell	TBA

