



## ROTARY MEETING No. 1903

Sergeant Barbara Chappell called all to order and then handed over to President Michael to do the invocation, toast and Four Way Test.

### President's Welcome and announcements

President Michael welcomed our two guests Rotarian Alan Hogarth from Napier NZ and our speaker, Colin Macfarlane from Box Hill Central, Victoria. He then made the following announcements;

- Reminded us of our many absent members like Margaret, Ken and David (Nepal) and Barry Sheridan (World Cup).
- Thanked everyone for their effort last week, but particularly Russell for his work in getting Terry McCrann to speak, hosting him, setting up furniture and packing it up again. *The bulletin editor would like to see more members helping Russell with furniture every week.*
- District Conference is on this weekend at Westminster School. **\*\*note\*\* Helen Henbest has paid registration but can not attend. If anyone wishes to attend in her place, please contact Sue Wymond or Cherilyn Fleming!**
- Told of attending the Blackwood Venturers award night where he met up with Nick and Barb Capon.
- Was disturbed at the poor attendance and members not advising the attendance officer of their inability to attend. **See attendance report!!!**
- **Next week** is the combined Clubs Pride of Workmanship night –**6.30 for 7pm.**
- Group 5 combined meeting is on 23/10 on subject of Calperum Station.
- There is **no Board meeting for October** given our meetings agendas and the District Conference.

### Makeups

Immediate Past President and Assistant Governor Bob Arnold reported attending Noarlunga and Reynella Club meetings in his A/G role. .

### **Announcements for the good of Rotary.**

- Bob Richter handed out more copies of the Roadwatch roster. If anyone does not have a copy, please see Bob. Roadwatch on 20/10 – Captain Bob R, crew Jeff H, Helen H, Carl, Ian W, Bill F and Barbara.
- Ray Smith announced a Fair Committee meeting here tonight.
- Jeff Hunter asked that all attending the District Conference give rapturous applause to our Blackwood High speaker in the Four Way speech competition. He then announced that his brother John received his Paul Harris recognition from the Rotary Club of Adelaide last week.
- Sergeant Barbara then tested our rapturous applause with a “surgical” joke.
- A/G Bob Arnold asked everyone to attend our meeting on 23/10. In his A/G role he has boasted of our size and reputation and does not want to be let down. Good speakers (like Nobby Clark from Melbourne) on Calperum as well as the Group 5 Presidents briefly talking on their aspirations. A/G Bob is hoping for joint Group projects and grants to generate from this night.
- Graham Lough reminded all of the wine bottling on 4/11 at Howard and Susan Moss’s home again. A “dodger” is now circulating regarding attendance and orders for wine.
- Russell announced the sale of Rotary cakes, puddings and short bread biscuits. He is also circulating a “dodger”.
- Following a question from the sergeant regarding the origin of the word “dodger”. Jeffrey Hunter gave a very plausible answer.
- Sue Wymond announced that the Pride of Workmanship night dinner cost was \$30, and called for early payment.

**Raffle;** Arthur Finch tried to claim a non existent bottle.

### **Sergeant’s session.**

Sergeant Barbara began by fining Bernie for losing his badge (marbles too?).

She then waded into those with football allegiances (particularly Port Adelaide) those lacking Rotary badges (not dinner plaques), Alan Eldridge for recycling, Tom Davenport for leading his grand daughter astray regarding the tooth fairy’s commitments at the old folks home, Robyn Venus for asking her dentist difficult questions, and Bob Arnold for his attire. Cross fines were also levelled with football jokes (Port Power’s lack of competitiveness). President Michael was also cross fined for inviting two ambulance crews to last weeks special meeting.

### **Attendance Report**

Reg Hanson reported the **worst attendance in his lengthy membership** of this Club.

21 members present, two guests, 14 apologies and 10 non appearances. **This resulted in some of our hard earned funds being wasted to pay for 13 meals for non attendance of these members and 3 expected guests.** All apologies must be made to Reg Hanson by 12.30 on Tuesdays.



### **Guest Speaker – Colin Macfarlane – “Operation Cleft”**

After a brief introduction by President Michael, Colin (a Paul Harris Fellow) gave a very professional and moving presentation on this “Operation” - an International Project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, now supported by Rotary Clubs throughout Australia. Colin started the Glencoe Foundation that organises surgical operations on people with cleft palates living in Bangladesh, India, Laos and Sri Lanka. This Foundation pays for all administrative costs associated with these operations and contracts **local** surgeons, anaesthetists, assistants and hospitals to conduct the cleft palate corrective surgery.

This enables all cleft palate victims to receive surgery to correct about 70% of their disability for between \$A140 and \$A200. Rotarians and Clubs make (tax deductible) donations to Operation Cleft through the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, resulting in one repairing cleft palate operation being conducted for every \$A150 raised. All donations of \$A150 or over receive a tax-deductible receipt and a certificate of appreciation, showing photos of children whose lives have been changed.

In a little over two years, more than 2,000 such operations have been conducted, making a huge difference to the lives of the victims and their families. Colin had numerous photos of before and after surgery, clearly demonstrating the impact it had.

Colin gave some background information on Bangladesh (size of Tasmania, 140 million people, estimated 140,000++ cleft palate victims) with photos of its abject poverty and happy, grateful people.

He also provided a glimpse of helping burns victims and providing speech therapy to cleft palate victims who had received surgery.

Colin handed out brochures and information and asked us to join the donors to this cause. He will be in the “House of Friendship” at the District Conference. Further information is available at [www.operationcleft.org.au](http://www.operationcleft.org.au) and donations can be made by secure payments over the net.

President Michael thanked Colin, and presented him with our usual goblet before closing the meeting by asking us to contact our buddy if we have not seen her/him at a meeting.

Part time and very temporary Bulletin Editor – Bernie Morgan

**REMEMBER IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND NEXT WEEK - RING THE  
ATTENDANCE OFFICER (REG HANSON – 8381 2514)  
BEFORE 12.00 ON TUESDAY.**

Meeting No.	1904	1905	1906	1907
Date	16 <sup>TH</sup> October	23rd October	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Fellowship	Jeff Hunter	Graham Lough		
Reg. Assistant	Bob Lehmann	John Penta		
Furniture	John Lewis Carl Lloyd	Ken Prime Bob Richter		
Chairman	Neil White	Bob Arnold	Russell Eccleston	
Speaker	Barb Warley		Luke Westley	
Topic	Pride of Workmanship	of Combined meeting, group 5	Carclew Youth Arts	
Bulletin editor	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> Pride of Workmanship		
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> Group 5 Combined Mtg		
November 17 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair		
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner		

Club Web Site:

<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood>

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Rotary International Web Site:

<http://www.rotary.org>