



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

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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 Bruce

This Meeting was held as a Community Forum at the Senior Citizens Building in Young Street Blackwood.

Michael welcomed all to the meeting and in particular our guest speaker

Neil Andrew AO FTSE, Sam Duluk MP and Councillor Andrew Tilley. Michael then introduced President Bruce.

Bruce also welcomed everyone (about 70) for coming out on such a cold night. Bruce then advised the gathering of what the Blackwood Rotary Club contributes to the local and international community. He said we receive great support from the local community, who help us raise some \$35,000 each year. Two thirds of this money is spent locally and one third internationally.

Bruce said we are always looking for new members and encouraged anyone present who may be interested, to speak to him during the evening.

Michael then introduced Neil Andrew AO FTSE who is a previous Member for the seat of Wakefield and was Speaker of the House of Assembly in SA.

Neil is the immediate Past President of the Murray Darling Basin Authority and his topic was "How is the Murray – Darling Basin Plan delivering for South Australia".

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Neil commenced by thanking everyone for coming and appreciated the opportunity to speak to the hills community.

He apologised for the absence of the other advertised speaker, Di Davidson AM, BSc, Bags, whose daughter has just given birth and therefore her presence elsewhere was required.

He acknowledged the presence of Geof Thomas who has been a great contributor to maintaining the health of the River in his position of Deputy Director of Agriculture in Adelaide.

Geof is a past member of the Blackwood Rotary Club.

Neil said he is a passionate supporter of Parliament and explained that the Commonwealth has no power over water as it belongs to the States.

With the enactment of the Water Act 2007, The Murray – Darling Basin Authority was established as an independent expertise – based statutory agency.

For the first time in the Basin's history, one Basin wide institution is responsible for planning the Basin's water resources, with all planning decisions made in the interest of the Basin as a whole.

The Basin Plan aims to ensure the water resources of the Basin are shared between all water users in a sustainable way.

Neil covered a wide range of matters affecting this water resource such as evaporation, unpredictable flows, lack of storage opportunities, water extraction and recovery and use of technology to provide efficient use. He said compliance by all States is paramount. He highlighted the need for a flow of water through the Murray Mouth to the sea is necessary to maintain a healthy River.

The Plan is to be reviewed in 2024 and whilst it is not perfect it is a lot better than what it would be without the Plan.

After a short break for supper, Neil answered many questions which had been submitted from the audience. The question time was expertly handled by Michael.

Bruce then thanked Neil for his extremely informative presentation and a gift of wine and chocolates was given to him.

Neil said it was almost godlike that he came to speak about water and was leaving with wine.

See Blackwood Rotary Club Facebook Page for photos of this meeting

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Upcoming Events

- Club Changeover 25th June
- District Changeover 14th July

Meeting No	2480	2481	2482	2483
Date	4 th June	11 th June	18 th June	25 th June
Speaker	Bruce Cole	Committees	TBA	Changeover Dinner
Topic	Report on Year's achievements			
Chairperson	Bruce	Bruce	Bruce	Bruce and Bernie
Sergeant	Terry	Terry	Terry	Terry
Fellowship	Sue	Laura	Bob Sothman	
Registration	Kevin David	Kevin David	Kevin David	
Furniture	Martin	Dave	Ray	
Bulletin Editor	Tom	Tom	Tom	Tom

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. To ensure guests are acknowledged properly

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