



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

Chartered 14th September 1970

DISTRICT 9520



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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

PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sergeant Terry (back to his sparkling “best”) opened the meeting, and invited PP Bruce John to cite the Four Way Test. The sergeant promised him a fine for his efforts.

President Bernie then welcomed the 25 members and our RLTYE student Sara to the meeting.

PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1.....CENTURION MEMBERS .

Centurion members are those who donate \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation in addition to their club

membership fee. We currently have 18 Centurion members among our 38. Centurion membership is tax

deductable and most Centurions had been issued with a “Centurions badge”. However, District had recently

sent out an email asking for members who had not received their badge. Bernie then presented Centurion

badges and certificates to Chris Howard, Alan Eldridge, Peter Geer and Ken Roscrow.

2....BELAIR CFS FUNDRAISING BBQ – Saturday 22 nd February.

Bernie thanked Lillian for organising, and others who had volunteered for this BBQ to raise money for a

defibrillator for the Belair CFS truck. Belair CFS members will be there to assist collect donations and the

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Community Services Committee has guaranteed a minimum of \$1,000 to the CFS. It will be good to have a partnership with the Belair CFS and our club on this activity.

3....COFFEE AND CHAT SURVEY

On the 22nd January, Bernie had sent out an email to all members seeking interest in us following the Victor Harbor Rotary model of having a morning coffee and chat gathering on weeks when there was no Rotary meeting.

TOTAL RESPONSES #9 of the 38 members (24%)

RESPONSES:

- Unlikely to attend (on a regular basis) regardless of time or date x 4
- Work commitments prevent daytime gatherings x 2
- Could not make Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Mondays.
- 10.30 Tuesday sounds good.
- The B.R.E.C. group will continue to meet for coffee as at present on most Thursdays.

No member offered to take on the coordination of the Coffee and Chat idea.

Given these responses, there is no obvious opportunity for a regular gathering for morning coffee beyond the BREC group on a Thursday. Please contact Bernie if you wish to be included in the group of BREC participants.



4...LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

'Dear Bernie,

For some time now I have been considering whether my Rotary service has come to an end. Due to my poor

health over recent years I have been unable to participate in a lot of the Club's activities. As a result I have gone from being an active member to an almost inactive member.

Further, I now find that the Club is taking a new direction, which does not appeal to me. Rather than stay

on as a disgruntled member I have decided to tender my resignation, effective immediately. I have been a member of Rotary and Blackwood Club in particular for just over 41 years and have put in a

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lot of time and effort, to in some small way improve the community which we serve.

I have had enormous satisfaction and much fun as a member of this great Club. Many friendships which I have made I am sure will continue.

I am sure the Club will continue to do great things in the future and I will be happy to hear about them.

Farewell to all members and thank you for a great time.

Regards,

Tom Davenport

PS Bernie I was due to be the Bulletin Editor from April till Changeover. No doubt someone will volunteer to replace me."

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

International Committee Report from Lyn

We had some reports on several projects that we have supported in the last year.

We have the invoice to pay for the Bali Education Sponsorship Program, in Indonesia.

This is the RAWCS project (37-2010-11) which we are going to fund from the copperbox. This project assists underprivileged children to undertake their schooling, and is tax deductible (if anyone wants to support a child personally).

Please remember to keep saving your coin to add to this project at our regular Tuesday Rotary meetings.

Peter Geer reported that a local church has purchased 5 stalls and welcomed Martin Rowe to the BREC team. Martin has offered to take equipment bookings etc.

Hilary has raised and donated \$100 to the CFS BBQ fund

FINE SESSION

Sergeant Terry conducted the usual successful fine session.

HEADS & TAILS

Won by John Lewis. Session was unusual in that 5 consecutive calls were all 2 heads!



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Bob Arnold, 14 years on the Calperum Committee, introduced:

SPEAKER, PP Bruce Cole



Calperum Station

For more than 20 years, South Australian Rotarians have been environmental volunteers at Calperum, a former sheep station located a short drive north of Renmark in the South Australia Riverland, now managed by the Australian Landscape Trust. Over time, Calperum has become Rotary's biggest environmental project! Volunteers have assisted Calperum in its rehabilitation, research and education objectives in a variety of areas including animal, plant and water surveys, vegetation restoration, facilities maintenance and fence repair, and many other tasks besides.

Staying in 10 bed (Rotary House) or 30 bed dormitory accommodation with well-equipped kitchens, Rotarians and friends have enjoyed dozens of visits spending 2 to 4 nights at a time on the property. A visit to Calperum is a great opportunity to share a glass under the stars around the camp fire (in warmer weather) or around the pot-belly stove, in cooler seasons.

While remaining focussed on the environmental objectives visitors to Calperum have also been privileged to see a wide variety of wildlife including kangaroos, emus, goannas, echidna, dozens of native and migratory bird species and more. And the recovery of vegetation since the millennium drought has been nothing short of spectacular, demonstrating what nature can do when sheep and feral animals are removed. The beautiful Ral Ral Creek beside the homestead, is a special part of Calperum, with opportunities for kayaking, fishing and yabbying.

"We are moving away for the club-based booking system that we have been using. In many cases clubs booked a year in advance to secure accommodation and organise appropriate tasks. As the years progressed, this made it more difficult for Calperum to maximise potential income by renting Rotary House to groups for research or other activities.

From now on, any club, or individual Rotarian, or group of friends can contact Julie, best by email julier@alt.org.au, and express interest undertaking a task or project. As above, there will be little chance of restoration work before rain. However, there are many other tasks that

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Rotarians may be interested in. In general terms, building maintenance, completing the mapping project started by Blackwood, fencing in various forms, tree surveys, water testing, supporting educational activities, and anything else you can think of, are available. Julie will be the contact person, and will negotiate with you/your group to organise appropriate timelines, accommodation, any resources required, and also any support/supervision required. This supervision may be from Calperum staff, or by one of the experienced volunteers. Please be aware that the accommodation may not be Rotary House, as has been 'normal' in the past, but will still be appropriate and comfortable. From time to time Calperum will ask our committee for volunteers to undertake particular tasks/projects. We may advertise these through the networks and DG's newsletters, in addition to approaching people we know have been interested in the past.

We acknowledge that this new process is a significant change. As a committee we have been concerned that the club based process needed improvement. Please give this a good trial, and keep looking at how you and other Rotarians can best serve Calperum, while still enjoying the environment and the friendship that working together for which Calperum has become renowned!" **Dick Cuttle, CATE President 2019**

Bernie closed the meeting at about 7.50, thanking Bruce for his informative talk. Next week, the guest speaker will be our recently returned RLTYE student from France, followed by a Board meeting.

Centurion Members Presentation



Chris Howard, Alan Eldridge, Peter Geer and Ken Roscrow

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Upcoming Events

Bunnings BBQ Friday 14th February
BBQ for Belair CFS 22nd February
District Conference 27th – 29th March
Bunnings BBQ Friday 3rd April

Meeting No	2515		2516	
Date	18 th February 2020	25 th February 2020	3 rd March 2020	10 th March 2020
Speaker	Kiara Reardon	No Meeting	Working Night	No Meeting
Topic	LT Youth Exchange	Not week 1, 3 or 5	Committees	
Chairman	Sue Wymond		Bernie	
Sergeant	Terry		Terry	
Relationship	Garry		Laura	
Registration	Kevin David		Kevin David	
Setup	Ray		Alan	
Bulletin Editor	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