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THORNIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Meeting: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm Tuesday at the Gosnells Golf Club,
Warton Road Thornlie –

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Next Week		Week After
12th June		19th June
<p>Attendance Frank Keays Craig Jennings</p>	<p>The meeting opened as usual with Sgt Lew leading the assembled massed choir in a rousing rendition of "here we are again". Lew was in excellent voice, with his fine timbred baritone so the club decided that whenever Colin and Ron Bradborn are away, the club sings exceptionally well.</p>	<p>Attendance Bevan Baskerville Craig Jennings</p>
<p>Fellowship Bernie O'Dea</p>	<p>PDG Frank gave a very lengthy and interesting toast to someone called Humberto who runs Rotary in a whole bunch of African Country. Unfortunately as the putting greens were being mowed at the same time I couldn't hear a thing. But good on you Humberto.</p>	<p>Fellowship Ron Bradborn</p>
<p>Property Bill Wrathall Ron Sloan</p>	<p>PDG Bill Wrathall and Bea have ventured off to Melbourne to celebrate Bill's Mothers 100th Birthday. For Bills sake, let's hope he has the inherited the good genes.</p>	<p>Property Ron Bradock Wayne Brower</p>
<p>Chairman Geoff Wiltshire</p>	<p>President Mike welcomed Sharon Jennings and Sylvia Keys to the meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman Ted Evans</p>
<p>Response Ross Evans</p>	<p>Rob Palladino, Amanda Banks and Jonnda Simpson from Sacred Heart School were also welcomed to the meeting.</p>	<p>Response Frank Keays</p>
<p>Bring-N-Buy 10th June Andy & Wren Hopper John Mitchell Vic & Cheryl Rich</p>	<p>Pres Mike announced that Rotary District 9470 (Eastern Districts) was incorporated as an association on May 8 2007. Eight clubs including Thornlie consented to be "Founding Members" of the Association.</p>	<p>Bring-N-Buy 17th June Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Silvia Rogers Ted Evans</p>
<p>Bulletin Editor John Stockbridge</p>	<p>International Director PDG Frank announced that New Hope is in a spot of bother and Frank thought that we might be able to help them out. The board has agreed to a one off contribution of \$2000 to re-open the leper hospital. A new long term funding program is being renegotiated but is taking a little longer than anticipated.</p>	
	<p>Community Ron announced that the club has received a receipt from Foodbank for the \$700 and a receipt for Yale Primary for the \$330. Ron also passed on Bob Hansen's thanks for the card that the club sent.</p>	
	<p>Vocational Director Ted failed to present anything of substance.</p>	<p>Bulletin Editor John Stockbridge</p>
	<p>As did stand-in fund raising director Andy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Week's Guest Speaker Peter Birch – The Solar System and Beyond</p>	

After a whole bunch of excuses, accompanied by the snoring of several members, Pres Mike announced the Bring n Buy results for last Sunday as being \$2231. It's lucky that Ron Sloan (who was still eating) had his hearing aids switched off so that he couldn't hear Mike's gruesome story about Louise catching her finger in the slicer.

Pres Mike then introduced Craig and Sharon Jennings for Craig's induction as a member of the Rotary Club of Thornlie. Despite many protests, Craig was found to be a person worthy of membership of the Rotary Club of Thornlie. PP Ron Bradock carried out the induction in his usual professional manner.

Instead of receiving the usual flowers from the club, Sharon asked the club to donate on her behalf to the SIDs foundation.

I do feel a little miffed that Craig was presented with a whole bunch more stuff than I got when I was inducted. Perhaps they thought that if they didn't give me a lot of presents that I wouldn't bother coming back. Well that plan certainly backfired !!!!!

The Rotary Club of Swan Districts Ladies Committee announces a Winter Warmer Luncheon to be held at the Rosehill Country Club in West Parade, South Guildford on Thursday June 21 at 11:30pm. The guest speaker is Sabrina Hahn from the ABC. RSVP please by June 8 to Lorna Duffy on 0250 3835 or email lduffy@biz.uwa.edu.au

Sgt Lew stated that he was in a vindictive mood so he immediately fined Pres Mike for not acknowledging Ross Evans return to the club and then:

- All those members who didn't get a new car today
- Wayne Brower for getting a new car and then going to Kalgoorlie by train.
- All those who didn't go to Maddington's 25th Anniversary
- Ron Sloan took Beth out to lunch and was fined because at the rate he masticates he must have been eating all day.
- PE Andy fined for not arranging the Golf Club to get port
- The Kelly handshake was on Sharon Jennings
- Pres Mike was fined for not having badges for Sharon
- Anyone who didn't enjoy last months bulletins
- Vic Rich for getting three plates of suites
- Pres Mike for changing jobs
- Where has Steve Foster gone so Ron Bradock was fined as he was the only Ron here.
- Ray Smith paid to read out an email from his son in law covering the five rules for men to have a happy life.
- Ray was then fined for quoting sexist emails
- Ross Evans fined Mike Raspa for not going to golf on a beautiful Saturday morning
- The chook was handed to John Stockbridge as a Rotary lifetime achievement award for lightening the tone of Rotary Club Meetings.

Pres Mike announced that for current and future directors there will be a joint board meeting on Monday 11th June at the Vale Chinese Restaurant on Amherst Road, Cnr Warton Road at 5:30PM for a 5:45PM start.

Host Chair Lloyd Dungey introduced our guests from Sacred Heart Primary who gave us an overview about their experiences in Japan on the "teach the teachers" tour that the club helped fund.

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The group visited a primary school that they have established a partnership with. The school welcomed the group from Sacred Heart with the school band playing and the presentation of a number of gifts.

The Sacred heart group also visited the Hiroshima memorial and presented some displays that the school had created.

The group was also invited to give some lessons at some of the local schools and participated in some of the traditional Japanese class activities such as calligraphy and the Fisherman's dance.

Ted Evans gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

Pres Mike then closed the meeting by thanking our guests and reminding present and incoming directors of the joint board meeting on Monday 11th June.

As club members would know, I am a city boy by heart, and I know that a number of club members have or are heading off to the bush. City people who have transposed themselves to the country are somewhat amusing and it is in their honour that I present

A Suburban Bush Ballad

They go out for the night bush dressed and brushed hair
or at least it's what they think that a cockie might wear.
These bush balladeers full of yarns and goodwill
it just seems so cynical when they live in Melville.

Oh I've been in the bush, now don't get me wrong
but the memories I have just don't get into song.
The flies that surround you and don't let you breathe
the sheep with sore bums that just make you heave.

Then it boils in the summer, no relief from the heat
and so cold in winter that there's ice on your feet.
There's rats in your lounge room and mice in the kitchen
The dog's so full of fleas that he makes you start itchin'

The snakes are so friendly as in numbers abound
all hissing and slimy as they slither around.
Plant a garden, how lovely, but never forget it
because by the morning the rabbits have et' it.

Your cobbers and mates by you they'll all stick
as long as you're in the right little clique.
You can tell favourite pastimes, they don't like to roam
which maybe accounts for ten kids in each home.

Give me a movie, then lunch in a sidewalk cafe
where I can happily sit and watch the day pass away.
I watch old and young people, then there's those funny young chaps
who drive around Fremantle chucking bog laps.

I can sail on the river, I can have lunch, Oh that's fine
I think I'll drive up the valley and purchase some wine.
I love a sunburnt country its characters and their insistence.
But I love it even better when I see it from a distance