



**Rotary Club of Blackwood Inc**  
 Chartered 14<sup>th</sup> September 1970  
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# District 9520

**International President: Dong Kurn (DK) Lee**

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Club President:	<b>Ray Smith</b>
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Finance:	<b>Robyn Venus</b>
Club Service:	<b>Bernie Morgan</b>
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Community Service:	<b>Graham Roberts</b>
Youth and Vocational Service:	<b>Sue Wymond</b>
International Service:	<b>John Penta</b>

### 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.**

<b>Club Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood">http://www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood</a>
<b>District 9520 Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.rotarnet.com.au/9520">http://www.rotarnet.com.au/9520</a>
<b>Rotary International Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.rotary.org">http://www.rotary.org</a>

## VOCATIONAL VISIT TO FOODBANK

**Peter Geer welcomed 21 members and 11 guests** (including our GSE applicant to Brazil — Tanyia Heath) to the meeting at Foodbank 377A Cross Road, EDWARDSTOWN, and introduced **Foodbank South Australia's General Manager, Leigh Royans**.

**Leigh** told how he and a group of concerned business people got together about 11 years ago to consider whether it was viable to establish a Foodbank in Adelaide, to help feed the growing numbers turning to charities across the state for food-relief assistance. 18 months in the planning to undertake a Feasibility Study / Business Planning Modelling / Fundraising of about \$1m cash to establish the centre and purchase necessary infrastructure.

When the Edwardstown distribution centre was first opened in Sept 2000, we had 12 welfare agencies using our service. By the end of the 1st year there were about 140 member groups and today, over 530 not-for-profit community groups are members of Foodbank SA. The charity was started with a full-time general manager and 3 staff (and a volunteer Board). In that 1st year of operation they sourced, stored and redistributed 170,000 kilograms of food to South Australians in need. Almost 10 years on and we now have a small branch operating in Mt Gambier and soon to open another branch in Whyalla, employing in total 6.5 fulltime staff, but, our annual food sourcing and redistribution has grown to around 1.2 million kilograms of food. The problem of food insecurity is getting larger, not smaller.

TodaySA with around 400 food donor companies across Australia, that help us with food donations, non-perishable, fresh fruit & veg, dairy &. They also have partnerships with around 170 financial sponsors companies, plus many service Clubs across the state (Names of partners (including Rotary Districts 9520 and 9500 were prominently displayed on bill boards in the warehouse). These financial sponsors assist the charity with cash to help underpin the day-to-day operations, help provide investment into new infrastructure, and also help in some innovative programs that allow the preferential purchase of selected staple foods that are otherwise seldom available to Foodbank --- the same foods needed most by the hundreds of welfare programs we serve. Examples given included obtaining pasta and milk by forming ingenious partnerships with farmers, transport companies and manufacturers.

Leigh took us on a tour of the warehouse including its cool rooms and freezer and demonstrated great enthusiasm for the operation, its staff and volunteers. He finished with the quote:

"The road ahead is uncertain, the playing field has all but been redesigned of late due to the Global Financial Crisis, but one thing you can 'bank' on is that Foodbank SA will find ways to continually re-invent itself, to build new collaborations whilst preserving long term ones, to ensure that together, we can find proactive and efficient ways to ensure that the marginalised in our own community don't always miss out."

Graham Roberts (Community Services Director) then presented Leigh with a \$500 cheque to Foodbank. Our last donation to Foodbank was used to purchase pasta using one of Leigh's partnership schemes that resulted in unbelievable value for money.



Vice President Bernie closed the meeting thanking all for their attendance. Many members and guests then retired to the Avoca Hotel for dinner.

**Bernie Morgan — Bulletin Editor**

## MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS

Meeting No.	1976	1977	1978	1979
Date	7th April	14th April	21st April	28th April
Fellowship	Bob Richter	Sue Wymond	Trevor Abbott	Tom Davenport
Reg. Assistant	Bob Sothman	Tom Sweeney	Bob Arnold	Bill Flynn
Furniture	Ken Roscrow Graham Roberts	John Walters Neil White	Mark Burns Elizabeth Caldicott	Barbara Chappell Alan Eldridge
Chairman	President Ray	Bill Flynn	Barbara Chappell	Sue Wymond
Speaker		Keith Walker	Ian Parsons	Don Venus
Topic	Buddy night & committee meetings	KESAB Frogs	Mental Health 1st Aid Kits	The CFS
Bulletin editor	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney

## COMING EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Art Show - July 10 - 19	April 10 - Ray Smith	