

## ROTARY MEETING No. 1864

Twenty four Blackwood Rotarians travelled to The Edinburgh Hotel, High St, Mitcham on Wednesday 10 January for the annual joint meeting with our mother club, the Rotary Club of Mitcham. As usual they made us very welcome. Amongst the throng was past Blackwood member Peter Trumble who couldn't miss being amongst his former club members, he was there with Mitcham member Geoff Robinson, also with an Agriculture classification.

**PRESIDENTS WELCOME:** Pres Chris Dodsworth of Mitcham began proceedings at 6:30 pm with a welcome to members of both clubs, for Mitcham it was meeting number 2285, for Blackwood 1864. Pres Chris had a number of reminders for her club members including manning the Bookshop which is now at Frewville and doing better than ever since its move from Mitcham. Mitcham will have a working bee at the bookshop storage shed at Lynton on Jan 24, the Mitcham Rotary Fair will be held on 17 March, 2007. Pres Chris reminded Rotarians of the District Conference to be held on May 3 – May 6 in the Barossa Valley (John Jackson has registration forms for Blackwood members, it is cheaper to register by 31 Jan). Acting for our Pres Bob Arnold, V Pres Bob Lehmann asked those present to consider the Blackwood Musicfest 2007. To be held on 31 March, the Musicfest this year will feature SA Co-Opera, a company that toured Asia performing its combination of traditional, light and modern opera, they will include selections from La Boheme, Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Oklahoma and others. In addition The Australian Army Band will play selections from their extensive repertoire. VPres Bob also explained that he was standing in for Pres Bob Arnold who was on his way to hospital after being diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis in a leg. He was in the Ashford Hospital as this report was being produced (Thurs).

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** There was adequate time for fellowship between the two clubs, Geoff Bailey from Mitcham who has long been a stalwart for the Indigenous Scholarships scheme was able to catch up with our Director for Youth, John Lewis. It seems Geoff has another awardee for our club to sponsor this year, SA have 17 awardees out of 64 nationally (all medical scholarships of various descriptions).

**GUEST SPEAKER:** The surprise speaker was none other than PDG (2004-5) Euan Miller of the Norwood Club. He gave a rambling talk, sometimes humorous, sometimes of his native New Zealand, at other times somewhat disparaging of RI administration in Evanston, USA. But he was positive in his opinion that women since being admitted to Rotary Clubs in the 1990s have contributed greatly to the clubs. PDG Euan was introduced and thanked by the chairman for the evening Graham Kernick of Mitcham.

**SERGEANT'S SESSION:** Keith Millington from Mitcham and Alan Eldridge from Blackwood held a joint fine session, fining almost everyone present, charter member Ken Prime carrying the fines box for Blackwood. The fines moneys were shared between the two clubs, our sergeant Alan being sure to fine many Mitcham members in addition to his own club members.

**MEETINGS CLOSE:** Hosting Pres Chris Dodsworth closed the meeting at 8:15 pm, declaring that the thirty sixth joint meeting between mother(Mitcham) and daughter(Blackwood) clubs was yet another resounding success.

<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>1868</b>
<b>Date</b>	16 Jan 2007	23 Jan 2007	<b>WEDNESDAY 31 Jan 2007</b>	6 Feb 2007
<b>Fellowship</b>	M Congram	T Davenport	R Huey-Williams	R Lehmann
<b>Reg. Assistant</b>	E Caldicott	C Fleming	J Hunter	J Kings
<b>Furniture</b>	D Collier E Cotton	A Eldridge A Finch	B Hughes G Kamm	K Lloyd G Lough
<b>Chairman</b>	Bob Richter	P Geer	Geoff Simpson	John Lewis
<b>Speaker</b>	Ross Colman	Paul Bradley		TBA
<b>Topic</b>	Indulgana Community School	The Future of Australia's Engineering Industry	Bowls Night with Flagstaff Hill	Bellevue Heights School
<b>Bulletin editor</b>				

<b>Coming events</b>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – Sat March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Jan 19 Ralph Green	Jan 16 Ken and Denise Roscrow
Musicfest Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2007	Jan 20 Gerald Taylor	Jan 17 Terry and Jill Tierney
	Jan 22 Barbara Pearce	Jan 18 Peter and Barbara Long
	Jan 23 John Jackson	Jan 23 John and Barbara Pearce
	Jan 28 Fay Collier	Feb 4 Neil and Kathleen White

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