



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

Chartered 14th September 1970

DISTRICT 9520



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2019-20

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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

Having passed the Four Way Test, Bernie welcomed the 22 members, and our guest speaker Cathy Booth. Bernie had received apologies from Lillian, Sue, Laura, Dave Russell and Sara.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board Meeting

Bernie informed everyone that the night was also a scheduled Board meeting, and the Board requires this meeting to finish at 7.45 to get the Board meeting started at 8pm. It was a little late

2. Sara's holiday program

Sara starts school holidays from next week until the end of January. Dave and Libby have some activities planned for Sara over some of this period but seek help from members to involve Sara in their lives from 27th November to 21st December, and from 8th to 20th January. Please liaise with Dave or Garry regarding involving Sara in trips or activities.

3. Community raffle and promotional BBQs

Lillian has booked in with Woolworths to sell our raffle tickets there on Saturday 30/11 from 9 to 12. We are also promoting our Club at the front of Blackwood Butchers with a BBQ on Saturday 7 and Saturday 14 December. Bernie would like

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involvement from as many members as possible and our raffle will be drawn there on the 14th. A dodger is being circulated by Lillian for members to volunteer for time slots. Please help Lillian fill all spots.

4. Christmas Tree Festival

Laura and members of the Membership and Promotions Committee are entering our Club into the Blackwood Action Group's Christmas tree festival. Laura and the team would like help setting up our tree on Thursday 5th December. Please contact Laura.

5. Art Show

Last Saturday, we had an external strategic review of our and Flagstaff Hill's art show. That review was supportive of the continuation of the show, and gave indicators of how it may grow. We need a member to Chair our Art Show for 2020.

6. WhatsApp

At Volkan's suggestion, we have opened a WhatsApp group for this Club. It is a good communication medium and the members who are using it are getting good value already. If you are interested, please talk to Volkan or Bernie.

7. MEETING FREQUENCY VOTE

Secretary Chris announced that 43 of the 47 members had responded to the vote on whether to reduce meeting frequency. There was one informal vote, 20 voted for reducing frequency and 12 voted for no change. The Board will consider this matter and members will be informed of plans as they evolve. Bernie thanked Chris, Bruce and Ken for their assistance with this.

Announcements for Good of Rotary

Garry announced that there will be a Woolworths Blackwood BBQ on both 7th and 14th of December. There is a possibility of a Bunnings BBQ on 17th December to compensate for the cancelled November BBQ. 20th December is scheduled for the Ziptrak BBQ at Tonsley. There will also be a Bunnings BBQ on 28th December which has been planned for months.

John Jackson attended the funeral of Past District Governor Bruce Edwards on 18th November. Bruce was a member of Blackwood Rotary Club from 1975 to 1978, before becoming Charter President of Flagstaff Hill Rotary Club on the 28th April



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1978. Bruce subsequently became District Governor D9520 in 1988-89. He was 86years old.

Ken reported that Denise will return home next week after serious surgery.

Fine Session

Terry raised \$82 in a large range of fines.



Heads and Tails was won by David Neil and raised \$32



Guest Speaker

Lyn as International Director, introduced Cathy Booth. Cathy is 51, a school teacher and librarian, has 4 grandsons and is a member of Bundaberg Rotary Club. Cathy witnessed the Kenyan orphan crisis in 2010. She purchased 15 acres of land in Kenya and established the Umoja (Swahili for 'unity and togetherness') Children's Village near Ukunda in Eastern Kenya. The facility will eventually hold multiple children's homes with space to house 10-12 children. Currently they have one children's home housing their first group of vulnerable children. The doors to the children's home were opened on 30 July 2016 – exactly five years to the day since the project began. A total of 118 volunteers have volunteered at the project to date. They employ 12 local Kenyans on their farm and the children's home. Many local community locals have been trained in farming, fencing and horticulture, which has led to permanent employment at the local village. Free health clinics are also provided to the village community.



Cathy saw the difference that could be made in children's lives by giving them a second chance and started her own Australian Charity: **Umoja Orphanage Kenya**

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CLOSING THE MEETING.

Bernie;-

1. Thanked Cathy for her presentation and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Board meeting followed.
2. Reminded all that nominations were required for the AGM on the 3rd December. We need a President Nominee, replacement Treasurer and replacement Secretary as a minimum.
3. Closed with a quote from Mark Huddleston's "Creatures of Habit". ***"It is critical that the Club is active locally"***. There is plenty of local activity for us between now and the 17 December meeting.



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Upcoming Events

Bunnings BBQ **Friday** 22nd November 2019 - Edwardstown
Blackwood Christmas Pageant 6th December 2019
Christmas Meeting 17th December

Meeting No	2505	2506	2507	2508
Date	26 th Nov 2019	3 rd Dec 2019	6 th Dec 2019	17 th Dec 2019
Speaker	Lillian's Grandson	Committees and AGM	Christmas Pageant	
Topic	A Perspective on Autism		No Meeting on 10 th December	Christmas Meeting
Chairperson	Sue Wymond	Bernie		
Sergeant	Terry	Terry		
Relationship	Peter Geer	John Jackson		Bob Lehmann
Registration	Garry David	Kevin David		Kevin David
Setup	Dave Russell	Ray Smith		Chris Howard
Bulletin Editor	Richard	Richard		Richard

If you are unable to attend a meeting or wish to bring a guest, PLEASE phone Daniel 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

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