



Rotary Club of Blackwood Inc
 Chartered 14th September 1970
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District 9520

International President: Dong Kurn (DK) Lee

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Club President:	Ray Smith
Secretary:	Ken Roscrow
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President Elect:	Cherilyn Fleming

BOARD

Directors	
Finance:	Robyn Venus
Club Service:	Bernie Morgan
Future Generations:	Michael McClaren
Community Service:	Graham Roberts
Youth and Vocational Service:	Sue Wymond
International Service:	John Penta

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?



Rotary Club of Blackwood Inc, PO Box62, Blackwood, SA, 5051
Meeting Venue: Belair Park Country Club, Upper Sturt Rd, BELAIR
Tuesday 6.00 for 6.30PM

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OR WISH TO BRING A GUEST
PLEASE RING LJ Hookers Blackwood office on 8278 9111 by Tuesday 12.00 noon.

Club Web Site:	http://www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood
District 9520 Web Site:	http://www.rotarnet.com.au/9520
Rotary International Web Site:	http://www.rotary.org

INVOCATION AND TOAST

John Jackson led all present in the invocation and toast.

PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Ray Smith

Welcomed **Iain Evans** the guest speaker

Read a **letter of retirement** from **Arthur Finch** who has been in **Rotary for 40 years**.

Praised the quality of the Blackwood High School year 8 presentations.

Reminded members of the **Christmas party next week**

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Helen Henbest supported the President's comments about the Blackwood High year 8 presentations

Graham Lough handed over cheques to the value of **\$2970 as proceeds from the wine bottling**

Bob Arnold reported on the "**Review of Retirement**" survey which Rotarians had supported. Rotarians responded at a rate of 43% and the general population responded at 6%.

Russel Ecclestone reminded members of the **Cakes and Puddings**

Robyn Venus has found **Singapore coins** in the change box

Alan Eldridge congratulated **Cherilyn Fleming** and the committee on a **successful Fair**

Bob Arnold may be about to retire (from work, not Rotary); If settlement goes through on his business on 19/12/08

Tom Davenport regrets the retirement of Arthur Finch and spoke of the service he had given to the CORE group

ATTENDANCE

Attendance: **81%** Raffle: **Tony Hughes** Makeups: **Bob Arnold** - Mitcham, Noarlunga, Reynella

SERGEANTS SESSION

Fines Amount: . **Margaret Congram** carried the box in a very lively fines session with **Sgt. Barbara** interspersing a few humorous fines Those fined included Graham Roberts, Cherilyn Fleming, Tom Davenport, George Sargent, Helen Henbest and Arthur Finch There was also a lively Cross fine session.

Community Service Report December 2008

The Community Service arm of the Club is treading water at this time whilst effort has been directed towards the Christmas Fair.

It is not the intention to merely give out funds to the many local, and sometimes not so local, charities and causes who send out numerous begging letters to all and sundry in the hope of striking lucky. Many of these letters are photo copied many times over and are not even signed personally by the instigating cause or charity.

Some of the well known local charities take it for granted that we will donate to them and make less than a professional approach for funds; funds that this club has generated by hard work for putting back into the local community where it is most needed. Any such requests from these bodies will be closely monitored and assessed before any commitment

Genuine and meaningful local requests for help or support will continue to be favourably considered.

It is considered that the Club needs a local Community project that we can all get involved in and which will attract additional funding from Community orientated Organisations such as Bendigo/Adelaide Banks who are keen to get involved in Community projects.

I have had an exploratory meeting with their State Community Enterprise Manager which was most encouraging.

I invite any Club member who has an idea or thought for such a local project to let me know and it will be considered with others for adoption and action.

No matter how “way out” you may think your idea is let me know.

Graham Roberts
Community Service Director

Tuesday, 02 December 2008

Copy to Bulletin Editor

MONTHLY REPORT — Club Service

As busy life styles (especially in retirement) cause many absences from home and as our membership numbers are now 40, our dinner meetings are of concern to Club Service. We are maintaining the quality of our speakers (thanks Elizabeth) and Reg Hanson does a good job liaising with the Country Club and advising District of attendance numbers. Club Bulletins are produced by the efforts Terry, Sue Sedivy and Ken.

Richard and Russell ensure that our sound system is set up and working every week and members are generally responding to their rostered jobs. Given our lower membership numbers and the absences, we should all expect to do a little more to maintain the friendliness of our meetings and assist the members who work every week for our meetings.

Any member who plans to be absent for an extended period is asked to advise our Board so that the Board can grant "leave of absence". It is an RI requirement for members to attend 50% of meetings (at home or in "make ups"). Any period of "leave of absence" is excluded from the attendance requirement.

Helping Reg Hanson make good predictions of dinner numbers is a great benefit. Twice this Rotary year, the Club has had to pay for meals not eaten because of non notification of absence/apology by some members. If you know you are to be absent from a meeting, please let Reg know the week before. When this is not possible, if you do not telephone LJ Hooker's office at Blackwood on 82789111 by 12 noon on Tuesday, Reg counts you in and this may result in our Club's hard earned money being wasted as well as your meal.

Suggestions for improvement of any aspect of Club Service are welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Jackson introduced **Iain Evans** who as well as being the **local member** is also an **honorary member of the club**.

Iain spoke to us about the case of **local man Tom Easing** who had recently been acquitted of charges of sexual misconduct with 8 young boys.

The case cost Tom and his brother about \$2 million to defend and even though he was acquitted, he has no hope of reimbursement unless deliberate malice in relation to the charges can be proven.

Iain took us through the whole saga and explained why many people are concerned about the investigation process and fear that similar stories could occur.

Iain is pushing for a royal Commission into the whole affair and urged us to use our voice to add to the call.

Space is not sufficient here to recount the full story, but Iain gave members a copy of an article from the Independent Weekly of December 2007, which gives a detailed and accurate account of the whole affair.

CLOSE

Pres Ray closed the service with some jokes about calories and reminded everyone about the Blackwood Christmas pageant

Terry Tierney — Bulletin Editor

MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS

Meeting No.	1963	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	1964
Date	16th December	23rd December	30th December	Wednesday 7th January 2009
Fellowship	Roger Wheaton			Neil White
Reg. Assistant	John Walters			Trevor Abbott
Furniture	Ken Roscrow Barry Sheridan			Bob Arnold Sue Wymond
Chairman	Ray Smith			RC Mitcham
Speaker	Various			Various
Topic	Christmas Party Meeting			Combined meeting
Bulletin editor	Terry Tierney			Sue Sedivy

COMING EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
December 16th (Tuesday) Christmas Meeting	Dec 21 - Peter Pargeter Dec 26 - Russell Eccleston	Dec 18 - Peter and Jenny Geer Dec 30 - Richard and Di Dix
March 14th 2009 (Saturday) Guess who's Coming to Dinner	Dec 29 - Caroline Smith Jan 2 - Robyn Venus	
April 4th 2009 (Saturday) – Musicfest	Jan 6 - Colleen Penny (Morgan) Jenny Geer	