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THE FOUR WAY TEST
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



**President Bernie** 

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Terry who asked for the 4 Way Test to be cited by Dave Russell.

Bernie opened the meeting by welcoming all members, particularly the return of Sue Wymond. Sue responded, thanking the Club for the support she had received from members and for the scented cyclamen flowers she received from the Club.

#### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMNTS

### **Review of our Club in July**

Bernie had announced changes were required to our Club at the Changeover meeting, with the '4 ships' being the focus of those changes; Relationships, Partnerships, Leadership and Membership. Bernie said how pleased he was with the first month of this Rotary year. In July we had 5 meetings, two focused on the Art Show, and the other 3 all working on the '4 ships. In addition, the Wood Project was in full swing and the Bird Box project got a boost. Some of the highlights of the month were:

✓ We developed relationships (particularly with the Coromandel Valley Rotary Club who have now given us full access to their physical resources). We have offered to share ours, including our Long-Term Youth Exchange (LTYE) student.

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- ✓ Our partnership with the Blackwood High School (BHS) was enhanced with the success of the Art Show and enrolling our LTYE student into their school (at no cost to this our Club).
- Leadership was developed with Dave taking on the Chair of the Christmas Fair and involving our membership prospect Volkan in it as well.
   AND
- ✓ With membership, we celebrated admitting Trevor Abbott into Honorary Life Membership, and have Volkan undergoing the process to full membership.

From the positive feedback that both the President and Club Service Director received, the changes made for July lay the foundation for the future. To react to this positive feedback, and to reach our potential for the year, further changes will need to be made to Board procedures and processes, and to the bulletin production and distribution. It was a great first month, however.

#### **Club Vision**

Our Club's pictorial *Vision* has been on display at all Club activities this Rotary year. It is the pull up banner featuring us presenting the ukuleles to the Bellevue Heights Primary School and the words "The Service Club of Choice". Ken Roscrow produced two of these for us. One should be kept at the RSL and the other at the BREC shed and one of these banners should be displayed at all our Rotary activities this year. Thank you, Ken.

### Bernie's leadership style and feedback

One criticism received, was that Bernie displayed consistent dictatorial leadership. If you believe that his leadership is overly "dictatorial", please discuss it with him to ensure mutual understanding. Board decisions must be followed through, and as President of our Club, Bernie takes full responsibility for that.

#### Suggested improvements to meetings

Bernie said he would like to resume to two traditions of our Rotary Club.

1. The first is the acknowledgement of appreciation to a person at

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our meeting. It was always the tradition to give standing ovations to show our appreciation for our guests or special speakers. As members may not be comfortable in standing, they do not have to, but it would be great if all those able to honour our tradition of standing ovations, did so.

2. The other tradition needing amendment back to the old way is the Four Way Test without the addition of "is it fun". Many things we do for Rotary (like being President) are not fun. If it fulfils the 4 Rotary tests, it will provide some reward to the individual and be beneficial to all concerned, but it does not have to be fun for all. Please do not add "Is it Fun" to our 4 Way Test.

### Rotary Long-Term Youth Exchange (LTYE)

Sara Underland is setting in well and helped at the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday for 3 hours. We have another non-Rotary family who have offered to host Sara for a period of this Rotary year and have a young Mitcham resident who may be interested in being an outgoing student. There are also prospects at BHS for outgoing students. Thank you for your support for this program.

### **SERGEANT'S FUN SESSION**

There was plenty of action at this meeting and Terry did his usual best in raising \$45.50 during the Sergeant fun session. The Copper Box managed a healthy \$15.75.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

**Kevin Marsh** announced that members failing to register apologies with David and him or via Nicolle Flint's office was causing problems to our relationship with both the RSL and Luke. This meeting was an embarrassment when we were 4 down on predicted meals. This announcement was supported by Helen Henbest (and all present). Please help Kevin and David (who do a great job of manning the registration desk every week) maintain a good relationship with the RSL and Luke.

**Bernie** meant to announce the collection box for our community gym project at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. It raised \$68.30. Bernie will have more to say about this next week.

**Robyn / Bob L** - R I P Roger Wheaton - Today Bob Lehmann and I attended Roger's funeral. For those members who did not know Roger he was inducted as a member of the Club on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1992 and remained a member until ill health forced him to resign a few years ago.

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When I joined the Club, Roger had been Treasurer for about 5 years. Roger had researched any Club requirements with the introduction of GST and setup Club records using the MYOB accounting system. I was quite quickly asked to take over the role. At that stage the Treasurer maintained the finances for both the Club and Projects. There were over 50 members then. I would only consider the role if it was split into 2. Roger was a great mentor to me.

Back then, the counting house at the Christmas Fair was in a member's caravan set up on site. 3, sometimes 4 of us squeezed into the van to count and reconcile the takings. At the end of the day \$12-14,000 would be spread out on the bed. No computers then! If we were out of balance by more than \$10, Roger would have us count all over again.

Bruce – heading to Calperum for the Calperum & The Environment (CATE) meeting this weekend.

**Neil** – last weekend Bunnings BBQ raised \$1375. All BBQs went very well, and the next Bunning BBQ is end of September either on Thursday or Friday.

**Chris** – Reminder to everyone that Peoples Choice will be chasing us for Lottery tickets payment soon.

**Robyn** – last week circulated a Flyer for BHS dinner 19<sup>th</sup> September, so far 30 members & partners attending, and 5 vacancy remain – maximum of 35. Also, Richard and Don will be at the Shed this week.

**Sue** – Thanked everyone for their support over the last few weeks. Also mentioned that there will be a flyer out soon promoting a movie night for Friends of Nepal.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING & SUMMARY REPORT**

#### <u>Community Services Committee – by Martin</u>

This year the Community Services Committee is continuing to work towards building partnerships in our community and developing a community awareness of the impact our club has on needy causes. We have identified the following donations that we are considering in this Rotary year (2019/20):

ITEM	AMOUNT	
Christmas a Party for Special Kids	\$500	
RSL Defibrillator	\$1,800	
Christmas Food collection bins	\$500	
Blackwood Primary School	\$1,000	
History Board train station	\$1,000	
Artwork-Stobie poles	\$2,000	
1/4ly bbq x 3	\$1,500	
Memorial Hall - aircon	\$1,000	

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Mini Libraries	\$500
Joan's garden waste bins	\$500
Total	\$10,300
Multi year project - Outdoor gym	\$25,000
Grand Total	\$35,300

#### **International Service Committee- by Lyn**

The International Service committee agreed on a few small changes to our projected budget. This was due to us having applied for a District Grant to aid in the Soil Child Poultry Project in PNG. We had to increase out contribution a little, so that with the matching grant we could cover all the costs for setting this up, and ensuring it is running well. We had updates also on RAMs Malaria Projects and the RAWCs Food Plant Solutions Project.

#### **Membership and Promotions Committee - Terry**

- 1. <u>Hannaford Park: -</u> Bruce had received a call from the Mitcham Council officer charged with carriage of this project. He understood that Blackwood Rotary had pulled out.
  - Bernie had attended the open day on our behalf and told the people from Mitcham that he thought we were more interested in developing Karinya Reserve.
  - We will delay making a statement on this until we hear from Graham Lough as he has been the main driver on this matter.
- 2. <u>Electronic Sign: -</u> Terry has spoken to the Mayor and she has agreed to a meeting. Bernie has also written to her as a follow-up from the Art Show and asked for support with the sign. Bernie will accompany Terry to the meeting.
- 3. <u>Corporate membership/sponsorship:</u> Laura is keen to develop this and has been doing some research on what other clubs do. We agreed that the electronic sign is critical in relation to this topic, so we need to link both items.
- 4. <u>Video:</u> We understood that Laura was keen to develop a "UTUBE" type video to promote Blackwood rotary on our website and elsewhere online. We like the idea and in reporting to the meeting we mentioned that Voltan has expertise in this area, and he indicated a willingness to be involved.

#### <u>Youth and Vocation Committee – by Sue</u>

Topics for discussion:

**RYLA**: Application received from Helen Piercy; closing date 17.8.19. Interview – to be arranged.

LTYE: Sara from Norway has commenced program.

**NYSF**: Our student Lana Tubill has been accepted for January 2020. She attends St Johns Grammar. Payment of \$1,575 complete.

**Blackwood High School Dinner**: Planning in progress.

**Other Business**: Please refer to letter from Kiara Reardon who participating in the LTYE Outbound program in Appendix A below.

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Youth and Vocation Committee - Budget & Expenditure for 2019 - 2020							
Event	Proposed Payment	Allocated	Successful Applicant/Notes				
Rotary Programmes							
National Youth Science Forum 2018 (NYSF)	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	Lana Turbill				
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)	\$900.00						
Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment							
(RYPEN)	\$300.00	\$300.00	Sara Underland				
Rotary Youth Wellbeing (RYWELL)	\$500.00						
Long Term Youth Exchange (LTYE) - Outbound	\$300.00	\$300.00	Kiara Reardon				
Long Term Youth Exchange (LTYE) - Inbound	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00	Sara Underland - Allowance 12x\$140.00				
(LTYE) - Inbound	\$500.00	\$500.00	Sara Underland - Meals 20x\$25.00				
(LTYE) - Inbound	\$600.00	\$600.00	Sara Underland - Conference				
(LTYE) - Inbound	\$500.00	\$500.00	Sara Underland - Miscellaneous Expenditure				
Short Term Youth Exchange (STYE)	\$0.00						
Conco Phillips Science Experience	\$180.00						
Health of the River - Student Sponsorship	\$500.00						
Blackwood High School							
* University Scholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00					
* Year 12	\$500.00	\$500.00					
* Year 11	\$500.00	\$500.00					
* Year 10	\$500.00	\$500.00					
* Jeff Hunter Science Year 10 Award	\$300.00	\$300.00					
*VET Scholarship	\$2,000.00		Vocational Education Training				
Other Programmes/Support							
To Be decided	\$2,000.00						
Total	\$15,335.00	\$9,255.00					
Indigenous Health Scholar 2019 - 2020	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	Overview, but outside of Budget				

**Grand Total** \$16,585.00 \$10,505.00

### PRESIDENT'S CLOSING

Bernie closed the meeting at 7.55, thanking all committees for their contribution. The budgets from the committees will be the main issue for the Board meeting this month.

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### **Upcoming Events**

X-mas Fair – 10 November 2019

Meeting No	2490	2491	2492	2493
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> August	20 <sup>th</sup> August	27 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Speaker	Reinhardt Van den Berg - Fuji Xerox	Brad Silby	Doug Layng	N/A
Topic	A casual Conversation:	RYDA program	Focus on the Rotary Foundation	Committee
Chairperson	Michael	Garry	Ray	Bernie
Sergeant	Terry	Terry	Terry	Terry
Relationship	Hilary	Helen	John Jackson	Bob Lehmann
Registration	Kevin David	Kevin David	Kevin David	Kevin David
Setup	Michael	Ken	Michael	Chris
Bulletin Editor	Naz	Naz	Naz	Naz

If you are unable to attend a meeting or wish to bring a guest, PLEASE phone Janice at Nicolle Flint's office on 83740511 by Tuesday 12:00 noon. If issues arise after 12:00 noon please contact the RSL on 8278 6253

To ensure guests are acknowledged properly their names should be given to the Registration Officer to assist the President and Bulletin Editor.

**For BREC bookings: 1300 327100** 

**APPENDIX A - Letter from Kiara Reardon - Summer Holidays** 

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# kiarareardon1 Summer Holidays

Summer holidays started at the start of June for me (that means I have 3 whole months!!!) because I didn't have to take the exams. The first really hot weekend we had my host family and I went down to their beach house in Arzon. There was a big festival and over 1000 old sail boats sailed through the golf on display. My host family owns a motor boat and so we went out to watch on the water. I got very very burnt and had my first swim since i'd arrived. I felt like I was in a Spanish movie it was so surreal. My french has also improved a-lot and so I am beginning to be able to have inside jokes and take part in games with my sisters and friends.

The last day of school: We only had 3 classes and 2 of those classes were a class party, we had to say goodbye to Nadine (an exchange student from Finland who is also from rotary) because she wouldn't be there next year. It was also the last day for the year 12's and so they all dressed up and were dancing and signing through the hall ways. Our bags got checked on the way into the school because in previous years people had brought cartons of eggs and other things to prank to teachers.

The final rotary weekend was very sad, I never thought I could become so close to people in such a short amount of time. To know that now I have a house to stay in all over the world and connections that although may fade and become distant will always be there welcoming the warm memories that I shared with these people over the last 4/5 months. now only rests the Australians and kiwis as we await the arrival of the 'newbies' in august. Although I hate to say it, I don't think we'll be as close with the newbies, I have travelled to over 5 different countries with these group, spent over 12 days 24/7 on a bus travelling Europe.

From the first hello to the last goodbye, these are my new family.

### Beach Villa:

Now that school has finished we've been going to the beach villa in Arzon a lot more, I have become really close to my host sisters and dont want to leave this family at the end of July, although there is a-lot to look forward to, I am now officially half way through my exchange, It's gone so fast I feel like I haven't made the most of every second because on exchange, every second counts.

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