



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?

CLUB BOARD

President

Bernie Morgan

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Immediate Past President

Bruce Cole

President Elect

Laura Richter

Club Service

Michael McLaren

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Membership & Promotions

Laura Richter

Community Service

Lillian Ross

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**Youth & Vocational
Service**

Sue Wymond

International Service

Lyn Muller

Foundation

Ray Smith

Club Bulletin Editors

Richard Dix

Naz Dastoor

Tom Davenport



President Bernie

Sergeant Alan Eldridge opened the meeting and, in his excitement, he forgot to ask anyone to cite the Four Way Test. Some members breathed a sigh of relief.

President Bernie then welcomed the 27 members to the meeting, noting that this was well beyond the minimum number for a quorum of one third of the membership for our Annual or any club meeting.

President's Announcements.

1....PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT – July to now.

"At our Changeover meeting in June, I announced that the Club was facing a period of change. I believe that some members presumed that I had a master plan that I would impose on members. I would like stress that I did not have a master plan, although I knew that it would be a challenge to manage the changes that had to be made. I would also like to stress that my aim this year as President is to facilitate Laura taking on the President's role in our 50th year.

I set the strategy for this Rotary year as enhancing relationships, building partnerships, developing leadership and building our membership. In an attempt to reinvigorate energy for Rotary and our Club, all members were encouraged to join the committee of their choice. This encouragement demonstrated the diversity in motivations for being a member of our Club and produced budget challenges, but it seems that it did not increase the energy for participation in Rotary activities.

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The biggest change this Club has ever faced is coming from the majority vote of members to reduce our meeting frequency. Perhaps one assumption was that this would make our club more appealing to prospective members. I also assume that the vote to reduce meetings came from the belief that members will put more energy into Rotary when they do not have to attend meetings every week. However, the response from members to the call for input on issues to be addressed in reducing meeting frequency has been very disappointing, and indicates that energy for change is far from ideal. However, I invite every member to be involved in the process of change that members have voted for.

The first object of Rotary is the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. We are a service Club, and our first priority must be providing service to benefit our various communities, from Blackwood to the international community. While developing acquaintance is essential, the goal is service. Meetings of this Club that do not have a Rotary focus are a thing of the past, especially now that there will be reduced meetings.

2....PROBUS CLUBS

Last Thursday, I had the honour to represent our Club at the 10th birthday celebration of the Combined Probus Club of Coromandel Valley. Heather Jackson was given life membership of that Club for her work over the 10 years. She has also given great service to this Rotary Club. The object of Probus is to provide regular opportunities to keep minds active, expand interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends. Acquaintance, but no mention of providing a service to the community. The Rotary Club of Blackwood has sponsored 9 Probus Clubs here as a service to the Blackwood community to provide opportunity for social acquaintance. After our initial sponsorship, almost all of those are still flourishing.

3...OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

We are coming up for a busy time in December. Involvement in the Christmas Parade, two promotional BBQs with raffle sales in Blackwood, one money raising BBQ at Zip Track and two BBQs at Bunnings. I ask all members to do their best to support the leaders of those events by getting involved and getting family and friends to help. I would also like all available partners and friends to join our team in the Christmas Parade this Friday, demonstrating the strength of our great Club.

The raffle ticket selling BBQs in front of Blackwood Butchers is a fantastic project because it promotes our Club, tells people what we are doing, and gives a service back to the Blackwood Butchers promoting their sausages. Lillian requires more assistance on both the 8.30 to 11.30 and

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11.30 to 2.30 shifts this coming Saturday.

4...MITSUBISHI BBQs

Garry Dolman has been asked to be heavily involved in District activities. Consequently, he has called for another member to lead this project."

Bernie called for volunteers and Dave Russell put his hand up again.

Thanks Dave.

ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020/21

Bernie told members that Board procedures had been streamlined in an effort to respect board members time restrictions. Whilst more work had to be done concerning this, for a Club of 37 members, there was no need for a large board. Our current Bylaws allow for a minimum of 7 members on our Board, and a maximum of 12. We currently have 10. The 6 positions named in the Bylaws as compulsory are President (Elect at the time of the Annual Meeting) Vice-President, President Nominee, Secretary, Immediate Past President, and Treasurer. The remaining board positions are called "directors" but not restricted to particular roles.

Given the demands on everyone's time, Bernie asked that the Club be managed with a Board of 7 for the 2020/21 year. With this structure, some roles would need to be changed from "Director" to "Chair", but the leadership would still be required for all committees.

There was no nomination for "President Nominee" despite a verbal appeal to the meeting.

However, the following members were elected unopposed.

President (elect) Laura Richter

Vice-President, Michael McClaren

Secretary, Chris Howard (Chris has asked for an understudy to ensure succession in 2021/2)

Immediate Past President, Bernie

Treasurer, Ken Roscrow (although he will continue with his current management of the Project Accounts and a non-board member will manage the Club Account).

The remaining two board positions saw Lillian Ross and Dave Russell elected.

Note; If any member has any questions or concerns about this

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organisation of our board, please discuss it with Bernie. Many leadership roles have yet to be finalised, but Lyn has offered to chair the International committee and Sue has offered to continue to chair the Youth and Vocational committee without being a member of the Board. Dave has offered to chair the Fair committee, but we still need a chair for the Art Show.

That completed the business of the Annual Meeting and the normal processes resumed for a Committee night.

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

Laura reminded members to return Raffle tickets and stubs.

Martin also reminded everyone about the Giving Tree, which will be at the Christmas Dinner on 17th December. Please bring donations then.

Dave Russell gave a entertaining juggling performance at Mitcham Probus Club.

John Lewis announced the next Guess Who's Coming to Dinner night will be on 18th April 2020.

FINE SESSION

Alan raised a healthy \$50.40 in 5 minutes of witty fines. The Copper Box collected \$19.75.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership and Promotions 2019/2020

Members: Laura, Terry, Graham, Neil, Bruce, Ken and Volkan

Apologies: Graham and Neil

Vision:

To be one of the state's recognisable clubs. To be a club that people want to help, join and have fun!

Meeting updated 3/12/2019

Update our apparel T-shirts Put on hold until January. Laura and Volkan will come back with a few t-shirt options. Stocktake of how many t-shirts are there in the shed. Utilising our current stock and upgrading members that don't have a top or have one that is worn out.

Joint project to promote Rotary in the community

Waite Reserve Gym Assisting Lillian's committee, by selling raffle tickets

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and helping at other events. Volkan is also in the progress of setting up a 'go fund me page'. Bruce has also been asked to look at another event eg Quiz night for next year.

Friends of Rotary More regular contact. Send out monthly e-mails. Laura can assist with this with Grahams assistance as it is ongoing. Look at sending out the 'month that was' on the 1 st of the month.

Provide members with onboard club information Policy and procedures pack, club runner app, my rotary app, mentor.

Bruce has completed the handbook. Ongoing updates via club runner and IT support to the club.

Work with our sister clubs. Attend with Coromandel Club the Xmas Pageant Joint pageant attendance –Coromandel Valley, occurring this week.

Xmas Tree Festival – BAGS, occurring this week

Develop a corporate membership tiered structure

In progress, for roll out January

Ken to come back with prices of printing 250 copies from local contact.

Buddy system to walk to streets to occur prior to Xmas. Bruce and Volkan are also working on a 'what have we sponsored' logo page to include whilst delivering to businesses.

Increase membership 3-5 within 12 months (everyone's responsibility)

Have had a few people reach out via facebook. Carol came to a meeting, who we met at the Xmas Fair. Matt also reached out on Facebook and volunteered at the Fair.

Social Media Updates December events Content of the Corporate

Membership, pageant and events throughout the year to be uploaded.

Youth and Vocational Service: Sue Wymond



Budget discussion regarding two request for assistance (budget attached)Blackwood High School Awards 2019

Year 12 and 11 have been presented and Year 10 and the Jeff Hunter Science Award to be presented before the end of Term 4.

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Conco Phillips Science Experience 4 – 6th December

Two students attending, both from Mitcham Girls School

RYLA

Helen Piercy attended and spoke to our club last week

Health of the River

Sara Underland (Long Term Youth Exchange) attended

NYSF

One student attending Lana Turbill – Canberra January 2020

Long Term Youth Exchange (Outbound) Kiara Reardon will be home in January 2020

Community Service Committee Report



Tom, acting Chairman in Lillian's absence reported.

John Walters volunteered to sell raffle tickets during and after the Xmas Pageant on Friday.

Raffle sales are going as planned.

BBQ Saturday 7th December needs one more volunteer for the second shift 11.30 am to 2.30pm. Members are also reminded of the BBQ and Raffle Sales on Saturday 14th December 2019.

Members are asked to bring their Xmas gifts to the Xmas Dinner at the House of Zen. Martin will collect them for distribution to the Outer Southern Homeless Group.

Hillary visited the Eden Hills CFS to arrange a vocational visit to their Fire Station next year, probably in March. They were delighted with our donation of \$500 which will be used to assist their own members.

There was some discussion over making a donation to assist Caleb who spoke to the Club last week about his project to assist the children in his school to understand how to handle a person with Autism. The matter was adjourned until more information is provided.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE



The International Committee has agreed to continue to support The RAWCs project Food Plant Solutions.

This project, started and run by an agricultural scientist in Tasmania, determines the best food crops to grow in poor and disaster struck

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regions of the world.

This is based on crop resilience in the designated areas as well as nutritional content.

We are also supporting one of the RAWCs Malaria projects again this year.

RAWCs has projects 1. supplying mosquito nets,
2. eradicating mosquitos in specific areas, and 3, the Malaria Vaccine project.

We continue to pursue one of the projects for Cleft Palate operations in third world countries.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT



Michael advised:

1. The plan is for the bulletin to be distributed using the Club Runner contact list. He will liaise with our editors to ensure that this does not create significant extra work or distress.
This will include perhaps getting some training from Ken and others.
2. The Christmas Dinner meeting is to be held at the House of Zen at Belair on Tuesday 17th December 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start. An e-dodger will be sent out.
3. The club finances are in good shape. The exchange rate has been monitored to ensure that any effects on our Rotary International dues are not missed.
4. The problem with last week's presentation and sound from the laptop appears to have been resolved by Richard and Ken. There is a "line in" socket on the back of the speaker that should work.
5. The matter of moving to two meetings per month as soon as possible is being worked on by the Board. As a very simple example of things that need to be dealt what does moving to reduced meetings actually mean: EG first and third Tuesday or 2nd and 4th Tuesday or simply every other week and then an issue is what to do with a fifth Tuesday? Of course everyone has an opinion on what moving to 2 meetings per month means but it's a bit like Brexit and the Board wants to look at the various issues and come back with a considered proposal.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Bernie closed by thanking everyone for their acceptance of the changes to the board structure of our Club, and the positive feeling of the meeting

Bernie reminded everyone of the need for a good turn out at the Christmas parade on Friday, with family (including grandchildren) and friends walking with us in the parade. This is official meeting No 2507 of

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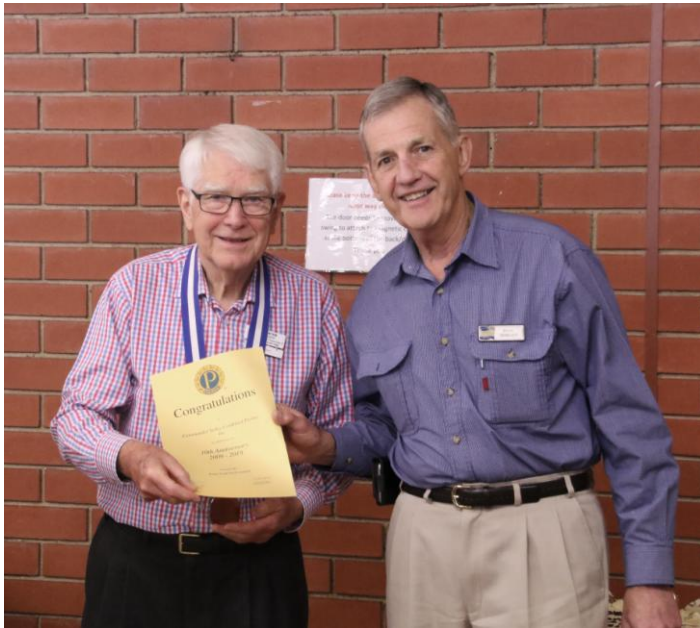
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our Club, and a bulletin will be produced for it. Bernie will distribute an email detailing what, when, who, how and where.

Our final meeting for 2019 is our Christmas meeting. It will be held at the House of Zen, at Belair and **we would like all partners and friends to be invited**. An email will be distributed as soon as arrangements are finalised so that EFT payments can be made and we can get numbers to the restaurant for catering. We will again have sole use of the restaurant.

Finally a quote from "A Century of Service – The Story of Rotary International, ***"If we as a Rotary Club, expect to survive and grow, we must do things to justify our existence. We must perform a civic service."***



President Peter Geer, Combined Probus Club of Coromandel Valley and President Bernie



President Bernie cutting the 10th Anniversary cake of the Combined Probus Club of Coromandel Valley

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Upcoming Events

Blackwood Christmas Pageant 6th December 2019
Woolworths BBQs - (2) 7th and 14th December
Christmas Meeting 17th December
Ziptrak BBQ 20th December
Bunnings BBQ 28th December

| Meeting No | 2507 | 2508 | 2509 | 2510 |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Date | 6 th Dec 2019 | 17 th Dec 2019 | 7 th Jan 2020 | 14 th Jan 2020 |
| Speaker | Christmas Pageant | | | To Be Advised |
| Topic | No Meeting on 10 th December | Christmas Meeting | Meeting with Mitcham | |
| Chairman | | Bernie | Bernie | Bernie |
| Sergeant | | Terry | Terry | Terry |
| Relationship | | Bob Lehmann | Tom Davenport | |
| Registration | | Kevin David | Kevin David | Kevin David |
| Setup | | Chris Howard | Ray Smith | |
| Bulletin Editor | Richard | Richard | Richard | Naz |

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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