



THORN LIE 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	<p>The meeting opened with an articulate rendition of Home among the gum trees, sung in the choral manner, expressed with feeling, intonated so well that the modulated lyrics were vocalized in an operatic version. The song was presented in a phonetically correct manner, uttered viva voce in an uplifting and endearing way.</p> <p>This is a polite way of saying it was our usual rubbish.</p> <p>PDG Frank proposed the Rotary toast to the Rotary Club of Chicago USA, which of course was the founding Rotary club, continuing to meet some 102 years later. It meets on a Tuesday at the Union League club.</p> <p>Tonight's meal was again superb for the third week in a row. The new caterers lead by Mike, are doing an outstanding job.</p> <p>Pres Mike welcomed our guest speakers Bevan Dellar Chairman & Natalie Bletchenden from Fairholme Disability Support Group.</p> <p>Pres Mike announced a receipt for \$2500 from the Australian Rotary Health Research Trust Fund on behalf of the Prem Bank for a Scholarship we have funded. The scholarship is entitled "Fitting the pieces to the nutritional puzzle of the pre-term infant."</p>	Week After
23 rd June		3 RD July
<p>C H A N G E O V E R</p>		<p>Attendance Ron Bradborn Wayne Brouwer</p> <p>Fellowship Lloyd Dungy Ross Evans</p> <p>Chairman Not Required</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 8th July Chris & Colin Ralph Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville Craig & Sharon Jennings</p> <p>Bulletin Editor Colin Waters</p>
This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker	Committee Meetings	

Then he suggested we sell raffle tickets for the Rotary Club of Rossmoyne. This was met by a resounding round of silence. After several long minutes a few tickets were sold.

We also welcomed back a returning **Rotarian in Colin Waters** who immediately got to his feet and thanked the club for its support and for the fund raising of some \$71,000.

Pres Mike stated that there will be 59 people at the changeover, and its good to know that a number of past Rotarians are attending - We are heading off to Thompkins on Swan, Cnr of Dunkley Ave and Canning Highway, Alfred Cove at 6:30pn for a 7:00pm start. Pre dinner drinks are on the club from 6:30 to 7:00 then there are some girlie drinks being put on the table. Ron and Colin are already starting to shake.

International Frank leapt to his feet and is never ceased to be amazed at the power that some of our Rotarians have in getting news into the Rotary Magazine.

Ron Bradock had nothing to say.

Ron Bradborn has had a late application for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, but Ron had convinced the forum to accept his late application.

Ted Evans bragged that he had his report finally submitted and Ron Bradborn would like the club to know that he is no longer a member of the Amish community.

Fund Raising Director said \$1680.

Secretary Doug started to brag about the badges finally coming in and then praised himself for his own efficiency in getting Ron Sloans badge.

Treasurer Wayne Brouwer mumbled something and John Mitchell looked extremely surprised at having his name mentioned. In fact I'm surprised that John realized where he was.

Last Sunday's team leader thanked the volunteers in John Mitchell and Ross Evans for their attendance at Bring N Buy.

Ron Bradborn expressed his delighted at the food, and asked that our appreciation be passed on to the caterers.

Sgt Lew and Corporal Colin are back together again and fined:

- The late changeover payees
- The Dockers supporters and especially those who think that Chris Tarrants buttocks are a good thing to be displayed. Lew paid \$10 on behalf of Wendy.
- Vin Rogers for being demoted to private
- Vic Rich for being a dobber
- Ron Bradbourn for getting special Tomato Sauce at Dinner
- Lew for the Leewin and Penfolds and other alcohol he managed to put away at lunchtime
- Ted Evans fined some idiot (Ross Evans) for leaving the headlights on his van.
- Vic Rich fined Pres Mike for his last meeting and

Chairman Ted Evans then introduced our guest speakers Bevan Dellar Chairman & Natalie Bletchenden from Fairholme Disability Support Group.

Fairholme Disability Support Group started in 1981 with some string support from various Rotary clubs in Western Australia. Fairholme operates out of an old homestead and caters for people with varying disabilities.

The Group found that the “badging” by Rotary had assisted greatly in opening the doors for significant funding opportunities. Bevan said that the change in disabled people by having access to different projects and becoming an integral part of the community really enhanced their life values.

Bevan stated that the Group has had far better success in getting projects accepted when they have used an association with Rotary as the community association is better reflected.

Fairholme is looking for the club to provide support in the form of money, kind or active involvement in some of the projects.

Natalie thanked the club for the opportunity to address the club, Natalie is the area supervisor for two group home (Berehaven and Albany Highway) these two home provide support for 13 residents in total.

The group homes are in an area classed as area seven which also has another four high level group homes, which means that they can participate in the upkeep of the gardens.

Most of the residents do have anywhere from 2 to 5 working day placements. Natalie said that the Group is looking for things that they can get the residents involved in such as gardening.

The main thing is for community inclusion and for the residents to have as balanced a lifestyle as possible. Things like assistance in the maintenance of the Bibulmen Track can make this achievable.

The assertive Ron Bradock made the club aware that it has received two proposals from Fairholme and will be looking at them in the New Year.

Ron Bradborn then defended his assertiveness by asking a question that went on and on and on – something to do with ploughing back yards and irrigation. Ron was immediately slapped down for suggesting that the club be involved in manual labour. Bevan Dellar calmed the waters by suggesting that a supervisory process was all that was required. This was much more in our line.

PDG Frank Keays gave an excellent and heartfelt vote of thanks.

Meeting Format – Incoming president Andy is trialling a couple of changes to the existing meeting format – these will be announced at the first July meeting. From the Bulletin duties list it should be noted that the role of Fellowship will now also involve the role of property. Two members will be assigned to Fellowship each week

The first meeting of each month will include Committee meetings for a period of pprox 30 minutes **WHO AM I??**

My first is in **bread** which I feed them each day
My second is in **escape** when they're on their way
My third is in **prison** which is where they've come from
My fourth is in **dungeon** which is where they belong
My fifth is in **vivid**, my socks – such a sight
My last is in **gnome** a reflection on my height

Archibald's Blog - We have been here for just over a year and I thought an overview of where we are at might be of interest. I commenced writing this blog about two months ago. The delay has been caused by us going to Sydney and Yarrowonga then we have been off the air for month due to faulty net work card and now I have to finish restricted to using my left hand as I have just had a bit of work done on my shoulder.

Sixteen odd years ago when we shifted from Crestwood to Gosnells Bob Hansen asked if we needed any help with the shift. I thought we had it under control with a removalist. Never the less Bob turned up with his truck followed by his son Mark with his truck and they undertook many loads to Gosnells. I could not believe it. Then when we shifted to Donnybrook several Rotarians offered to dismantle my large orchid shade house and re erect it here at Donnybrook. Without such help we could not have managed. I am pleased to read that many Rotarians helped Ross and Margaret with their move into their new home.



The orchids arrived here in good shape. Then I needed micro sprinklers to help the orchids combat the frosts. The sprinklers were sent from Melbourne by lame camel and the frosts beat them. Unprecedented frosts of minus 4 and minus 6 knocked the orchids about badly and I lost over 250 flower spikes.

Then we were confronted with the problems of employing contractors. The electrician turned up last week after I suggested that I employ him as Mr C Ash. He was here within a week.

The same goes with having 11000 plum trees and 500 nectarine trees pushed out. There must be about 100 supposed techniques of pushing trees out. It appears that my contractor did not have the ultimate technique so I had the ask the local bulldozing contractor to build a blade plow to rip out the stumps left in the ground. The driver and I exchanged numerous heated words due to him sinking the plough in below the stumps. Then because of the lack of rains we missed the opportunity to burn the heaps of trees and plant pasture. We have now had 70mm of rain and now burning will have to wait until spring.

Of course, with cultivation, comes sticks and stones. Lorraine and I have spent hours cleaning up and when the going gets tough Gordon lends me a front end loader for the boulders. Of course we could not keep up so we employed Back Packers to help. Here, the fruit, vegetable and vineyard industry would not survive without Back Packers. Can you imagine us being able to find Australians to pick up sticks and stones. With one exception we have been allocated Japanese Back Packers and they were excellent. The last time one was a petite Japanese girl.



The soil was like talcum powder and at lunch time I discovered she was wearing contact lens. She must have gone through hell but she would not give up other than agreed to remove her contacts for the rest of the day.

Before the trees could be pushed out I had to cut the wire the trees were splayed too. That was 4900 cuts, 4900 steps up the ladder and 4899 steps down – I missed the last step once and landed flat on my back quick smart. There was 13 kms of drip line pipes that I towed up to the burning heaps, sadly it seemed a waste.

Lorraine planted a whole lot of feature trees that needed fencing off from the kangaroos – I used to think roos were great but not so now as they bust every thing I do. Then the neighbours cattle were invited in to eat the weeds. They have very long necks and lean heavily and the poddies know no barriers and the trees got pruned. Fencing methods as I was taught don't exist today. The only thing that really works are electric fences and Lorraine seems unable to get trough an electric fence without getting zapped.

People ask me about my livestock. I purchased 20 Keets (baby Guinea Fowl) last January. Here the technique is to pen them for 3 weeks to teach them where home is and then let a few out each day. Those let out camp on top of the coupe for a few days. I thought they would then look for a suitable tree to roost in. Wrong. They only roost in the tree adjacent to the coupe. It was a big high tree and as young fellas they could not reach the first branch so I had to build some staging roosts for them to be able to reach the limbs. Having selected the tree the birds return to the same tree each night. I run them a totally ferial and they gather there own insects. Initially the birds hung around the house which was a real problem as they have a voice box instead of a brain and secondly they wanted to move into the house. Fortunately now they have found the river. Of the 20, I now have 11 left. One night when some were on top of the coup I scared three never to see them again. The vendor of the property purchased all of the shoe laces when a shoe shop closed down in town and used them to tie the branches to the espaliered wires. The stupid Guinea Fowl think them to be elongated worms and die because of indigestion.

I have a marvellous neighbour by the name of Gordon who grazes his cattle on the land that has pasture and we wont use the land over the river. He has now tilled the land for us in front of the house and levelled it ready for sowing to pasture. The weeds need spraying first and that was to be done this week but due to wet weather this must be delayed and in turn the sowing of pasture. He will turn up one day and in a few hours it will all be done. (I am pleased to say last

Tuesday he turned up sprayed the weeds and immediately sowed the pasture seeds) Once the pasture is sown fencing can commence to contain my Highland cattle.

The photo of the one tonne Bulka bag on the back of my ute is super Cu Zn and Mo. It is hard to buy small quantities so Gordon loaned me two Bulka bags. Only one firm in Bunbury will refill them. Due to use of urea the land is tending to be acid so I decided upon applying lime. I needed 20 tonnes but the minimum load is 25 tonnes as per the photograph. We went away for the weekend and when we had returned Gordon had spread both super and lime.

In the old days the method of inoculating clover seeds was messy using an agar like product to coat the seed then add the culture and then coat with lime to separate the seeds and the seeds had to be sown with three days. Today what happens over summer has been replicated in a clay product (I think from Moora) with the culture mixed in. In this mix the culture sits dormant for months and when seeding, it is just tipped in with the seed in the seed box of the drill. Neat and clean.

My objective was to own no plant and use contractors. I have had to give in and buy a little Toyota tractor. I harrowed the 20 acres to mix the lime into the soil.

Garden plants grow exceptionally well here. To begin with we planted seeds and nothing happened . We repeated with the same result. Then when over at a neighbour's we noticed that they had a number of gutter guard tunnels around the garden. The explanation given was to protect the seeds from the little birds. Now that we do this we too have good results

A neighbour, over the back, has a smart method of removing iron from bore water and had a contractor install the process. He uses a Kanga machine with many attachments. The Kanga is absolutely remarkable in its achievements. This will be great as I need the water for frost prevention for my orchids. Over the summer I pump water from the river but the river is inclined to flood in winter so I must remove the engine and pump from the river bank each winter. Being able to use the bore will be a salvation.

Before we came down here all the advice was to have a lighting plant due to power outages so I bought a 6.8 KVA plant but with no electrician I have not been able to use it until recently when the neighbour must have decided I could be trusted and showed how to rig it up in a power outage so that we can operate the house fridges and light. I will say no more. Now it is legally wired in.

All of the residents here in the road are very busy trying to farm and fulfil their professional occupations. We too have been busy but the light is at the end of the tunnel and we are gradually socializing with all of them. Lorraine has joined a local craft club and doing her quilting and has now formed a book club. I have presented a petition to Council for the residents regarding the road with success at the first hurdle.

All in all everything has been so slow due to unavailability of contractors and lack of rain so we are a year behind. With luck 2007 will be a catch up year. As for the decision to come down here it has been great and it is a great place to live with Donnybrook having good services mostly at Perth prices and sometimes less than Perth. The trust given us by retailers is amazing and sometimes it is fairly big dollars.

Cheers Ian and Lorraine

Bulletin Editors – we are looking for nominations for Bulletin editors for the coming year- lets know what month you prefer. Note that with the new format of meetings there will now be less reporting each month

Bring’N’Buy Roster
Starting June 07

TEAM	MEMBERS	DATES
1	Chris & Colin Ralph Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville Craig & Sharon Jennings	8 th Jul – 26 th Aug 14 th Oct – 2 nd Dec
2	Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O’Dea Ross & Margaret Evans	15 th Jul – 2 nd Sep 21 st Oct – 9 th Dec
3	Colin Waters Mike & Louise Raspa Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire	22 nd Jul – 9 th Sep 28 th Oct – 16 th Dec
4	Andy & Wren Hopper John Mitchell Vic & Cheryl Rich	29 th Jul – 16 th Sep 4 th Nov – 23 rd Dec
5	Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans	5 th Aug – 23 rd Sep 11 th Nov – 30 th Dec
6	Lew & Wendy Pritchard Doug & Anet Parker John Stockbridge	24 th June – 12 th Aug 30 th Sep – 18 th Nov
7	Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey Colin Waters	1 st Jul - 19 th Aug 7 th Oct – 25 th Nov

Bill and Margarita Douglas dropped in to have a chat on Thursday. They were having 5 days in town with the view of purchasing a retirement base. Day four had come and there hadn’t been a purchase. Both look great and are fit and healthy. Bills contract runs until Jan 2008 and then they will make decision. At the stage the feeling is towards retirement in Perth. The kids, Steven and Dominica and are well established and doing extremely well in their chosen professions, They still have their place in Bali, and visit it a couple of times a year, mainly the Xmas period for tribal reunions. Margarita is looking particularly well and is not having any further medical treatment.

AND 19 THINGS TO GET YOU THROUGH LIFE

1. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
2. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.

3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
4. People who want to tell you all about their religion, never seem to want to hear about yours.
5. The main accomplishment of almost all organised protests is to annoy people who are not in them.
6. You should not confuse your career with your life.
7. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
8. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
9. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
10. Never lick a steak knife.
11. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.
12. Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
13. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
14. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
15. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age 11.
16. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."
17. And when God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories, decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
18. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.
19. Your friends love you, anyway.