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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	K eeping things very formal John S gave a solo of the	Week After
4th September	Rotary Charge.	11th September
Attendance Wayne Brouwer Lloyd Dungy	E njoying the company and meeting were guest speakers on Project Botswana – Greg Whyte; Terry, Cassie and Angela Rabbitt and brother in law of PE Ron, Bruce Goddard.	Attendance Craig Jennings John Mitchell
Property & Fellowship Ross Evans Ted Evans	V isiting also were Rotarians partners Lois Smith and Sylvia Keays.	Property & Fellowship Frank Keays Bernie O’Dea
Chairman Not required	I n fine spirits after absences were Phil and Lloyd and a big welcome back was extended.	Chairman Doug Parker
REPORTS Committee Meetings	N ow recovering from a heart attack is DG Robyn’s partner Steve – President Andy has sent a message to DG Robyn.	REPORTS Vocational (John Stockbridge), Community (Ron Bradock) and Social- Lloyd Dungy
Bring-N-Buy 2nd September Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O’Dea Ross & Margaret Evans	S heets were handed around by PDG Frank to those hosting the GSE team from 30 September to 6 October 2007, the hosts being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faye & Ron Bradborn – Jude Roberts • Yvonne & Ron Bradock – Nasima Patel • Sylvia & Frank Keays – Andrew Wilson • Sylvia & Vin Rogers – Ruth Kerr • Lois & Ray Smith – Andrew Vanzie 	Bring-N-Buy 9th September Colin Waters Mike & Louise Raspa Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire
Bulletin Editor <i>Lew Pritchard</i>	H ighly enjoyable Citizens Advocacy quiz night attended last Friday night reported President Andy even if the answers didn’t match his.	Bulletin Editor <i>Lew Pritchard</i>
This weeks meeting program	Committee meetings	

Every good gardener experiences a back related problem from overdoing it, hence no PDG Ron tonight.

Extra curricular activity by Doug was to attend District briefing on Sunday 26 August about Working With Children. The following report was given:-

An 'Abuse and Harassment Prevention Manual' has been compiled by District 9470, aimed at protecting youth who participate in Rotary programs and providing a framework for working with children (a person under 18 years of age). It also aims to reduce the risks to Rotarians from false claims.

The State Government has enacted a "Working with Children Act" to reduce the risks of persons known to be a risk of harming children from working with or obtaining a position within an organization which works with children.

Under the Working with Children Act Rotary Clubs are considered to be a Volunteer Organisation that is working with children. Therefore all members of District 9470 rotary Clubs and volunteers acting on behalf of Rotary in any of its programs involving children are required by law to adhere to the requirements of the Act.

Rotarians of District 9470 Rotary Clubs cannot participate in any youth programs unless their club has formally appointed a Club Protection Officer. The Protection Officer shall not be a Host Parent, Student Counsellor; nor Director of Youth/New Generations or International Services within the Club. It is a position that the Club Service Director could fill.

Every Rotary Club Protection Officer shall apply for and receive a Working with Children Card as defined under the Act. The cost is \$10. The duties of the CPO include establishing the suitability of all Rotarians and Volunteers involved in Youth programs undertaken by the Rotary Club.

Who requires a Working with Children Card:-

- Club Protection Officer
- Counsellor for Inbound Exchange Student
- Host father/mother/brother/sister for Inbound Exchange Student
- Any Rotarian/Volunteer involved in Rotary Youth programs and with unsupervised access to youth.
- Any Rotarian or Volunteer involved in an overnight camp or activity, regardless of the type of accommodation or how many children involved.
- Counselling or other support services including telephone support.

All records relating to WWC cards and Forms 1 & 2 must be kept in perpetuity at the designated Rotary District Office and must be included in Club Board minutes.

When an electronic copy of the manual is received I will circulate to relevant personnel within the Club.

Deep thanks were extended by Wayne to the Club and members for condolences, cards and attendance at funeral of his father.

You made some people very happy reported Vin, as he related how he had visited the Thornlie Primary School and advised of the Club funding a slide to the value of \$3000.

A movie afternoon (Amazing Grace) will be held on Sunday 9 September at Hoyts Carousel followed by a meal said Lloyd, timing yet to be announced.

Let's see how many can make the Storm the Stage event this year – details have been forwarded by email.

Even beat the Poms in Sri Lanka proudly announced Lloyd, although his contribution was not said out loud.

Getting better as his term as PE continues duties were announced and BNB got a bucketing even if Chris thought Colin was good company – obviously still getting on well.

Enunciating his shekel collecting role for the edification of those present took place and then Sergeant Colin got down to the fine business end:-

- Those that didn't see the blood red moon lunar eclipse – as it was raining no one did.
- PE Ron automatically proffered \$4.
- Bruce had to also as he's related.
- Phil for a good holiday.
- Mike for missing Friday's lunch and some road rage activity.
- Lloyd back home from representing Australia.
- Colin & Chris – collected \$27 at BNB and admitted it.
- Bevan & Geoff – should have been more property orientated.
- Bernie for flaunting his wealth with \$100 notes.
- Ross – no dinner badge.
- Doug – No Kerr No Hope not that well accepted.
- Geoff – for the \$\$\$ raised at the quiz night.
- Those that hadn't read the Examiner and noticed the Rotary advertisement.
- Those that saved on gambling through the equine virus.
- Andy for paying a \$19 search fee for haircut and PE Ron \$25 also, when all he needs is a wide comb.
- Bevan on Sergeant on behalf of the hard working sponsors of the Rotary advertisement.
- Ray on Sergeant for his forte is \$100 notes.
- John S on PE Ron due to ongoing Arthur Daley negotiations on Rotary advertisements.

Now at this juncture with apple crumble and custard being eaten at frenetic pace, particularly Vin who had two serves, host Chairman Ron Bradock introduced the guest speakers on Project Botswana.

Donating their time and seeking donations of clothing and building supplies is one of the major aims of Project Botswana said Greg Whyte. Originally his group of volunteers (22 aged between 15 and 72 years of age) worked on projects in Zambia and then moved to Botswana. They also went to Sri Lanka after the tsunami. Their task in Botswana is within 5 years to put as many day care centres around Botswana as possible, to bring about behavioral change and care for the needs of AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.

Two short videos were played on the groups activities in Botswana and Greg thanked RC of

Thornlie for past donations. Cassie (16 yrs) read out what she did on the building site and related to the African culture. Terry related how much young people became involved by doing such things as forming a conga line for moving piles of bricks. Food was tasty and plentiful and the locals had huge meals. President Andy thanked the guest speakers for their presentation and the meeting concluded.

BRING n BUY – With the return of Phil from his sojourn I have altered the BnB roster – the only person affected is Crag Jennings. The roster is as follows

Bring’N’Buy Roster

TEAM	MEMBERS	DATES
1	Chris & Colin Ralph Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville	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 Craig & Sharon Jennings	1 st Jul - 19 th Aug 7 th Oct – 25 th Nov

Hi Mike,

As we discussed this evening at the Rotary meeting, attached is Cassie's story regarding her trip to Botswana, for dissemination to the members of Thornlie Rotary. As I said, Cassie wrote this story for publication in her school newsletter at Lesmurdie Senior High School.

Thank you for the opportunity to show the Rotarians the outcome of your generous donation. I mentioned to Greg about your kind offer of a partnership and ongoing sponsorship and he will certainly be in touch. Thank you also for the lovely meal and hospitality.

Kind regards,

Angie Rabbitt. Project Botswana Volunteer

Hey I’m Cassie and I’m in year 11.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity of going to Africa this year and helping some people in need. I went in a group of 22 people. The youngest was 15 and the eldest was 72. One of my

best friends Sheldon from year 10 came too.

What we did was build a day care centre and a classroom in a little village named Manyana in Botswana. My dad came with me but the house we stayed in was nearly 30minutes apart. We stayed in Gaborone and drove nearly an hour each day to work in Manyana. The people were very friendly and so excited to meet us, even the kids and they gave us a warm welcome of singing.

The Africans helped us build. I did brick laying, carted bricks, carried roof irons, cleaned windows and door frames, painted them, helped paint the walls and much more. Every day the ladies from the church grounds we were building on cooked us lunch. We ate rice, lentils, maize, bread, goat, chicken and vegie dishes for 3 weeks. Our leader taught them how to cook pasta.

As we worked, the little kids would come over and talk to us. They are very loving and all wanted to be your friend. They taught us some games they play and we taught them what we used to play as a child. We held a few kids clubs and we had over 200 kids show up to the first one. I didn't even think there were that many people in the village! I was so excited. We split the kids into 3 groups and I was a leader who took them to different activities. One was a craft activity, one was games like relays and a hula-hoop game, the other activity we taught them some songs and told them a bible story. We had so much fun that afternoon. I've never seen so many excited and enthusiastic kids. On the first day we met the kids they gave most of us young people a Setswanan name (Setswana is the language in Botswana). Mine was Neo, pronounced as neigh-oh.

The first weekend we drove to the Kalahari Desert to 2 villages to hand out clothes and toys. When we were there we were lucky enough to see some traditional dancing. Handing out clothes was a bit scary because the people got so excited and a little bit aggressive and pushy. The second weekend the group went to Kanye Hospital to give them beds we brought from Australia in a sea container. The third weekend we drove 10 hours to Kasane and stayed there Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. Saturday we went to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. The falls were amazing. We got drenched from the spray that went way into the sky and rained down on us. Vic falls is huge and very loud. We stayed in Zimbabwe for lunch and shopping. We took clothes to trade for African carvings in stone and wood of animals, bowls, drums, salad spoons and so much more. Trading is very addictive and fun. I finally got rid of clothes I didn't want and I now have carvings of 2 elephants, giraffes, a lion, a hippo and a zebra. The next day we went on a Safari Game Drive at about 7am. It was freezing cold but exciting. We saw hippos, deers, antelopes, elephants, giraffes, a hyena, baboons, water buffalo, warthogs and heaps of birds. The vehicle I was in got to see an elephant less then 20m away. It was gorgeous but scared of us. All I wanted to do was hug it. After that we packed up and drove home.

Nearly every night we had dinner provided for us by people who wanted to meet us and thank us. One night we had nibbles with the President of Botswana. We were over the moon about meeting him. We took lots of photos and my dad got his shirt signed by the President.

We did have some bad luck with our bus. One night the fan belt broke down and we were no where near home. Some of us went in a car to go home and get some supplies for the bus but then we got a flat tyre half way home. It was a very late and cold night. One night we ran out of fuel and had to wait for someone to bring us fuel. It wasn't fun but it wasn't the end of the world.

We became close friends with the Africans and the little kids as well as the people in our group. Every day was a fun day; the Africans were always in a really good mood and were easy to have a joke with. Thy taught us Setswanan words. It was easy to communicate because English is the main language throughout Africa. One day when we were building there was a wedding on at the church and our group was invited to the ceremony. African weddings are very different to Australian. They sing so much and the bride dances down the aisle and the groom dances around her.

The final day came, the handing over of the buildings. There was a ceremony in which a lot of

important people made lengthy speeches. The Women's Ministries Department of Botswana through whom we organised the trip gave us shirts saying thankyou. A cameraman from the Hope channel (a Christian channel) filmed the whole thing. After the ceremony there was really yummy food and we had a few last hours to spend with our new friends. We all exchanged phone numbers and email and home addresses. We gave the local soccer team new uniforms and equipment. They loved the new gear. We were very sad to say goodbye, none of us were ready to leave. We had so much fun on the trip and knew we were going to miss the people so much. I really wanted to bring some of the kids home they were so adorable.

The next day we drove to Johannesburg in South Africa and flew out the next day to Mauritius. We stayed there a few days to relax and tour the island where we got a chance to ride huge tortoises. I was so happy to come home and see my mum and my sister; there was limited contact during the trip, which got hard at times. Even though I missed my family I could live in Africa so easily. I still miss it. I learned so much about building, the African culture and I learned to appreciate life's luxuries and how to handle people's moods and personalities. The best thing I loved most about the trip was definitely the new friends within the group, with the Africans and the children. Definitely worthwhile and I want to do it again next year.

3-Sep	Bradborn	Faye	Birthday
4-Sep	Keays's		Anniversary
14-Sep	Baskerville		Anniversary
23-Sep	Raspa	Mike	Birthday
29-Sep	Evans	Lois	Birthday
30 – Sep	Rogers	Sylvia	Birthday

Yibetty yiberter that's all folks, over to Lew. Prize this week – empty wrappers from the chocolates PE Ron sold last week.