

**Rotary Club of Blackwood**  
**Meeting of Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Meeting number 1792**

**Invocation:** Alan Eldridge

**President's notes:**

- Welcome to Bruce and Dita Allen, Margaret Matthews and Wanda Taylor
- Watch "Australian Story" on TV on 15<sup>th</sup> August for story of St Judes; the school we sponsor;
- Club directors please check the Secretary's mailbox;
- There will be a board meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August;
- There will be a quiz night on October 29<sup>th</sup>;
- The art Show raffle is next week so get books in so that Cherilyn can complete her report
- TRF personalized money boxes are being distributed to club members. The money will go to Rotary Foundation;
- Look at the cover of the June issue of Rotary Down Under;
- There is a GSE trip to Ohio(USA) next April 2006. Interested members should apply for the position of group leader
- The president then introduced Bruce Allen who addressed the meeting;  
Bruce began his Rotary experience at Blackwood and, despite becoming District Governor of district 9860 in NSW, still regards Blackwood as his home club. He spoke about RDYA which is a programme to educate young drivers and urged the club to become supporters when the concept is launched in our district.



**Makeups:**

- Elizabeth Caldicott – Forest Lakes in Brisbane where they have 9 members and hire out boats as their major fundraiser;
- Helen Henbest – represented Blackwood Rotary at the Lions Club 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

**Speakers for the Good of Rotary:**

- Eric Cotton – the 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair will be on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> free
- Bob Richter - Reminder about raffle books. They are needed this week and before next Tuesday's draw.
- Bob Arnolod – 2 dates
  - Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> working party at Calpurn (?) Station [checking vertebrates on floodplains and saving bats] Accommodation for 30 people.
  - Oct. 29 for quiz night. Venue not yet finalized. Members are asked to support and promote the night. Aim is to have 300 people and raise \$3000.
- Bob Lehmann – The Lehmann's have received a letter of appreciation for their support of Nita and have bought tickets to visit her country.

- Gerald Morris – Our candidate for the January school in Canberra has been successful
- Neil White – Pride of Workmanship the committee is still looking for nominations from club members for businesses around Blackwood (not down on the plains). There is a prize for whoever nominates the winner.

**Raffle:** Cherilyn Fleming

**Attendance:** 71%

**Seargent's session:**

- Bob Richter carried the box
- Jeff hunter – Called John instead of Jeff
- Nick Capon – Daughter Nicola has won a Silver Arrow award
- Terry Tierney – back teaching
- John Lewis – confused with John Lewis of Liberal Party
- Bob Lehmann – Devil's number (666) on his boat
- Richard Dix – late for fellowship
- Bob Lehmann – acupuncture
- Margaret Congdon – breakfast
- Ken Prime – hat on indoors
- Robyn Venus – Handful of books and ledgers
- All members not wearing ties
- David Rusk - Confessing to not paying at registration
- Ian Wicks – Received his first bulletin by email
- Ray Smith, Gerald Morris, Michael McLaren, Sue Sedivy – all late
- Sue Sedivy – Birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Seargent's awful joke

**Guest speaker:**

Alan Eldridge introduced Ken Prime after reminding the club that Past DG Bruce Allen learnt all about Rotary from the Western Table.

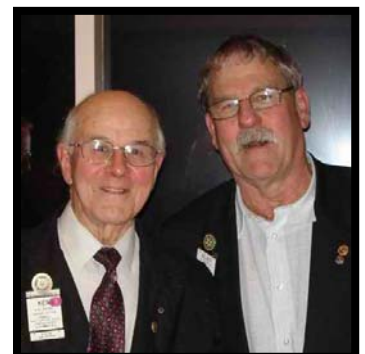
**In 1938** Ken first came to Blackwood as a member of the Norwood Scouts for a weekend excursion and he recalled sleeping under the Horners Bridge on the Sturt River. It was Dr Bob Russell who enticed Ken to start up a business in Blackwood. Almost immediately Ken got involved with organizing a Spring Fair on the Hewitt Oval.

**In 1955** noticed how many people were going to Adelaide to do shopping rather than shopping at Blackwood because what they wanted was not available locally. He decided to set up a business to supply whatever people wanted.

Sales led to the formation of lots of associated clubs (eg. Angling, table tennis, model planes and model trains) to most of which, Ken seemed to belong.

Ken talked about the growth of the shopping precinct and the gradual improvement of conditions. He also reminisced about the changing nature of some of the buildings as old was gradually replaced by new or different.

The talk was interspersed with anecdotes, personal reminiscences and humour as Ken took us from the 1950's to the 1980's. His story about demonstrating the first Rotary mower near the old post office and



Winns Bakery was a classic

Chairman Alan assured us that Ken has enough material for at least two more talks to the club, and there was a strong suggestion that we should follow up on the prospect of getting Ken's history recorded through the Mortlock Library

### Duty Roster

Meeting No.	1793	1794	1795	1796
Date	16-08-05	23-08-05	30-08-05	6-09-05
Fellowship	R. Green	B. Hughes	G. Lough	Gerald Morris
Reg. Assistant	B. Flynn	Jeff Hunter	J. Lewis	Neville Newton
Furniture	R. Hanson	Geoff Kamm	B. Matthews	P. Pargeter
	H. Henbest	B. Lehmann	M. McLaren	J. Pearce
Chairman	B. Hughes	M. McLaren	R. Eccleston	Sue Wymond
Speaker	Theo Ruckert	Peter Rostron	Joanne Howard G Lough	Kate Gallagher
Topic	Donations in kind	Solar water purification	GSE Mexican experience	At RYLA
Bulletin editor	John Lewis	John Lewis	Susan Sedivy	Susan Sedivy

### Important dates

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Nov 19 Rotary Fair	Aug 19 Jill Tierney	Aug 25 Viv & David Rusk
May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2006 Music Fest	Aug 22 D. Rusk	Aug 29 Jan & Bob Arnold
Aug 30th GSE Mexico open night	Aug 22 I Wicks Aug 25 Don Venus	
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> DG's visit open night	Aug 28 T Abbott Aug 30 C. Lloyd	

