



ROTARY MEETING No. 1892



Vice President and Chairman Barry Hughes opened the meeting with the invocation and toast to Australia and her people.

He welcomed guests including DG Peter Ochota and his wife as well as Rotary partners and said that it was pleasing to see so many wives at the meeting.

After announcing that there were no announcements VP Barry made everyone aware of the newsletter on tables about the Joint 9500 and 9520 membership workshop to be held shortly.



VP Barry presented Hilary Flynn with a bottle of wine, flowers and a certificate in recognition of her hard work and organisation of the Art Show, which was a great success.

A complimentary bottle of wine is provided on all tables courtesy of Pres. Michael.

VP Barry awarded DG Peter with recognition of Centurion membership.

Attendance: 65%

Raffle: Tom Davenport

Make-ups: 1

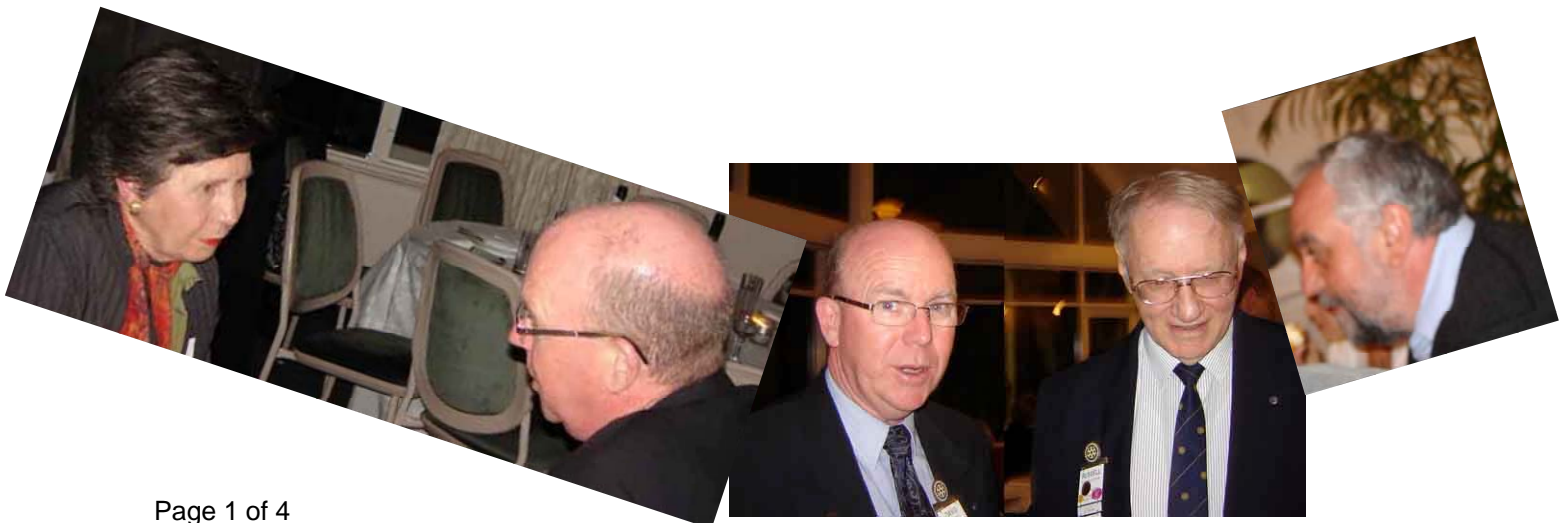
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- Peter Geer - project volunteers malaria eradication has been successful and now has rolling funding.
- Bob Richter – Blackwood High School is interested to be involved in the War memorial project
- Neil White – Pride of Workmanship is on again and Neil is looking for nominations. A reward will be given to the person who nominates a successful PoW.
- Alan Eldridge - Phil Drummond is in hospital with multiple health problems but is doing well.



- John Jackson advised that Phil Drummond's wife is in Ashford Hospital.
- David Rusk – news on the two Gerald's. Gerald Taylor is not well enough to attend. Gerald Morris is busy with work and family commitments and will be back soon but needs a little more time.



Guest Speaker

VP Barry introduced DG Peter Ochota. DG Peter said that whilst he was going to present a broad ranging discussion regarding goals and dreams for the future he recognised that all Rotary Clubs are autonomous, they respond to their community needs and look at their own opportunities for the year. District Governors are there to inspire and support clubs to achieve their goals. Blackwood Rotary does a great job of being involved.

DG Peter said that there were a number of opportunities for Rotary Clubs this year to share the Rotary vision with others. Pres Wilf has set several emphasise including water, health and education.



Dreams for the coming year were to continue the polio program which is doing well. Develop an alumni program and support peace and conflict studies.

DG Peter spoke about district goals and the Rotary Foundation. He encouraged Rotary Club of Blackwood to get involved with this project.

Membership is a key issue for all clubs and we need to be innovative in order to grow. The membership seminar is designed to assist clubs to learn more about membership – retaining and attracting. Health check on our club. How welcoming is the club to others. What are the first impressions that are made on speakers, guests and others who walk through our door?

He left a recognition pin for sponsoring new members and said there's more where that came from.

Alumni contact – keep in contact with those who have had experience with Rotary (eg RYLA, RYWELL, GSE, RYPEN etc).



DG Peter is hoping that a new club will be proposed for the District this year. Existing clubs can only propose new clubs and new clubs could include breakfast clubs or lunch clubs. Other clubs might be younger clubs for under 40s (eg Adelaide Edge), or Rotorac (18-25).

We have to look beyond our immediate club environment, beyond the immediate level club to ensure a Rotary future.

The Rotary website and the Downunder magazine could be used to market Rotary. Perhaps leave the magazine in doctor's waiting rooms etc.

Lights out at 7.30pm. Unfortunately due to a power failure all lights went out and DG Peter had to try to complete his presentation in the dark with a few prompts from Meredith.

Some other points he made were about home hosting for the District Conference at Westminster, which will have some excellent speakers. Look up the conference website www.Rotary9520conference.org.au. There is an early bird discount which finishes tonite. He promoted the RYDA program (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) for year 11 students.

After complimenting the club for its good work DG Peter took a couple of questions in the dark by those who were game enough to stand and try to be noticed.

As the author of the Bulletin could not see in the candlelight recording of the Sergeant's session is limited.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Mark Burns conducted the Sergeant's session by candlelight. Cherylin carried the box.

- All those who arrived after Pres Michael (where is he anyway) oh it must be VP Barry.
- Barbara for going to Melbourne recently.



- The remainder is unrecorded but it was a good and productive session. Fortunately he wasn't able to read his jokes.

VP Barry tried to close the meeting with a joke but was overshadowed by Reg Tannebring who asked us all to raise our hands because many hands make light work. Laughter erupted.

Bulletin Editor – Sue Sedivy



Rotarians are reminded that their Partners are always welcome at our meetings, not just on special nights eg Community Forums, DG's Visit, Christmas etc. etc. We are an open Club.

Meeting No.	1893	1894	1895	1896
Date	7 August 2007	14 August 2007	21 August 2007	28 August 2007
Fellowship	T Davenport	R Hanson	J Jackson	C Lloyd
Reg. Assistant	A Finch	H Henbest	R Lehmann	P Pargeter
Furniture	A Eldridge B Flynn	P Geer B Hughes	J Hunter J Lewis	G Lough L Meszaros
Chairman	Laz Meszaros	Barbara Chappell	Ian Wicks	Michael McClaren
Speaker	Dr Denby Steele	Brenton Chappell	John Jackson	Bob MacIntosh- RAAF, Robert Miels- Army
Topic	Prostate Cancer	General Practice	Experiencing Persia	Vietnam Remembered
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Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
October 2 nd Featured Speaker Terry McCrann	August 1 Dianne Richter	
Oct 16 th Pride of Workmanship	August 3 Jan Arnold	
November 17 th Christmas Fair		

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>