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23rd October 2007

THORN LIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PO Box 84, THORN LIE WA 6988

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

**Apologies to Ron Bradborn (M) 0400210891 by 10
.00AM Monday**

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Next Week		Week After
30th October		6th November
Attendance Bevan Baskerville Ron Bradborn Property and Fellowship Wayne Brouwer Lloyd Dungey Chairman Ross Evans REPORTS Social – Lloyd Dungey and Fund Raising - Colin Bring-N-Buy 28th October Lew & Wendy Pritchard Mike & Louise Raspa Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire Bulletin Editor Geoff Wiltshire	Meeting brought to attention by a refreshed and cruisey Sgt Colin and opened by President Andy. Guest speaker Trevor De Landgraft, President, WA Farmers Federation was introduced and welcomed as was frequent visiting Rotarian Ron Thatcher. Andy reminded all that next week is a partners night, 6.30 for 7.00pm and \$25/head – so bring some more loot. As reported last week, Wren had invested in the weekend lotto on the strength of a bird message, and Andy was delighted to report that a massive win had resulted. So in future, all members should wait until they receive a bird deposit before investing in the lotto? Andy also reported that Beth Sloan was unwell, and the Club sends its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Beth and PP Ron. International Colin reported that the Club had agreed to support a dental program in Tibet, New Hope in India, and the Thailand library project. Ron Thatcher thanked the Club for it's generous support of the Thai project and promised to whisk several members away to Thailand for the presentations later next year. Secretary Doug reminded members that police clearances were required before the 5 November after which it would be less convenient Bring n buy – on a glorious day – raised \$1793.	Attendance Ted Evans & Phil Hinwood Property and Fellowship Craig Jennings & Frank Keays Chairman Not Required REPORTS Committee meetings Bring-N-Buy 4th November Lew & Wendy Andy & Wren Hopper John Mitchell Vic & Cheryl Rich Bulletin Editor Colin Ralph
Next weeks meeting program	Sarah Jarmaine	

Fund Raising Colin proposed a small committee of Colin, Geoff, PE Ron and Vince to examine the issue of vehicle access to B n Buy and to report back to the club. Slick handballs – must be an Eagle man!

Colin also advised that a GMC tool repair person would be permitted to sell his wares at the market from time to time.

PE Ron reported that his resume now runs to another page with the addition of truck driver and “rack fitter” to his recently acquired forklift skills. Rack fitting apparently is a RB version of scaffolding. So it isn't forklift Ron anymore but rack fitter Ron. Ouch!

Sgt Colin worked the fines with his usual aplomb and managed to hit almost every body with at least one hit, all in near record time.

John introduced Trevor De Landgraftt who spoke on the role of the WA Farmers Federation and some of the key issues now confronting farmers and the Federation.

WAFF has about 4,000 members involved predominantly in broad acre farming and including all the major food groups.

The WAFF is organised across 17 geographical divisions as well as commodity groupings. This is overseen by a management board.

Some of the major issues for WAFF touched on by Trevor were climate change, commodity marketing arrangements, animal welfare and live exports, transport deregulation, agriculture labour shortages, research and development including GM crops and drought assistance.

The situation with farm product prices versus supermarket prices was an ongoing issue which was likely to worsen as non food uses, such as fuel, competed with the traditional food uses for a diminishing supply of grain. Trevor referred to the recent doubling of grain prices and the impact on prices of the “Just in time mentality” in supply and storage of grain and other foods. Apparently after the end of WW2 about 6 months supply of grain to feed the world was considered necessary. Now it is estimated the world has sufficient grain in storage at any one time for about 30 days supply.

Pres. Andy thanked Trevor for a most informative and interesting presentation.

Remember – a bad days fishing beats a good day in the office!