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Announcement

Hello and Welcome to the first edition of the Blackwood Rotary Newsletter!

We plan to produce one of these each quarter to let you know what we have been doing, and to inform you about upcoming events

Our club members are heavily involved in many fundraising activities and we want to inform the people of the Mitcham Hills area just what we do with the money we raise.

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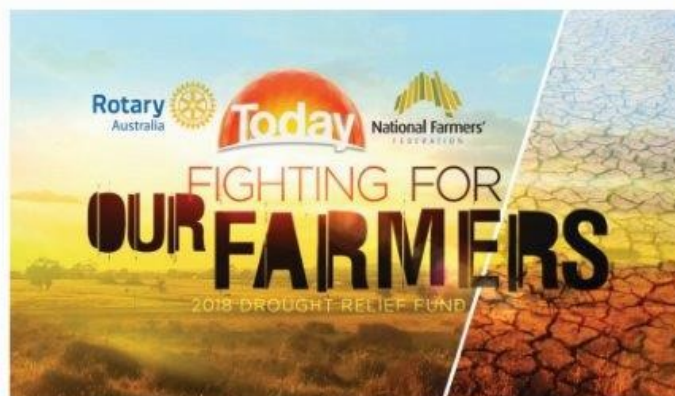
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Working to Support Our Farmers

In September the Rotary Club of Blackwood held a sausage sizzle at the monthly 'Cars and Coffee' event in the Woolworths shopping Centre carpark. Many thanks to Blackwood Butchers for allowing us to use the forecourt in front of their shop, and to the many car enthusiasts who bought egg and bacon or sausage and bread breakfasts.

We also decided to donate the proceeds of the monthly barbecue we conduct for the Mitsubishi Company to the worthy cause of supporting our beleaguered farmers. And with a top up from our club funds we were able to donate \$3500 to this most worthy cause.



THANK YOU FROM THE ROTARY CLUB
OF BLACKWOOD FOR HELPING US
RAISE OVER \$3500

All proceeds to go to the Drought Relief Fund

We do care

Blackwood Rotary Club Christmas Fair at Karinya Rotary Park.

Another great day was recently enjoyed by many thousands of people on Sunday 11th November as the Blackwood and Mitcham Hills Community took part in the annual **Rotary Christmas Fair**; now in its 43rd year.

Our club enjoys coordinating the **Rotary Fair** in association with a large number of other community service groups from across this district; all with the desire to foster close community relations, raise funds and provide ongoing support for many people in need.



What Goes Around Comes Around

Early this year the Adelaide Arts Orchestra (AAO) decided to cease performing after featuring numerous times at the Rotary Club of Blackwood annual Musicfest. With the assistance of the AAO over several years the Rotary Club of Blackwood was able to raise over \$80,000 for the Performing Arts Centre at Blackwood High School.

In April this year we received an unexpected donation of \$3,200 from the AAO and as a result the Board of the Club decided that they would donate the funds to local clubs or organisations involved in or promoting the performing arts. As a result the Club donated \$2,000 to Hills Choral Society to assist in the purchase of a portable keyboard. A further \$1,000.00 was recently donated to the Blackwood Uniting Church to assist in the purchase of items for their Mainly Music programme

Who would have thought all those many years ago, that asking a recently formed orchestra to perform at a number of concerts would have helped thousands of students at Blackwood High School, and today is allowing many more people the opportunity to experience music here in the Blackwood area? It is a classic example of playing it forward. Many thanks to the Adelaide Arts Orchestra.

Indonesia Earthquake Aid: Lombok and Sulawesi



Rebuilding in Lombok

North Lombok is one of the most impoverished health & humanitarianly deprived regencies in Indonesia. The UN & the Indonesian Central Govt rate Lombok at the bottom of Indonesia's 'Lowest Health & Human Development Region' from Indonesia's 34 regions. In Lombok, the North Lombok Regency is the poorest of the 4 Lombok regencies. The August 18th Earthquake compounded all of those problems, so the Blackwood Rotary came to the aid of the region by donating \$1,000 to the Lombok Forgotten Children Foundation, one of the first NGO's to begin providing aid after the disaster.

It was a similar story in Sulawesi, where a severe earthquake hit on the 29th September. We also donated \$1,000 to that devastated community to provide emergency shelter and drinking water.



The earthquake aftermath in Sulawesi

Helping Preschoolers Learn Music



Sue Dolman presents the Cheque to Carys Penny

The Rotary Club of Blackwood donated \$1,000 to the Uniting Church of Blackwood to support their Mainly Music programme. The donation will assist in the purchase of equipment for their ever expanding music programme. Sue Dolman, wife of immediate Past President of the Rotary Club presented the cheque on behalf of the club to Carys Penney. Carys and other organisers were most appreciative of the club's support.

Sue took the opportunity to remind all parents and children present about the forthcoming Rotary Christmas Fair. Money raised by the Rotary Club at this and other events are donated back to the local community.

Rotary Art Show



In July we once again partnered with the Blackwood High School to bring our 33rd Art Show to the local community. This year we had 120 artists exhibiting over 400 works, of which we sold 77. We also had excellent support from Blackwood and other High schools who participated in our junior art competition.

BHS Student's Environmental Experience at Calperum Station



Some of the students who recently took part in the Health of the River Forum at Calperum Station, (near Renmark) and were sponsored by our **Blackwood Rotary Club** and other clubs across the state. This four day environmental awareness camp allows students to mix with researchers and ecologists to experience firsthand, the value in considering further study and careers in this field.

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