



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 –

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

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<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Tonght,s meeting was preceded by a Board meeting with the District Governor Robyn and Assistant Governor Fred</p>	<p>Week After</p>
<p>5th February 08</p>		<p>12th February 08</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>After the ladies joined us for dinner and a rather jovial start to the formal meeting - President Andy –</p>	<p>Attendance</p>
<p>Ted Evans Phil Hinwood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handed around a photograph of PDG Ron at the Handicamp Dinner. where the event was formally named after him • Announced that the stand by bulletin editor Craig Jennings had assured everyone that he had turned on the tape recorder. • Thanked the Board members who attended the earlier meeting. 	<p>Colin Ralph Vic Rich</p>
<p>Property and Fellowship</p>	<p>Committee Meetings</p>	<p>Property and Fellowship</p>
<p>Craig Jennings Bernie O’Dea</p>		<p>Chris Ralph Vin Rogers</p>
<p>Chairman</p>		<p>Chairman</p>
<p>Not Required</p>		<p>Mike Raspa</p>
<p>REPORTS</p>		<p>REPORTS</p>
<p>Nil</p>		<p>Vocational John Stockbridge Community Ron Bradock</p>
<p>Bring-N-Buy</p>		<p>Bring-N-Buy</p>
<p>10th February</p>		<p>17th February</p>
<p>Andy & Wren Hopper</p>		<p>Ron & Yvonne Bradock</p>
<p>Doug and Anet Parker</p>		<p>Vin & Sylvia Rogers</p>
<p>Vic & Cheryl Rich</p>		<p>Ted Evans</p>
<p>Bulletin Editor</p>		<p>Bulletin Editor</p>
<p><i>Frank Keays</i></p>		<p><i>Bevan Baskerville</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>		

Following Bevan's proposal to formally recognise past Rotarians to be further discussed at the meeting of 5th Feb at which a draft by-law amendment and possible enactment for presentation to the Rotary International 2010 Council on Legislation are to be considered

Sgt Colin:

- An unidentified female (Lois) fined for successfully chatting up the chef
- On Saturday afternoon the good Sgt witnessed a well known Rotarianne (Anet) turn out of Riseley St, Applecross while driving an orange Commodore and performing a four wheel drift with smoking rear tyres!
- Fined all those with coats
- DG for not visiting Rotary Club of Thornlie web site
- John Stockbridge and DG for sharing breakfast and no cigarette afterwards!
- One of the 3 Ronnie's for doing the postie out of a job
- A number of Rtns for depriving hairdressers of a living
- P/E Ron commented on Craig's understanding of electrical switches and ability to know on from off!
- John fined Directors who have failed to clear more than 2,000 email messages (that is everyone)
- Doug fined the DG for football bias

Ian Archibald's Blog - Down here there is a battle between those who grow trees for chipping and those that don't. Those that don't won the battle against having a chipping mill established at Greenbushes and the chips railed to Bunbury. What the opponents over looked was the fact that efficient spot mills can now be built and quickly shifted from site to site. The rail line was closed and a fleet of road trains now cart the timber to Bunbury to be chipped. Some thing like 140 road trains pass thru Donnybrook daily. They start around 5am.

Recently I noticed that a lot of trucks are now piggy backing their trailers on the return journey. I enquired why the change. (Certainly you see this method of transport in Tasmania and Victoria). I have been told that those who don't grow trees have won a case, banning B trains and road trains from operating on gravel and dirt track roads before dawn, hence the change to piggy backing.

It appears if you are an opponent you need to think the problem thru carefully. - Ian

President Andy formally introduced 2007-08 District Governor Robyn Thorpe



Robyn outlined the problems of membership with a steady rise from the formation of District 9470 in 1985 until the mid 1990s followed by a steady decline until 2006 with a slight increase since then.

Rotary International had originally stated that District 9470 had until 31st December 2007 to increase membership to 1,000 or face amalgamation with Districts 9450 and 9460.

At the 2008 International Assembly the December 2007 deadline was extended to December 2008. (Optimum number of members for a district - 2,700!)

As a result of this extension all three WA Districts would need to attain or maintain 1,000 members by 31st December 2008 (at as 1st July 2007 – D9450 – 1028Rtns, D9460 – 1075 and D9470 – 790 (figures are based on annual dues paid to RI)

Robyn referred to the population growth experienced in WA especially within the metropolitan area and for this club in particular, the City of Gosnells and spoke of the increase in the over fifty's who have both the time and income to be involved in voluntary work.

Reference was made to the contribution the club has made to the Rotary Foundation (since charter US\$135,000) for example, this could have immunized 224,000 children against polio. Explained that the Rotary Club of Thornlie has contributed more to local projects than any other club in District 9470, including some \$50,000 to Australian Rotary Health.

Among the questions at the end of Robyn's address was that Apex being able to have their logo on the obverse of the 2007 one dollar coin, would it be possible for Rotary to achieve such recognition for the Australian Centennial of Rotary in 2021?

Actual conversation recorded between aircrew and control tower:

The German Air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was some amusement that we (a Qantas 747) listed to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Standby, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, - And I didn't land."