



COMMUNITY FORUM ROTARY MEETING No. 1902



President Michael gave the invocation and toast to Australia and her people following Rotarians and guests which including guest speaker Terry McCrann, PDG Bob Northcote and his wife Margaret, Ian Evans (MP), Andrew Southcott (Federal MP), Marion, Reynella and Burnside clubs and past Blackwood Rotarians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Bob Arnold

Reminded Rotarians about Roadwatch on the 20th October

Community Service Committee

Spoke about the Indulkana not so good school bus that funds are being raised to buy and the sports equipment, books and other equipment that have been donated to the school.

Spoke about the Belair National Park War Memorial that will be finished for Anzac Day 2008 and will go on the National Heritage List.

Michael McClaren International Committee

Spoke about ROMAC and the 2 East Timorese children who have been having surgery in Adelaide. PP Elizabeth is providing care and accommodation for families who Qantas flew to Adelaide free of charge.

Shelter boxes used in time of natural disaster – Rotary has provided 137 to meet immediate needs of villagers in Nepal and 25 in Jamaica.

Sue Wymond New Generations

Reported on the National Science Forum in Canberra and advised that Ian Knight (our successful candidate) will be attending this 2 week intensive session. She spoke of the Siemens Science Experiment which is held annually at Flinders University – we will be supporting 3 young people from Blackwood High to attend this and finally the Indigenous Health Scholarship recipient David Copley why is completing a Bachelor of Nursing at Flinders University.

ROADWATCH 20th October 2007

Sue Sedivy
(swapped with Jeff
Hunter)

Ian Wicks

Helen Henbest

Bill Flynn

Carl Lloyd

Barbara
Chappell

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Neil White – Pride of Workmanship bottle of wine has been won by Jeff Hunter.

Barb Warley will be the guest speaker on the night. Tickets are \$30 per head including a glass of wine and 3 course meal. Numbers please and payment.

Bob Lehman– Reminder that October is a busy month and to diarise Oct 23rd for Group 5 joint meeting. Guest speaker – Nobby Clarke and Dr Grant Whiteman.

Graham Lough – wine bottling should be on 4th November – flyers will be out soon. This may be the last wine bottling as red wine is in short supply. The wine is a Dennis Shiraz.

Russel E – is selling cakes, puddings and short break biscuits @ \$15 each.



GUEST SPEAKER – TERRY MCCRANN (China Syndrome)

Chairman President Michael introduced Terry McCrann. Terry is a well renowned journalist who we are privileged to have as a guest speaker. He has been a journalist for over 25 years and has a wide readership. He has won numerous awards including the Golden Quill Award and the Walkley Award.

Terry began gave an erudite presentation which he began with a political joke and asked the question – China! Where to now?

The impact of China on the world's economy has crept up on us. It's like the elephant in the living room that we would not have anticipated. How could we predict that 10 years after Tianemen Square on China would be a fully functioning economy. Terry said that China has been driving the economy. Without China there would be a downturn, the \$ would be low and interest rates would be at least 10\$ (inflation) or 3% (recession).

70% of all shoes in the world are now made in China. US trade was \$20billion now \$330billion. China has benefited from this growth. Exports and imports have grown exponentially and China's exports have quadrupled. China is the world's factory. America is the world's consumer and Australia is the world's supplier. China is a master at keeping inflation low. Australia sells raw products at a high price which benefits Australia's trade with other countries. China uses 10% of the world's oil. Growth in the global economy is driven by China and should stay strong. Australia has had a huge surge in business investment and generated a huge rise in corporate profits and government surplus.

No-one can start a manufacturing business today without being aware of China. The world economy is growing at an accelerated rate and the price that China pays for Australian products / raw materials sets the price for that the rest of the world will pay.

Size of US economy \$14,000billion

Size of Australian economy \$1,000billion

China is just beginning. As China grows the emissions grow. What we want is purity and prosperity but 80% of the world's energy comes from hydrocarbons (oil, gas, coal etc).

President Michael thanked Terry McCrann for his information presentation and thanked him for providing Blackwood Rotarians and guests with the benefit of his knowledge on China. He also thanks Rotarians who worked hard to make the evening a success.

REMEMBER IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND NEXT WEEK - RING THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER BEFORE 12.00 ON TUESDAY.

Meeting No.	1903	1904	1905	1906
Date	9 th October	16 TH October	23rd October	30 October 2007
Fellowship	Peter Geer	Jeff Hunter	Graham Lough	
Reg. Assistant	Reg Hanson	Bob Lehmann	John Penta	
Furniture	Helen Henbest Barry Hughes	John Lewis Carl Lloyd	Ken Prime Bob Richter	
Chairman	Michael McClaren	Neil White	Bob Arnold	Russell Eccleston
Speaker	Colin McFarlane	Barb Warley		Luke Westley
Topic	Operation Cleft	Pride of Workmanship	Combined meeting, group 5	Carclew Youth Arts
Bulletin editor	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Oct 16 th Pride of Workmanship		October 8th - Michael and Pat McClaren October 9th - Ken and Mary Prime
November 17 th Christmas Fair		

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

Speaker Colin Macfarlane
Topic Operation Cleft
DURATION APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES



Colin Macfarlane - Owner operator of a 200 bed student housing village for International students attending Deakin University, Burwood Campus, Director, Glencoe Foundation and **Project Director, Operation Cleft, Rotary Club of Box Hill Central PHF - Sapphire**

The Glencoe Foundation was established by Colin some years ago to provide financial assistance to motivated young people in need. The Foundation aims to help them realise their full potential by providing educational or medical opportunities that, for a variety of reasons may not otherwise be available. The Foundation is currently involved in projects in East Timor, Bangladesh, Zambia, Sri Lanka, and multiple projects in Vietnam.

Operation Cleft

In 2005 the Glencoe Foundation joined with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central to form Operation Cleft. The project operates in developing countries and aims to provide life changing surgery for young people with a cleft lip or palate.

Every \$ raised for Operation Cleft pays for local surgeons in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Laos and India to perform cleft surgery on children and adults from surrounding areas. 100% of the money raised contributes to surgery, hospital and pre and post op medication: 0% is spent on overheads. Glencoe Foundation pays for all administration and fundraising costs.

Board members are all Rotarians from District 9810.

If you require further information:

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