



2008 - 2009

THORNIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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

Apologies: **Mike Raspa** (M) 0412 426 418 by 10.00AM Monday

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11th Nov 2008

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Next Week 18 th Nov 08	President Ron was off caravanning so PE Mike had a rehearsal for next year.	Week After 25 th Nov 08
<p>Attendance Geoff Wiltshire Ron Bradock</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Wayne Brouwer Lloyd Dungey</p> <p>Chairman Ross Evans</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Ted Evans</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 16th Nov 08 Mike & Louise Raspa Vic & Cheryl Rich Lloyd Dungey</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Colin Ralph</i></p>	<p>Community Ron Braddock and several others went to Leighton beach and handed over a Defibrillator to Fremantle Life Saving Club for their CPR programme</p> <p>A donation of \$260 was given to Disability Services for recreational purposes for a young man.</p> <p>\$750 was given to the Red Shield doorknocker appeal.</p> <p>Ray Smith The Kanyana project - the Council has progressed with the removal of asbestos and replaced the roof on the Rangers hut, pergola and patio. Ray and Ross will have a meeting on site Wednesday and will give a further update next week.</p> <p>Colin Waters said that Belmont Shopping Centre is now open every Sunday until after Xmas which will benefit our BnB. Mike Raspa is producing sign to advise when Maddington will be trading</p> <p>Andy Hopper announced the takings for last Sunday as \$2635 – our highest this year.</p> <p>Next weeks' meeting is a partner's night – 6.30 hrs for 7.00 hrs. PE when the guest speaker will be Sonia Abbott from Kaboodle Getaway. PE Mike ne3ed to know numbers by Friday</p>	<p>Attendance Phil Hinwood Frank Keays</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Doug Parker Vic Rich</p> <p>Chairman Colin Ralph</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Chris Ralph</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 23rd Nov 08 Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Colin Ralph</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>	<p>Sonia Abbott - Kaboodle Getaway</p>	

New Generations Vin has distributed the Ryla Forms and is raising a cheque for Underprivileged children

PP Ian Archibald is a new Grand dad with his first highland calf being born on the Donnybrook "property". In traditional highland custom the birth was "piped in" to the new world.



PE Mike then said they should know more of the activities and pastimes of members.

PP Doug was asked to tell what life was like without corporate lunches etc. now he has retired. He spends time in the mornings either walking or cycling then does the gardening, catches up on the race meetings and then takes a nap in the afternoon. At this point he was gonged out by Sergeant John for leading such a sad life.

Colin R was asked to report on Tottenham Hotspur FC – he said they had a marvelous resurgence since the sacking of manager Dago Ramos and that Cockney 'arry had turned their horrendous season around. In the 5 games since he took over they had 4 wins and one draw and were off the bottom of the league. All of those who arose at 4.45 am on Thursday would have seen them defeat the mighty Liverpool again in the Carling Cup by 4 goals to 2.

Sergeants Session

Fines were made on the following:-

- Anyone not wearing a Poppy
- Anyone who had not been on a team taking more than \$2500 at Bnb
- Colin Waters for belittling that amount by saying the record was in excess of \$3000
- Ron Sloan for going to the Belmont night and getting his money back.
- Doug for being presented with a Dockers shirt
- Ray – new kitchen
- Doug – flash retirement hamper
- Wayne – sleeping in when should have been the team leader at BnB after Bucks night (no keys for toilets)
- Sergeant John for locking a van when the driver left keys in lock

- Colin W for being caught using a mobile whilst driving – let off with a smacked bum.

Sergeant John took off his sash and went to the other end of the table and was introduced by Chairman Ray as the guest speaker.

John Stockbridge started his career as a typewriter mechanic with NCR and then moved into sales. He started working for himself and is currently a Director of Brookstone Technologies. Jon's IT companies have produced award winning software which has received International recognition.

Rotary and the Internet

John said that to move forward and get younger people involved in Rotary we need something like Face book. It is a Social Networking Website owned and operated by Face book Inc. It was founded in 2004 at Harvard University and now has 120 million members who must be over 13 years of age.

One has to be accepted as a friend to gain access to a Face book page.

The Thornlie Rotary web page has 3000 hits per month.

John said he could set up a Face book page for Thornlie Rotary but the success would depend on the contributions from everyone and not just one person.

He showed a slide of a Face book of a Rotary Club in Victoria and said Rotary International had one also.

He then talked about other web sites including My Space which was more of a personal site and not suited to Organizations and was mainly in the US.

Another was Second Life – a Virtual Reality World and then he lost me.

The vote of thanks – the shortest on record – Ta I think was made by Colin Walters who said he understood about a third of it and he being a 'puter whizz.

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The Clubs Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday the 6th of December at the home of John & Maria Mitchell – 3.00 Start

As with tradition – we are again exchanging Christmas gifts. For the uninitiated, the gift giving rules are

- Gifts must be new - as in unused
 - o They may be unused previous presents from your cupboard – but remember who gave them to you as they may be in attendance
- Gifts should have a retail value of about \$15.00 – more if you like or have a particular objective in mind
- Gifts must be wrapped but unmarked in any other way
 - o The objective is not to be able to recognise the gift prior to opening it
 - o They may be disguised to hide their true nature and or value
- Participants will be those who brought a gift through a raffle ticket system

- The first name drawn will have the choice from all the gifts under the tree
 - o Them may feel each gift
 - o Estimate its weight
 - o Use all their senses of touch, taste (the wrapping anyway), sight and smell to assist them in choosing a present
 - o Then they have to choose
- Having chosen a gift they will then unwrap it for all to see. Those present will then give the appropriate exclamation of Ahhhh!
- The Ballot will then continue and the second name will be drawn
- The second person will then follow the same procedure as the first and make their selection and will receive the appropriate exclamation of Ahhh's!
- The process is then that having seen their gift, the second participant may prefer the gift selected by the first person. The second person has the right to then swap gifts with the first person and the first person has no recourse
 - o It pays not to get too attached to a gift
- The Ballot will then continue and the third name will be drawn
- The third person will then follow the same procedure as the first two and make their selection and will receive the appropriate Ahhh's
- Having seen their gift, the third participant may prefer the gift selected by either of the first two persons. The third person has the right to then swap gifts with either of the first two – who have no recourse
- This process will continue until all playing have made a selection with the last person having the advantage of seeing all that has been chosen previously and then having the choice of selecting that which he likes best

In choosing a gift to bring this year, its best to consider the intent of the day and words like humorous, provocative, useful, and unexpected seem appropriate

Lastly a good question is would I like to get it myself?