



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 Bernie

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarians and partners were welcomed to a beautifully prepared dining room, with student Callum Drage singing, accompanied by Zoe Van Gangelen on keyboard and Keyu Liu on violin. With a relaxed start, this was followed by Belle Brown and Charlee Hills singing with CD accompaniment.

The meeting was opened with the Four Way Test, acknowledging its author, Chicago Rotarian Herb Taylor who wrote it in 1932 to guide his company through the depression. Bernie then welcomed the Blackwood High School Principal, Sharon Goldman, assistant principals Martin Flynn and Ashley Robinson, as well as the partners of Rotarian's present. Those present were informed that the purpose of the night was to celebrate the partnership between our Rotary Club and the Blackwood High School, without most of the usual formalities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

The only announcement was from Garry Dolman who was still seeking help with the Mitsubishi BBQ on Friday the 27th September.

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##Please note that this is not on the last working day of the month as usual.

After an alternate drop mains course, Bernie made the following address.

I would like to start by saying how honoured I am to be the President of the Rotary Club of Blackwood in its 49th year. Being the spokesperson for our Club on an occasion like this where we are celebrating our Club's most significant partnership is one of the highlights of this Rotary year.

The recorded history of our Club shows that our partnership with this school was not as significant as it is today in our early days. Then we were focussed on large community projects like building Karinya Rotary Park and setting up the St Johns ambulance facilities near the Belair Hotel.

The first record of our relationship with the school is in the history of our "Arts Festival". This was started 1980 in the Open Space Area. In the first year there were 480 paintings exhibited. It is interesting to note its rapid growth, and in 1994, there were 1,201 paintings, 37 sculptures and 42 pieces of pottery exhibited. This year there were only 395 painting exhibited. However, this year's Art Show was a great success in terms of contributing to the Blackwood and arts communities, as well as being a financial success. This is no small achievement in the challenging market conditions faced by all living artists. I mention all of this to acknowledge the disruption to the school environment that has been caused by our Rotary Art Show for 39 years. In my experience, good grace has been exhibited by all members of the school community to our disruptions, whether it is the principal, teachers in the Open Space Area or the ground staff. We have asked to use the same open space area next year, although we have yet to find a club member to chair the Art Show committee.

Perhaps our club's biggest contribution to the school in physical terms was in our furnishing of the performing arts centre. This involved significant dedicated fund raising by our club over a couple

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of years. The main source of funds came from conducting a "Music Fest" with cabaret style seating and BYO finger food and drinks. Our Club's contribution is acknowledged in the hall of the performing arts centre.

The school has also been a contributor to our Christmas Fair and for many years the school's band provided entertainment on the centre stage. Given the quality of the music displayed tonight, I hope they are involved in this year's Christmas Fair.

Over the years, our partnership has grown. Our Club provides scholarships and prizes to students across 3-year levels, including a year 12 university part scholarship, year 10 and 11 Service Awards and the year 10 "Jeff Hunter Science Award". We have also helped sponsor students to participate in a range of national and state forums and summer schools.

When job interview skills were more important to school leavers, our club conducted mock interviews with students to help them prepare for real job interviews. Over recent years, some of our members have been involved when school students have given presentations on their learning for the year. I am always encouraged by the qualities and pride that students display when talking about the learning they have gained from this school, and I get an understanding of how well the teachers help prepare students for life in these challenging times. In my view, teachers certainly deserve much more respect than they are given in the popular media.

Another great benefit to our club from the school is the enrolment of our Long-Term Rotary Youth Exchange student, Sara Underland, who is one of the students involved in preparing and presenting tonight's dinner. The Blackwood High School has hosted many of our Club's Long-Term Youth Exchange students and some of our out-going students have come from this school. Given the global influences in today's world, these exchanges are beneficial to everyone involved.

Rotary has 5 avenues of service: Club, Community, International,

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Vocational and Youth services. Tonight, is a wonderful example of combining all of these ideals. The school displays some results of one of its vocational education programs to our club, and the students gain experience in a simulated work environment.

Finally, I trust that everyone here has gained an appreciation of how much the Rotary Club of Blackwood values our longstanding partnership with this school. Our being hosted by the year 11 students and Toni Mayer is a pleasure, and I hope the tradition of our club holding a meeting here in these circumstances continues for many years.

During sweets, all diners were provided with survey forms as part of the required assessment of the dinner, while tea, coffee and cakes were served.

Before closing the meeting, Sharon Goldman acknowledged the value that the school continued to receive from our Club, and thanked members for their support.

Food Technology Teacher, Toni Mayer then brought all the students into the room and they were applauded for their efforts.



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Upcoming Events

- ☐ Bunnings BBQ **Friday** 25th October - Edwardstown
- ☐ Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair 10th November
- ☐ Blackwood Xmas Pageant 6th December

Meeting No	2496	2497	2498	2499
Date	NO MEETING 24 th September	1 st Oct 2019	8 th Oct 2019	15 th Oct 2019
Speaker	RSL (Joint) Dinner on Sat 28 th September replaces this meeting	N/A	Joint Meeting with Coro Valley	TBC
Topic	Fund Raiser	Committee	Inner Voices - Cancer Survivors	
Chairperson		Bernie	Presidents Bernie & Robert	Bernie
Sergeant		Terry	Terry	Terry
Relationship		Robyn	Sue	Ray
Registration		Kevin David	Kevin David	Kevin David
Setup		Peter	Alan	Garry
Bulletin Editor		Naz	Naz	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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