

## ROTARY MEETING No. 1856

### Invocation & Toast

Jeff Hunter opened the meeting with the invocation and toast though he did have trouble remembering who he had to toast.

### Welcome

Pres Bob welcomed guests: Bill Flynn introduced his Father-in-law Harold Walton, Arthur Finch (possibly still suffering the after effects of the anaesthetic) introduced John Fender, Krishna, David Starkers, Sam Pearson.



### President Bob's Announcements

- ❖ Calperum Station Visit had been a great success with a total of 14 attending
  - . Bob Lehmann reported it as his first visit for many years and he would like to go again/ Good accommodation and excellent food
  - Richard Dix has taken a video and is editing it to a DVD
- ❖ Reminder that the ladies auxiliary need items for the White Elephant Stall.
- ❖ November is a very busy month
  - Nov.4<sup>th</sup> Recreation Centre Annual Dinner
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> Wine bottling
    - 9.30 start 3 barrels to do
    - Maps to Howard Moss on table
    - Surnames A-L bring a salad
    - Surnames M-Z bring a salad
    - Cost \$7,50
    - Bring own crockery, cutlery, chairs drinks
    - Those who can't be there can collect their wine from G lough at his place after Sunday
  - Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair
  - Nov 19<sup>th</sup> rotary club of Reynella Quiz Night
  - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> DG visit partners urged to attend
  - Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Dinner Guest speaker- Carolyn Jones first women president of Rotary Foundation
  - Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Rotary club of Noarlunga 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with invite for Blackwood to send a party
- ❖ Another request from lions for help in February



### Make-ups

Geoff Kramm who visited the London club which was the epitome of british culture  
 Jeff hunter who attended the Blackwood High school Presentation Night to present the Allrounder prize.  
 Also Gerald Morris attended. Jeff also reorted that G Kamm had treceived life membership from the pharmaceutical Society

**Raffle:** Don Collyer's ticket.



**Attendance:** 45 present; 2 makeups; 84%  
 (please send in apologies if not attending next week (Melbourne Cup Day))

### Announcements for the Good of Rotary

- ❖ Bob Richter-.Foodbank Sa has received sufficient donations from Rotary to provide 10.5 tons of pasta
- ❖ Bob Lehmann-
  - Nur is out of hospital and will see her Doctor next week to find out if she needs more surgery
  - Her home in Jakarta has been burnt down and she has lost everything (**Can we do something to help**)
- ❖ Russell Ecclestone- Thank you to people who helped with huge order that went out last Friday and back Saturday 8 helpers Friday and 6 Saturday
- ❖ Helen Henbest Reported on the meeting re Belair National Park and proposal to change entry
- ❖ Eric Cotton-CHRISTMAS FAIR
  - Need as many helpers as possible for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need to know who is coming to the BBQ after the Fair
  - Members asked to take fliers about the fair and to distribute them
  - Elkhorns for sale \$20, \$15 and \$10

### Sergeant Allan's fines – Barry Hughes carried the box because he hand waters his garden every night

- ❖ Grtaham Roberts – new member
- ❖ Tom Davenport – how was last week?
- ❖ Robyn Venus – sleeping with the dog
- ❖ Bill Flynn – avoiding Mother-in-law
- ❖ Terry Tierney – customs problems
- ❖ Arthur Finch- rumoured throat operation
- ❖ Calperum visitors
- ❖ Pres. Bob- late start to trip
- ❖ Ray Smith- 4 wheel drive course
- ❖ Ken Roscrow- did not go
- ❖ David Rusk- table cloth trick that went wrong
- ❖ Neil White- water restrictions
- ❖ Jeff Hunter- messing up toast
- ❖ Arthur Finch- garbled intro of his guest
- ❖ Sam Pearson – for being her
- ❖ Richard Dix- what is he editing out on the video?
- ❖ Peter Geer- finally got his glass for “This is my life”
- ❖ Peter Geer.and Eric Cotton- How do you hang an Elkhorn?



### Cross-fines

- ❖ Mark Burns on the sergeant for using staff to buy his lunch
- ❖ David Starkers – for not getting his name correct
- ❖ Michael McLaren- on Barry Hughes for chatting up the new (female) bank manager.



### Speaker, Ben Calcraft, on Aboriginal History of the Adelaide Plains and Hills

Jeff Hunter introduced the speaker who is a lawyer, holds four degrees, is an initiated member of the Kaurna people. Ben has experience as an aboriginal legal rights lawyer, in land rights issues, in native title issues and in aboriginal policy issues.

Ben has also represented Australia in Rugby and water polo.

Ben began by thanking Jeff and congratulating him on graduating from Blackwood High after 30 years.and saw it as a triumph of persistence over intelligence.

In 1836 the Adelaide coast was sandhills from Semaphore to Brighton. No creeks got through to the sea and there was a marshy swamp along the whole area.

The Kaurna people occupied the area from Brinkworth-Barossa Valley-Picadilly-Parawa and consisted of about 600 people.\They thought the first white people were the gots of their ancestors returning from Kangaroo Island which was seen as the land of the dead.



The majority of Aboriginal people are of the B blood group and this makes them susceptible to white man diseases. Disease, more than any other factor, has contributed to the demise of aborigines in South Australia.

People owned small areas of land (about 100 hectares) called Punkas.

The most important people in the tribe were the hunters who had spears and weapons for

- Large animals; Small animals; Fish (nets)(up to 100 metres in length and made from hair); Digging sticks for shellfish and crustaceans

The aborigines wore clothing made from possum skins and migrated from the plains to the hills during summer when the plains became dry

The people had a series of relationships and ways of identifying status etc. These included

- Song lines; Dreaming trails; Clans; Skin groups; Moiety group

Young people were initiated at about the age of 14. Culture could only be transmitted to initiated members and as a result much culture has been lost. Disease has been mainly responsible for the loss of aboriginal culture. Things like measles, cholera, smallpox and influenza were devastating for the aboriginals. When the last initiated man dies, the culture dies.

Homosexuality and incest were especially banned and punished with exile(exile was powerful because language was specific to an area and an exile was deprived of that local knowledge)

Aboriginal people did not handle death very well and their culture was very complicated. In 1993 the last full blood narrinjeri person died.

Ben expects that in his lifetime the last full blood kurna people will die out

Mt Barker was the major initiation site for three groups

Ben answered several questions on

- Initiation; Where he got his knowledge; DNA testing

#### President Bob's closing remarks

- ❖ President Bob thanked Ben for his excellent presentation and said we must get him back.
- ❖ Reminder: committee meetings next week



#### Bulletin Editor – Terry Tierney

Meeting No.	1857	1858	1859	1860
Date	7 Nov 2006	14 Nov 2006	21 Nov 2006	28 Nov 2006
Fellowship	R Huey-Williams	C Fleming	G Lough	G Morris
Reg. Assistant	H Henbest	B Lehmann	G Morris	P Pargeter
Furniture	J Kamm J Kings	J Lewis C Lloyd	M McClaren L Meszaros	J Pearce K Oliver
Chairman	B Arnold	B Richter	B Arnold	B Arnold
Speaker	Mark Burns/Eric Cotton	Michelle Colmer	DG Bob Northcote	Various
Topic	Fair Briefing And Committee Meetings	A Fortunate Life	TBA	AGM, Election of Officers for 2007 and Club Assembly
Bulletin editor	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> Wine Bottling	Nov 4 Carlotta Green	Nov 3 John and Margaret Kings
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair	Nov 5 Elizabeth Morris	Nov 10 Doug and Shirley Symonds
	Nov 6 Stan Tolley	Nov 19 Arthur and Marcia Finch
	Nov 9 Elizabeth Caldicott	Dec 4 Bob and Dianne Richter
	Nov 18 Margaret Congram	Dec 11 Vern and Jean Surman

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