



# 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:** Ron Bradborn (M) 0400210891 by 10.00AM Monday  
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<b>Next Week</b>	Stand in President Ron Bradborn welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by Sergeant Colin reading the Rotary Charge and grace.	<b>Week After</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 08</b>		<b>13<sup>th</sup> May 08</b>
<b>Attendance</b> Phil Hinwood Craig Jennings	Frank Keays saw Bill Wrathall who had visited his oncologist expecting the worst but found that the larger of the two tumours had reduced in size by half and the smaller one had remained unchanged, so a further bout of chemotherapy is to commence from Thursday. Frank reported that Bill is now sporting a very healthy beard	<b>Attendance</b> Vic Rich Colin Ralph
<b>Property and Fellowship</b> Frank Keays Doug Parker		<b>Property and Fellowship</b> Chris Ralph Mike Raspa
<b>Chairman</b> Not Required	Frank advised that the club had received a matching grant for \$2000. Matching Grant #66259 approved by the Rotary Foundation providing funding for books, shelving and ceiling fans in six remote rural schools in Northern Thailand at Khon Kaen, Udon Thani and Loei. Schools have suitable rooms for libraries but lack funds and individual libraries will cost \$6,000 (AUD)	<b>Chairman</b> Vin Rogers
<b>REPORTS</b> Not Required		<b>REPORTS</b>
<b>Bring-N-Buy 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire Hopper Doug and Anet Parker Vic & Cheryl Rich	Contributions have been provided by District 9479 Rotary Clubs, Armadale Neerigen Brook, Belmont, Como and Thornlie plus clubs within District 3340-Thailand along with Rotary Foundation Funds.	Vocational (John Stockbridge), Community (Ron Bradock) and Social-Lloyd Dungy
<b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>John Stockbridge</i>	Ron Thatcher anticipates that the libraries will be officially opened towards the end of July or early August 2008 and would like to see representatives from Thornlie Rotary club accompany him to Thailand. Frank's recollection of two previous presentations is that Thai hospitality is outstanding	<b>Bring-N-Buy 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans
<b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>John Stockbridge</i>		<b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>John Stockbridge</i>
<b>Next meeting program</b>	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	

and that they produce good whiskey and beer and would love to attend this time but his cardiologist is unavailable at that time.

Ron Bradock reported on Bowel Scan. 795 kits had been sold, an increase of 50 from last year, more would have been sold except that the Easter long weekend had everyone's minds slipping to holidays and away from the promotion. It is definitely a worthwhile project and raises awareness of Rotary within the community.

Ron Sloan reported that he visited Fremantle Rotary Club last week as a make up and found that from a thriving club, it is down to 30 members of which perhaps 16 members turn up at any meeting as an average. Ron reported that it was sad to see the decline.

Wayne Brouwer bumped into Bob Hansen in the shopping Centre and reported back that Bob is on his last dose of chemotherapy and is then heading to Exmouth for a holiday.

John Stockbridge announced that the Australian Information Association Industry will be holding and ICT week in July, which will be an opportune moment to get the high schools Year 10's involved. John will approach the three DG's and Directors to approach the schools to organise a venue to bus the children in to attend as it is an ideal opportunity as it is Government funded. The State Government this year has provide zero funding for ICT.

Stand in President Ron then downed his beer and toasted everyone's health and explained that he was standing in for President Andy who had to work. Ron then elaborated on the quiz night held last Tuesday and how that of the three tables, he was relocated as the first table groaned profusely at his presence and he moved to sit with John and Maria Mitchell and Faye and John Stockbridge and despite John Stockbridge using his blackberry they came second last. Andy and Wren Hopper's table had a brain, namely Sheehan Dungey, LLOYD and Chris and Colin Ralph who not only won the door prize, the table quiz but also the night and of course failed to share the spoils with the others. Andy enthused this to a fellow Rotarian in Kaloogrie who quipped back "Well Ron Bradborn was not on the table" Colin Waters was subjected to a \$2 fine for that statement.

President Andy and President Elect Ron will be attending the District Assembly next Tuesday and PP Mike will be running next week's meeting

Sergeant Colin and stand in Corporal John did their best to extract fines.

- Doug for all of the TV appearances.
- Vin for not being at his usual crosswalk for the children, to be advised that he is now occupying Hickory and Forset Lakes Drive.
- All losers at the quiz night.
- Ron Bradock for his proposed trip up Gibb River and for going to stay in a hotel while Yvonne stays in a tent.
- Geoff for reversing problems with the caravan and the carport.
- Ron Bradock for staying at El Questro (but not \$1000 room)
- Lloyd for having a brainy son.
- Chris for taking out two door prizes.

Box Buys

- John Stockbridge fined all on Ray Smith's table for sending Ron Bradborn to their table.
- Doug on PE Ron as he bought him a lotto ticket but had marked it before he gave it to him.

Bernie's Blog - Hi Colin - Having trouble sending stuff, hope you get this ok, if so can you send it on to Margaret and Bevan.

New York is absolutely amazing. Big, friendly, and easy to get around. Have done almost everything and been to most places.

The Yanks are extremely friendly and helpful and go out of their way to assist. It is cheap as chips, food is very cheap and plenty of it.

Walked through Central Park, very nice and relaxing. Had a look at Wall street and told them to smarten up their game. Been on a boat cruise past the statue of Liberty etc etc. The easiest way to get around is on the hop on hop off buses, they go to all the places that are touristy.

The bus we were in the other day was in a prang, we all got our names taken by the New York Police Dept, so probably on their files now!! The next day the lift in the hotel got stuck and we were in it, only about 10 minutes though. Its been an experience.

Off on a tour up into Canada tomorrow and down to Washington to see George and Laura, having afternoon with him next week.

This is going to cut our so will send it now.

Cheers -Bernie and Maureen

Host Chairman Ted introduced Mohammed Yacob Sedickii????, of which Sedickii is an Afghan name but Yacob's background is Pakistani and his family migrated to Australia when he started year 3. Yacob then spoke of his experience in attending RYLA and his attendnace was encouraged by his workplace MRD.

Yacob is a Graduate in Civil Engineering and hasd been with the MRD for 3 years and is currently in structural engineering. He comes from a strong family background of engineering with his father, brother and sister all in civil engineering and all working for MRD. The MRD encourages and funds all graduates to attend a 6 week leadership programme at the Australian Institute of Management as part of their development programme and formal training. RYLA was seen as a perfect opportunity and encouraged the graduates to attend. 5 participated in the January 2008 camp as it was seen as a positive exercise for the employees. They all received fully paid leave and travel expenses and the camp was deemed part of their professional development,

RYLA is a 7 day camp and was held in January in the hills. Prior to RYL:A he had limited knowledge of Rotary, but now has a full awareness. All the participants had varied backgrounds which allowed him to mix with people that he would not normally meet. He has formed strong friendships and still keeps in contact either electronically or face to face on a regular basis.

He stated how much he enjoyed the activities and the adventure and the challenges that were offered as id abseiling (he has a fear of heights, but achieved all three levels of descent, from basic, intermediary to hard), the Leap of Faith, climbing a12 metre high pole blindfolded and then leaping out to a trapeze a metre in front, a late night walk which lasted from 21.00 to 05.30, by which time everyone was exhausted. Group leaders (2) were selected everyday and Yacob was selected for the night of the RYLA dinner with 100 visiting Rotarians of which our Phil and Kaye Hinwood appeared regularly on the display monitor. Yacob had great challenges which he found rewarding and enabled him to develop his skills in leadership and move him outside his

comfort zone to achieve objectives. He now feels more confident and optimistic and feels that he has become a better citizen for the experience and will talk to his peers and friends and encourage them to attend the camp. He finished his talk by thanking the club for giving tyhe opportunity to attend and for sponsoring him.

Stand-in President Ron presented Yacob with a gift and thanked him for attending the club and providing an illuminating talk, despite the Faux Pas of calling it RYPEN, the spirit of the gift over rode the error.

The meeting ended at 19.45 after the clubs rendition of the National Anthem.

1-May	Bradborn	Ron	Birthday
7-May	Parker's		Anniversary
8 May	Ralph's		Anniversary
15 May	Ralph	Colin	Birthday