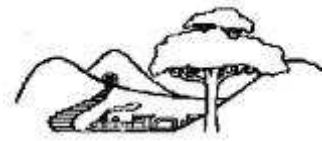




## ROTARY MEETING No. 1930



Chairman Russel Eccleston gave the invocation and toast to Australia and her people.

President Michael McClaren welcomed Rotarians, partners and guest speaker Trevor Frost.



### President's Reminders:

President Michael made special mention of the following events and activities:

- **4th May District Assembly at Waikerie.** - There are 10 going from this Club. Contact PP Bernie Morgan if in any doubt about the travel arrangements.
- **13th May Group 5 Combined Meeting.** - Will be hosted by Blackwood and DG Peter Ochota will be in attendance to speak about water projects.
- **20th May Vocational visit** - This is the Club's visit to the Heathfield High hospitality division. An attendance sheet will be circulated next week. Numbers will be limited to 50. Don't miss this night.
- **1st June Swingin Sunday** - Mark this date in your diary and let's make it a great success by selling at least 6 tickets each.
- **Musicfest** - The Board has agreed to organise a Musicfest in 2009. Yes there are hurdles to be jumped and this will be done if at all possible. Preident Michael has undertaken to co-ordinate the Musicfest committee.

**Make-ups 2    Attendance 82%    Raffle: Terry Tierney**

### For the Good of Rotary

- Peter Geer reported that the shed gnomes will be active on Thursday morning
- Cherilyn said that she has distributed a new contact list and she has some hard copies for those without e-mail
- Russel advised that Jim Pitkin (4th President of the Club in the 70s) died on Monday and the funeral will be tomorrow at 2.00pm. See Russel for details.
- Tom D will be distributing 6 Swinging Sunday tickets for each person to sell. He advised that we need to fill the auditorium.
- Pres Michael inducted Peter Lisman into the club and welcomed his wife Gloria. Margaret Congram introduced Peter who was born in Holland. Peter went to Blackwood High School and is a design engineer. He and his wife have 3 children. His classification is electrical engineer and his buddy is Margaret. He has nominated the community service committee.



## Sergeant's session

- Sergeant Mark Burns began the fines session with a fine on Ken Roscrow for altering information on the Bulletin about attendance.
- Bernie was fined for not wearing sox with ugh boots
- All those who did not take their partners (wives/husbands) to see Kurt Elling perform with the ASO.
- Graham Roberts who was dapperly dressed as usual set the dress standard for men. Those men who were not wearing a blazer were fined.
- All those who came after Pres Michael
- Peter Geer for sitting on his backside!!
- Sue S for setting a poor dress standard for women
- Helen Henbest for cleaning windows and giving Reece a black eye.
- Graham Roberts who fell up stairs with great difficulty
- Alan Eldridge who had a line of people outside his shop who wanted to buy a lotto ticket
- Graham Lough and John Walters who were welcomed back with a fine
- Pat who was seen driving with her top down and got wet
- The Sergeant completed the session with jokes about employee performance or lack of it



## Guest Speaker – Trevor Frost from Royal Society for the Blind (RSB)

Russel Ecclestone introduced Mr Trevor Frost who was formerly a fashion designer but when he lost his sight due to macular degeneration he found himself looking in new directions.

Trevor said that he initially worked in the RSB workshop and then he got into adaptive technology and is now employed full time in public relations for RSB. Trevor said that the RSB workshop at Gilles Plains is one of the only remaining workshops of its kind in the world. It employs 60 people and breaks even.

Trevor said that there are no barriers for blind people and in many ways there is an advantage to being blind. He said that the computer talks and there is no need to use a mouse. He said that he has a machine called a navigator that speaks at 120 words per minute. He told the club how he did not read books for over 12 years because the technology was poor. Well meaning volunteers read books onto a cassette but often the voices were poor and the tapes would get tangled and break. Trevor said that his phone talks to him and he can ring a number with the phone in his pocket.

Trevor explained that if you are going to be blind Adelaide is the place to be because they have the best facilities. He stated that the level of support for blind people in Australia varied from State to State and he considered that Qld and WA have the least support for the blind.

Trevor said that the main problem at present is that public libraries are not keeping up with technology and they insist on spending money on old technology. He stated that the navigator system is a digital system that allows for books, newspapers and magazines to be downloaded onto the system. Professionals read the books and the quality is great. He said that RSB has about 10600 clients and there is a waiting list for the navigators. In order to minimise cost artists have donated their time and the product of their artistic efforts but do so on the basis that the navigators are not sold for profit. Trevor raised this as an opportunity for Blackwood Rotary to donate money for a number of units that could be provided to local residents. He said that Port Lincoln RC donated \$10,000 for the units to be used for local residents and each device has a plaque indicating who the donor is.

Trevor briefly spoke about his disease macular degeneration which he stated was a lifestyle disease related to ageing, diet, gender and race. He encouraged everyone to eat a healthy diet including green vegies and fish.

Pres Michael thanked Trevor for his informative talk and thanked guests for their attendance. He reminded Rotarians about the trip to Waikerie on Sunday and asked people who were attending to take their dinner plaque. He also reminded Rotarians that next week is committee meetings.



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OR WISH TO BRING A GUEST  
PLEASE ADVISE MARGARET CONGRAM OR REG HANSON AS FOLLOWS:  
Ring Margaret by Monday night on 8278 1131 or  
Reg Hanson by Tuesday 12.00noon on 8381 2514.**

### Road Watch 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Captain Trevor Abbott,

Graham Lough, Ken Roscrow, Reg Tannebring, John Walters, John Lewis



| Meeting No.            | 1931                                   | 1932                           | 1933   | 1934                       |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>            | 6 <sup>th</sup> May                    | 13 <sup>th</sup> May           | 20 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>note venue below</b> | 27 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| <b>Fellowship</b>      | Jack Brown                             | Arthur Finch                   | Bill Flynn                                     | Bob Lehmann                |
| <b>Reg. Assistant</b>  | Elizabeth Caldicott                    | Alan Eldridge                  | Reg Hanson                                     | Jeff Hunter                |
| <b>Furniture</b>       | Tom Davenport<br>Richard Dix           | Cherilyn Fleming<br>Bill Flynn | Helen Henbest<br>Barry Hughes                  | John Jackson<br>John Lewis |
| <b>Chairman</b>        | Michael McClaren                       | Bob Arnold                     | Michael McClaren                               | Michael McClaren           |
| <b>Speaker</b>         | Various                                | Various                        | Vocational Visit                               | Various                    |
| <b>Topic</b>           | Social Night and<br>Committee Meetings | Combined Meeting –<br>Group 5  | <b>Heathfield High</b>                         | Club Assembly              |
| <b>Bulletin editor</b> | Sue Sedivy                             | Sue Sedivy                     | Sue Sedivy                                     | Sue Sedivy                 |

| Coming events   | Birthdays            | Anniversaries                  |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>May 13<sup>th</sup> – Group 5 Meeting</b><br>Belair Country Club           | May 9 - John Walters | May 9 – John and Diane Walters |
| <b>May 20<sup>th</sup> – Vocational Visit</b><br>Heathfield High Catering     |                      |                                |
| <b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June – Swinging Sunday</b><br>Blackwood High Auditorium |                      |                                |

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