



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

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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

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After the informal gathering of participants on Zoom, Bernie welcomed 24 members, but no guests. Bernie particularly welcomed Helen Henbest and David Neil to their first Zoom meeting. He then asked David Neil to cite the 4 Way Test which he did admirably.

Apologies were received from the following;

- ☐ Graham Lough and Alan Eldridge who both had family commitments.
- ☐ Sam Duluk had also tendered an apology
- ☐ Bruce Cole who is recovering at home from his triple heart bypass. A collapsed lung has added to his challenges.
- ☐ Dave Russell advised that he is going to hospital for a couple of days for a foot operation and that he is heading back to N.S.W. for a couple of weeks after his operation. He apologised that he is not in a position to do anything for Rotary at the moment.
- ☐ Our guest speaker (Geoff Caddle from Edenwood Autos) advised that his internet at home crashed and he could not participate on tonight. He expressed a desire to be involved in the future.



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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (from the Board)

1. CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Given the Covid-19 restrictions on our Club's activities, the Board agreed to suspend all action regarding corporate sponsorship and offer refunds to sponsors who had paid. Belair Dental had signed the agreement but had not been issued an invoice. They agreed with the suspension and will be happy to continue with their gold sponsorship when our activities return to normal. Bentleys SA had signed the agreement and paid \$1,000 for "Gold Sponsorship". Bentleys however were happy to continue with the sponsorship, regardless of the condition of our Club. Bernie has asked that all members ensure that Bentleys get the limited benefits they are entitled to from that agreement. Bernie reminded members that corporate sponsorship aims to involve business leaders in the activities of our club.

2. CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

A vote was then taken and all members accepted the reduction of fees to \$105 for the first 6 months of next Rotary year.

☐ **TREASURER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Last week \$80 was received in fines. Garry explained that RI fees were up and that Rotary Down Under, will in future be sent to Members electronically. District fees are down by \$5.90.

He also said that if we continue with the Wood Project, we will need a new co-ordinator as Terry is no longer able to continue with this. Wood for cutting could be available, but a workforce is reqd. for collecting, transporting and cutting/splitting. Members able to help with this should contact Garry, otherwise the project will collapse and the splitter will be sold.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

☐ **Bulletin notes from Robyn Venus**

Chris has emailed out Changeover invitation to all members.

The RSL has pencilled in our return to meetings there on 7th July. We should be able to be seated with "social distancing". It will be a Committee night to enable committees to discuss their budgets for the 2020/2021 year.

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BREC update

Shed will be operating tomorrow (Thursday). Thanks to Richard for making the star dropper rack. Star droppers can now leave the floor after many years. Long steels can be cut into smaller sizes, so they can fit into a trailer and be taken for recycling. Old brackets need to be cut and removed.

The BREC team are now once again able to enjoy coffee at Montagne.

□ **Ray** reported that Bruce has requested minimal contact from members while he recovers from his operation.

Sergeant's Session

Terry Tierney again conducted the sergeant's session with his normal enthusiasm. A reminder that voluntary "fees for corkage and fines" can be paid to our Club account **BSB 633-000, A/c No. 164268559**.

Club Assembly – concluding the discussion from our last meeting.

Bernie apologised for his lack of ability to provide an opportunity for all members to speak at the last meeting which was a club assembly. He reminded all members that amalgamation was a discussion point only at this stage, and is only one of at least three options for the future of this club. There is certainly no rush to instigate any action at this stage. To allow further discussion, the four questions posed were:-

1. What are the barriers to taking on leadership positions in this Club?

One issue raised was the amount of work that any leadership position demanded. Many people may not want to devote that amount of work to something. Is criticism of leaders also a factor???

2. Is it in the best interest of either Rotary or our local community to have 2 separate Rotary Clubs in the area?

There seemed to be division on this question. Some seemed to be of the view that two independent Clubs were better than one. There seemed to be a mood for greater cooperation between Rotary Clubs in our area.

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3. What are the benefits and disadvantages to amalgamating with another Rotary Club?

Benefits seemed to be a united focus but the disadvantages seemed to be the loss of total membership from any amalgamation.

4. What are the alternatives to amalgamation? These seemed to be summarised as follows:-

4.1 Stay exactly as we are.

4.2 Remain independent, but work more cooperatively together.

4.3 Amalgamate with an/other club/s.

4.4 Interested Clubs hand in their own charters and commence a new club with a desire to start afresh.

4.5 Hand in our charter without trying to do anything

CLOSING COMMENTS

Bernie thanked everyone for their attendance.

The next regular Zoom meeting will be our changeover on 30 June commencing at 7pm. Members will get an invitation with the agenda and a Zoom log in.

Please ring Bernie to discuss anything.

From the Zoom Meeting



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From Lillian : Caleb is Lillian's Grandson and was a speaker at one of our meetings. He attended Hawthorndene Primary School.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ANDREA BURNSIDE

In 2019 Caleb Mackey, a former student, presented the HPS community with a donation of \$550 to assist with Autism awareness.

His fundraising efforts began as a part of his Personal Innovation Project, in which he was challenged to identify a problem and create a solution to it. Caleb identified a need to raise awareness of Autism within the school community.

Through his involvement with Rotary Blackwood, Caleb was able to raise funds to purchase sensory tools for the school Library. These include wobble cushions, core disks and weighted cushions. These sensory tools are now available to be borrowed by teachers for students across all year levels.





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Upcoming Events

Changeover via Zoom on Tuesday 30th June
Regular Club Meetings resume at RSL Tuesday 7th July

Meeting No	2523	2524	2525	2526
Date	30 th June	7th July	21st July	4 th August
Speaker		Committees		
Topic				
Chairman	Pres. Bernie	Pres. Robyn	Pres. Robyn	Pres. Robyn
Sergeant	Terry	Terry	Terry	Terry
Relationship				
Setup				
Registration				
Bulletin Editor	Richard	Richard	Richard	Richard

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