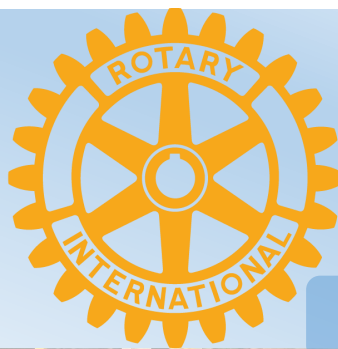


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Club of Blackwood

Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Blackwood Community RSL

Brighton Parade, Blackwood

Quarterly Newsletter

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From the President

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Welcome to the Spring edition of our Newsletter (and the warmer weather).

July sees the start of a new Rotary year and Blackwood members have been busy working for our community in the first two months. With the co-operation of the Blackwood High School and major sponsorship by Blackwood Park, a team lead by Neil White conducted a very successful Art Show for the 36th year. On the opening night, the Mayor of Mitcham, Heather Holmes-Ross, affirmed the contribution that our service club has made to the Blackwood community for almost 50 years. The judges of the exhibited paintings also praised the contribution that our Art Show makes to the local art community, developing art talent and proving a forum for it to be displayed and sold.



Our club values are:

**Service before Self, Friendship,
Honesty & Integrity, Humour, Generosity**

If you share these values, you really should join us!

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At the same time, sales of our firewood from the site by the Lions mart were going well and we sold out of our stocks of wood in two weeks. Our bird and possum box sales also were boosted by media promotion and this resulted in our stocks selling out as well.

Club members are now working to ensure the success of our Christmas Fair which will again be held in Rotary Karinya Park on Shepherds Hill Road on Sunday 5th November. This year, sponsorship by the Childrens Entertainer's Association will ensure great entertainment for all ages, and there will be stalls with bargains and promotion of local community groups.

Regards

Bernie Morgan, President
Rotary Club of Blackwood

Friends of Nepal

The Blackwood Rotary Club has close ties, and has supported the Friends of Nepal Adelaide (FONAI) for many years. FONAI operates and funds programs in Nepal aimed at uplifting member of the Dalit (untouchable) community. This is generally achieved by enabling young people to attend high school and university and so escape the cycle of poverty experienced by them. Here is an excerpt from the recent FONAI newsletter.

'Big thanks go to Blackwood Rotarians, Helen Henbest & Hilary Flynn, both also sponsors, for their ongoing support of FONAI. Helen has kindly donated the profits of her paintings sold at the Blackwood Rotary Art Show for the past 3 years, & Hilary keeps up a steady supply of jams & craft goods which we sell at Urrbrae markets. We really appreciate this support. Jan Arnold, wife of Blackwood Rotarian Bob, keeps making her beautiful marmalade jam, one of our most popular market items! Over the past 3-4 years Jan has probably made over 1,000 jars, & we have regular customers buying in bulk to ensure they have constant supplies. Thanks Bob & Jan. Ex Blackwood Rotarian Cherilyn Fleming, braves the cold at Port Eliot & Goolwa markets, manning a second hand book stall with all profits coming to us. Over the past year Cherilyn has raised over \$2,500, a wonderful effort. Thanks to all these amazing people. And thanks to all those kind people who leave donations on my doorstep which we sell at markets, on local sites or at our silent auction. These sales all add up to cover scholarship costs & are much appreciated.'



FONAI students at work in a Uni classroom

Art Show Hits New Heights

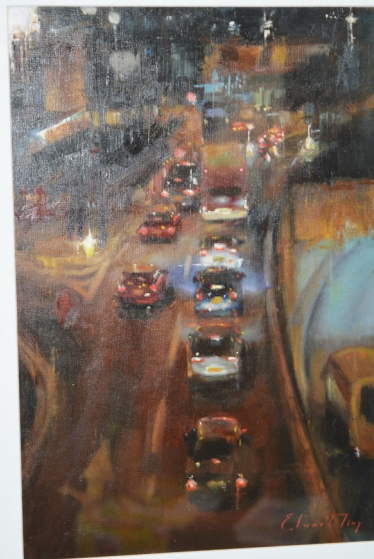
July saw the 36th Blackwood Rotary Art Show staged at the Blackwood High School. Entries grew again this year, and the quality seemed to impress as sales were up by over 30%. While numbers were down for the Opening Night due to the bad weather, total visitations over the 2 weeks were higher.

Success was a result of the strong support we gained from Sponsors and Advertisers, the volunteers both Rotarians and others from the local community who help stage the Art Show, the Blackwood High School for letting us use their facilities and most importantly the Artists who exhibit their art.

The results was a positive fundraiser for the Club, and allows us to continue to support our projects both in the local community and internationally.

Planning has started for next year which I am sure will be an even more successful event

Neil White – Art Show Chair



Left, the winning work by Edward Tang

Edward with City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes Ross presenting his first prize



A Defibrillator for the Blackwood RSL

The Blackwood Rotary Club meets weekly at the RSL club, and recently our Director of Community Service observed that there was no defibrillator on hand in case of Emergency. As an action oriented Rotarian she took the initiative to organise a fund-raising dinner at the club. The resulting event was a fun filled night at the club, with about 100 diners present to hear the entertainment and compete for the raffle prizes. We were very happy with the result which provided enough funds for the defibrillator and ancillaries.



Rotarian John Walters and RSL president
Bob Kiloran

Blackwood High School Restaurant

Blackwood High School year 10 and 11 students became restaurateurs for a night when they entertained the Blackwood Rotary Club for dinner. With main course of salmon or chicken and dessert of panna cotta or moulded chocolate it was a high quality dinner with excellent service also by the students. This is an excellent example of the cooperation between Rotary and the School that allows great interaction between the students and Rotarians.. Many thanks to the staff of Blackwood High for organising the event.



Students and Rotarians enjoyed themselves

Helping Myanmar refugees

“trapped” in Thailand is just one example of projects the Rotary Club of Blackwood support at the International level.

Until very recently, Myanmar was run by a military government. During the military rule, many thousands of people fled Myanmar to Thailand because of the mistreatment and threats they received. These refugees are ineligible for aid from the Thai government. A community of these refugees live and work on a garbage dump outside of Mae Sot, Thailand.



Fred Stockwell was a photographer living in Oregon, USA. He moved to Thailand in January 2008. He intended to retire there, but then he found some of the people who fled Myanmar living in a rubbish dump outside of Mae Sot. He couldn't look away. He's been helping ever since. The people living in the dump lacked all sorts of basic supplies like blankets, boots and mosquito nets. Ongoing support was also needed for the purchase of food, water, medications, clothing, and work tools. Fred set up very small non-profit organization. All staff members are unpaid volunteers. Daily assistance to the refugees at the Mae Sot dump is provided by Fred Stockwell, who lives in Mae Sot full time. The organization has volunteers from all over the world including some from Australia. Progress has been made. Shelter and clean water plus subsidised food to most in the camp on an ongoing basis has been provided. The focus is now moving towards providing the children with an education.

The Rotary Club of Blackwood has been contributing financially. 100% of any money donated is used to help the refugees. There is no middlemen or any administration costs. It is all done by volunteers and there is someone at the coalface (Fred) to ensure the money goes to where it is intended



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2019 CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Sunday 10th November
9am to 3pm**

KARINYA RESERVE, SHEPHERDS HILL RD, EDEN HILLS

Loads of stalls and activity:

- 🌀 Rotary BBQ
- 🌀 Bouncy Castle
- 🌀 St Johns Grammar School choirs
- 🌀 Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm (10-2)
- 🌀 Father Christmas

- 🌀 Bric a Brac
- 🌀 Sing Australia
- 🌀 Huge Plant Stall
- 🌀 Bargain Book Stall
- 🌀 Blackwood Ukulele Group

...and MORE!!!

**Come and enjoy a great day
out in your community.**

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