



THORNIE 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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by 10.00AM Monday

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<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Pres Andy opened the meeting by welcoming our guest speakers as well as Chris and Colin Ralph who have returned from illness last week.</p>	<p>Week After</p>
<p>3rd June 08</p>	<p>The City of Gosnells has invited members to a sundowner on Friday June 13th. A convoluted registration process was passed around and most people had a go at completing it.</p>	<p>10th June 08</p>
<p>Attendance Frank Keays Bernie O'Dea</p>	<p>The Rotary club of Maddington has invited all members to their changeover night on Saturday June 28 at the Attfield Tavern, 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. RSVP's to John Simpson at boshaw@iinet.net.au Tel: 9457 4893 or 0417 980 623.</p>	<p>Attendance Doug parker Bernie O'Dea</p>
<p>Property and Fellowship Vic Rich Colin Ralph</p>	<p>The changeover board meeting will be in a week or two and some restaurant that Ron will work out and hopefully tell everyone</p>	<p>Property and Fellowship Frank Keays Vic Rich</p>
<p>Chairman Not requires</p>	<p>Wayne Brouwer is looking for a change out for BnB this weekend. Ron Braddock and Colin Waters fought for the privilege.</p>	<p>Chairman Ron Bradborn</p>
<p>REPORTS Committee meetings</p>	<p>Our changeover is on Saturday 21st June at the Golf Club 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Despite the top cop wanting to cancel it, the Rotary Club of Thornlie believes in happy hour, so the bar will be open.</p>	<p>REPORTS Not Required</p>
<p>Bring-N-Buy 1st June 08 Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O'Dea Ross & Margaret Evans</p>	<p>If any past member, friend of Rotary or avid Newsletter reader wish to attend please let Colin Waters know by Friday of next week and he will send you full details.</p>	<p>Bring-N-Buy 8th June 08 Craig Jennings Mike & Louise Raspa Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire</p>
<p>Bulletin Editor <i>John Stockbridge</i></p>	<p>COMMITTEE HAND OVER</p>	<p>Bulletin Editor <i>John Stockbridge</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>	<p>COMMITTEE HAND OVER</p>	

The Rotary club of Thornlie is to have its change over on the 21st June at the Gosnells Golf Club. 7.00 For 7.30. If any past member, friend of Rotary or avid Newsletter reader wish to attend please let me know by Friday of next week and I will send you full details.

Pres Elect Ron, reminded all members that he will be on his feet for the next 12 months. Ron advised that in a couple of weeks on the 10th June, we will be running a forum. Ron will be changing the format for the forum so that it will be interesting in a debate style format. The subjects are being kept as a surprise and Ron assures us that we will all enjoy the experience.

Chris Ralph informed the club that the Bring n Buy team outnumbered the sellers.

Sgt Colin let loose with:

- Anyone who didn't go to the Da Vinci exhibition
- Ted Evans for not providing the donger
- Bring n Buy team from Sunday for not knowing about the main objective of the rope to keep people in
- Colin Ralph for having the nano virus
- Chris Ralph for not being pregnant
- Pres Andy for having changeover on an Eagles match night
- Chris Ralph had a bad day at work and didn't get propositioned once
- Ron Bradborn held up the whole meeting while he got a beer
- John Mitchell fined the Sgt for not distributing the copper kettle
- Ray Smith on Pres Andy for not knowing where the Mends Street Jetty is
- Pres Andy on Sgt Colin for not fining everyone who missed the boat on Sunday
- John Stockbridge on Mike Raspa for his guest speaker's boss correcting the bulletin editor when she wasn't even at the meeting.

Following on from last week's very successful Advertisement, Phil Hinwood has now set up a training school for Rotary spouses with important subjects such as:

- ✓ How to travel economy and enjoy it
- ✓ Lawn mowing for the fairer sex
- ✓ The noble art of tree trimming
- ✓ Care and maintenance of the loyal corgi.

After listening to our guest speaker last week, one of our more entrepreneurial Rotarians has started a new venture:

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Put yourself in the warm hands of a self taught professional?
Contact Bevan Baskerville on 1800 FRONTAL for that reassuring touch.**

Tonight's guest speaker was Bob Brimson – whose subject was "The views from an Australia compound in Baghdad".

Bob passed around his medals awarded from his time as part of the Royal Australian Navy and his active service in Iraq.

Bob commenced his talk with a background on the six RAN Frigates. We then went through an

extremely interesting slideshow of Bob's time in Iraq which Bob complimented with a very interesting talk. Highlight slides included:

- Saddam Hussein's mothers residence which was used as the Australian forces HQ.
- The exterior and interior of Al Faw Palace. It has 62 rooms and 29 bathrooms.
- The throne presented to Saddam by Yassir Arafat.
- Evening dining at Saddam's hunting lodge. It was unique because the chairs, china and glasses were especially made for Saddam.
- Shots of the Tigris River.
- Iraqi guard outside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The interest in Bob's talk was judged by the number of questions that were asked.

Bob's background includes:

- Royal Australian Navy from 1969 to 1989
- Has been a Navy reservist since 1990
- Was part of the commissioning crew of HMAS Adelaide in the USA from 1980 to 1982
- Navy recruiting from 1986 to 1988
- In Baghdad from Jun to Dec 2007
- Office Manager Anaconda Mining from 1995 – 2002
- Currently Facilities and Assets Manager for the Woodside Pluto LNG Project in Karratha

Pres Andy thanked Bob for his talk, thanked all guests for attending and closed the meeting at 8:00pm.