



# THORNLIE 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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<p><b>Next Week</b></p>		<p><b>Week After</b></p>
<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> July</b></p>		<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b></p>
<p><b>Attendance</b> Ron Bradborn Wayne Brouwer</p>	<p><b>President's Report 2006-2007</b>          This year certainly had its fair share of highs and lows; but throughout it was busy, enthusiastic, innovative and very interesting.</p> <p>After almost two years of research, development and fundraising, our PREM (Perron Rotary Express Milk) Bank commenced its operations at King Edward Memorial Hospital and is now providing donated pasteurised human breast milk to premature or critically ill infants, whose mothers are unable to express sufficient milk to fully meet their infant's needs. The visit by Club members and partners to the PREM Bank and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit organised by the Vocational committee, enabled all to experience great justification for the financial commitment by our club.</p>	<p><b>Attendance</b> Bevan Baskerville Ted Evans</p>
<p><b>Fellowship</b> Lloyd Dungy Ross Evans</p>		<p><b>Fellowship</b> Craig Jennings Frank Keays</p>
<p><b>Chairman</b> Not Required</p>		<p><b>Chairman</b> Bernie O'Dea</p>
<p><b>Committee meetings</b></p>		<p><b>REPORTS</b> Vocational, Community and Social</p>
<p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b> Chris &amp; Colin Ralph Phil &amp; Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville Craig &amp; Sharon Jennings</p>	<p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b> Wayne &amp; Chris Brouwer Bernie O'Dea Ross &amp; Margaret Evans</p>	
<p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> Mike Raspa</p>	<p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> Chris Ralph</p>	
<p><b>This weeks meeting program</b></p>	<p><b>Committee meetings</b></p>	

The first few months of the year were taken up with preparing the way for a merger between Maddington Club and ourselves. Many meetings were held at a local Chinese restaurant and we had to battle our way through the bottles of wine at each meeting, while trying to determine a win-win strategy to put forward to our respective clubs. The vote was always going to be close and the merger proposal failed by the barest of margins. I take this opportunity to thank Andy Hopper and Colin Waters for their diligence towards this project, also to commend Colin for the extra tasks of communication he took on. I was disappointed that the merger did not go ahead and I have not retreated from wishing that the merger takes place.

All Directors were busy throughout the year and presented the Club with some worthwhile projects to consider; foremost amongst these were:

- × Actively seeking Group Study Exchange candidates; five were interviewed and two were presented to District
- × From an address to the club by dentist Denis Cosgrove; the Tibet Dental Project was born as a Rotary International project with RAWCS listing
- × Project Botswana; assisting in the building of a third hostel for children who were orphaned as a result of the AIDS epidemic
- × Our Bowel Scan project in its second year grew in size from 6 Pharmacies to 13 and from 420 kits sold last year to 744 this year; this project has now been taken up by the 3 Rotary Districts in WA
- × The New Generations committee was instrumental in involving the City of Gosnells to find a home for Teen Spirit to carry on its good work
- × We sent two young people on a Sail Leeuwin Ocean Adventure leadership course
- × We completed a Literacy Project with the Parkwood Primary School. The school is the centre for intensive English studies for refugee children and this Club provided them with the Sound Way Program to be used to accelerate the pupils' understanding of Spelling, Reading and Writing of English. This project could not have been possible without the hundreds of hours of research and dedication invested by PDG Ron Sloan. With some knowledge of ongoing strategies by Ron on this Literacy Project I can say that this Club, the Government of Western Australia and, indeed, the Governments other States and Territories will hear more in the near future
- × Funding a Scholarship through the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund on behalf of PREM Bank. The scholarship is entitled "Fitting the pieces to the nutritional puzzle of the pre-term infant".

The unexpected death of Albert Allen during the height of his beloved Bowelscan Programme hit the emotions of this club with sudden, forceful impact. I was honoured to give a eulogy on behalf of our club and the number of members who attended the funeral ensured that his guard of honour was a long one.

My thanks go to Ron Bradborn for leading the way to a smooth and successful conclusion to Bowelscan and to Ron Bradock for taking up the Community Directorship. My thanks also to members and partners, past members and partners, the Gosnells Inner Wheel Club and the Rotary Club of Maddington for their attendance at the shopping centres, for listening patiently while people told their stories and for making Bowelscan week a high point for our Club.

Apart from Albert, we also sadly accepted resignations from Ken Syme, Arthur Watts and Gary Flynn; real stalwarts of the club and I sincerely hope that Rotary, in some form, will still play a part in their future. On the plus side, we welcomed back Vic Rich and inducted Vin Rogers and Craig Jennings.

There are a few people that I wish now to publicly recognise for their contribution to a most successful year for the Club and a most enjoyable year for me; they are:

- × John Stockbridge for his superb job with Club Program and also for his continuing work on the Club's website
- × Geoff Wiltshire for writing newspaper articles and organising some great publicity for the club
- × Colin Waters for his dedication to the Bring n Buy Markets and pulling together the weekly bulletin
- × Lloyd Dungey for exercising his mind to provide us with some wonderful social occasions and ensuring the Club received its culture fix.
- × Sergeant Lew Pritchard for keeping the club in line, the meetings flowing on time and the quality of his fines. I learnt very early in the year that when Lew commenced his session with "I haven't got that many fines" that we were all going to contribute a lot of money.
- × All the bulletin writers over the year; their individual contributions are now part of the history of our club.

I extend my sincere thanks to all members of the Board for their commitment to the Club, the discussions that were sometimes lively, but always informed and to my Directors who weren't afraid to try something new, improve on the past and continually test the relevance of ongoing projects.

Being President of this Club has helped me become a more powerful person in many ways and has allowed me to enjoy my Rotary on a deeper level. The support I have received from all club members, AG Rod Style and District has been humbling but I reserve my greatest thanks for my wife Louise for her unqualified support to my Presidency and allowing me to have fun in Rotary.

As Andy takes over the reigns of the Club for 2007 -2008, he will find a rejuvenated and enthusiastic Club that he will lead to even greater accomplishments. I acknowledge his invaluable support as President Elect and Club Service Director and extend him my best wishes and total support in the coming year.

Mike Raspa

**Outgoing president Mike called PP Ray Smith and PP Colin Waters to the podium and each were awarded Multiply Paul Harris Fellowships on the evening**





## WHO AM I

### Clues

- Member of the Rotary club of Thornlie
- Married
- One Child
- Member of the West Coast Eagles
- Paul Harris Fellow
- Photo wasn't taken this year but was one of two produced for this weeks bulletin



We still have a couple of holes for bulletin editor – Volunteers Please

Bulletin Editor 2007 – 08

July	Christine Ralph
August	Doug Parker
September	Lew Pritchard
October	Geoff Wiltshire
November	Colin Ralph
December	Ted Evans
January	Frank Keays
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	John Stockbridge



#### Present Elects Address

- Thank you all and good evening.
- I am proud to have been elected as the President of Thornlie Rotary Club for this coming year.
- Both Wren and I are looking forward to our year.
- To Wren a big thank you for all your support
- To PP Mike and Louise: well done for the last year.

PP Mike we have all enjoyed your Presidency and I look forward to working with you this coming year. Although PP Mike has handed over the reins, I know he is keen to continue in a leadership roll, within our club.

May I now introduce this years Board of Directors:

- **PRESIDENT ELECT:** RON BRADBORN
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** MIKE RASPA
- **SECRETARY:** DOUG PARKER
- **TREASURER:** RON BRADBORN
- **FUND RAISING AND RISK MANAGEMENT:** COLIN WATERS
- **INTERNATIONAL:** COLIN RALPH (FRANK KEAYS)
- **COMMUNITY:** RON BRADOCK
- **VOCATIONAL:** JOHN STOCKBRIDGE
- **NEW GENERATIONS:** VIC RICH

#### **INCOMING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**COMMUNITY:** TED EVANS, MIKE RASPA, CRAIG JENNINGS, RAY SMITH  
**EX OFFICIO MEMBER:** GEOFF WILTSHIRE

**VOCATIONAL:** RON SLOAN, CHRISTINE RALPH, Bernie O’Dea, PHIL HINWOOD  
**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** DOUG PARKER LLOYD DUNGEY

**NEW GENERATIONS:** BILL WRATHALL, VIN ROGERS, WAYNE BROUWER,  
LEW PRITCHARD **EX OFFICIO MEMBER:** RON BRADBORN

**INTERNATIONAL:** FRANK KEAYS, JOHN MITCHELL, ROSS EVANS  
BEVAN BASKERVILLE **EX OFFICIO MEMBER:** COLIN WATERS

Our RI President for this coming year is Wilfrid J Wilkinson, he tells us and I quote:

“Our Rotary movement is a great one and its greatness is most effectively demonstrated through the individual efforts of its members.

We take the time to share our talents, skills, and energy with others. And through this process, we create a better world.

It is this fundamental generosity of our members that inspired this year’s theme: **ROTARY SHARES”**

As well as continuing with our customary projects, I would like to look at some form of environmental project.

It seems now that every body wants to plant trees. A few years ago our club was involved in tree planting in some country areas. For a variety of reasons we have not been involved of late, and I for one have enough trouble pulling weeds, never mind planting trees.

I’m sure most of Thornlie’s members remember Sandra Mae-Lin Kerbler, our national youth science forum attendee speaking to the club, and as to how many young people are becoming more and more concerned about our environment, our endangered species and our native flora and fauna.

This I think is something that is very important to the whole community.

The Rotary Club of Thornlie in general is a living entity and like any living body is subject to outside influence and to change.

Some things are planned and come from within some are unplanned and are thrust upon us.

I think in this coming Rotary year we will see a year of change. Some of the changes planned that will affect our club will relate directly to the format of our meetings with the introduction of a new meeting agenda.

This new agenda will be trailed in the coming months.

Some of the modifications I will be trying will be,

- Reduced occasions when we sing.

- Committee meetings to be held within our normal Tuesday meeting.
- A new format for presenting Rotary information.
- I would like visitors to the club will be introduced by club members, instead of having to stand and introduce themselves

Membership is an ongoing issue with our club and there are economies that come with increased membership. Earlier this year our club entered into negotiations with the Rotary Club of Maddington to amalgamate our clubs, as we all know this did not happen. However I think it was difficult to see a down side to our club had this taken place.

The new President of Maddington has approached me regarding our two clubs holding some joint discussions. I see this as beneficial and plan to have the old amalgamation committee re-activated to meet with Maddington. As a minimum it may be possible to look at joint projects and social activities.

Changes are also occurring at district level. Most members will remember that our club moved at D.G Hugh Langridges conference, that the district should start negotiations regarding its future.

The motion was not accepted by conference and I am unaware of any subsequent negotiations. However recent correspondence is leading towards action been taken by Rotary International on the districts future, we can only wait and see to what happens. I personally feel we are not in a real position to influence their decision.

Whatever happens in the future we must remember we are Rotarians. As Rotarians, we do an unbelievable job throughout the world.

We enjoy great fellowship, and we form great friendships that stand the test of time.

We will always be members of The Rotary Club of Thornlie and we are dammed proud of it.

Thank you

## A life of laughs the key to ton

ELSIE Wrathall was destined to bring up the ton.

Longevity is in her genes, having had aunts who lived past 100 and a mother who lived to 99.

Family and friends from across Australia gathered at Point Lonsdale's Anglican Church Hall yesterday to help Mrs Wrathall celebrate her milestone.

She was in good spirits and farewelled her loved ones with a "royal wave" when it was time to go home.

Mrs Wrathall's daughter Nancy Rowlands said the key to her mother's achievement was living a simple life and maintaining a wicked sense of humour. Never one to rest on her laurels, Mrs Wrathall will have a second birthday celebration tomorrow when she officially turns 100.



MILESTONE: Elsie Wrathall, front, second from left, celebrates her 100th birthday with her children, back, from left, Nancy Rowlands, Bill Wrathall, and front, from left, James Wrathall, Jenny Wainwright and Margaret Johnson.

Photo: BRAD WILSON

## Members to note

There are a few changes being tried with meetings in the coming year – members should note the following suggestions that will be tried over the coming months

- The duties of Property and fellowship are now combined – 2 members will be nominated and will share both functions
- The Rotary Charge will now be read by everyone at the commencement of the meeting rather than the conclusion
- The function of vote of thanks will now be performed by the President
- Singing at the start of a meeting will be confined to partners nights
- Guests /visitors to the club will no longer introduce themselves – the Sergeant will on call on the member to the guests right hand side to perform the introduction
- Committees will meet during the first meeting at the club each month
- Directors will be rostered to report at set meeting – once per month - They may report on other night by way of the asterix system.
  - the order of reporting will be
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month – Vocational, Community and Social
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the month – International, and New generations
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the month – Social and Fund raising
  - Special reports will be required for special functions
- members who also wish to address the club should use the asterix system

- Directors will be allocated a month to report Rotary information at each meeting during that month. The Rotary information should refer to projects that have been (or are being) undertaken by another club. The information may also include a toast to that club. The monthly order of reports will be Vocational, Community, New generations and International.
- Members/Directors requiring cheques at a meeting should email the treasurer with the request form prior to the meeting – otherwise the cheque will be produced at the following meeting. Request forms are available from either the treasurer or the Bulletin editor