



# 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 –

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by 10.00AM Monday

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**21<sup>st</sup> June 2008**

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Next Week 1 <sup>st</sup> July 08	NB- With Change over being held on the 21 <sup>st</sup> the meeting of the 24 <sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled.	Week After 8 <sup>th</sup> July 08
<p><b>Attendance</b> Lloyd Dungey Ross Evans</p> <p><b>Property and Fellowship</b> Ted Evans Phil Hinwood</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Frank Keays</p> <p><b>REPORTS</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 08</b> Ray &amp; Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey John Stockbridge</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>Colin Waters</i></p>	<p>Well what a night it was for <b>President Andy's</b> final hour as the year 2007-2008 drew to a close.</p> <p><b>MC Colin Waters</b> announced some house keeping rules and welcomed Assistant Governor Fred Hassen and Robyn and President of Maddington Rotary Club David Fleming and Dawn Greeson.</p> <p><b>PDG Frank Keays</b> was invited to give a toast to Rotary International, which has been assisting our fellow man for 103 years.</p> <p>Frank announced that world wide Rotary membership is increasing but not in Australia which will result in a couple of years that the Western Australian administration of Rotary will change from three districts to two. This will result in significant reduction in the cost of administration for the Rotary club and Rotary International of which the annual cost of a district is in excess of \$100.000.</p> <p>Clubs will amalgamate, some cease to exist and new and more vibrant clubs will emerge. Frank acknowledged that on a personal note he had enjoyed his 34 years as a Rotarian especially the many friendships that evolved within the Rotary Club of Thornlie and beyond.</p> <p>By not nominating a prospective member you are denying that person the same opportunity that we have been given.</p>	<p><b>Attendance</b> Bernie ODea Doug Parker</p> <p><b>Property and Fellowship</b> Vic Rich Chris Ralph</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Vin rogers</p> <p><b>REPORTS</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 08</b> Ron &amp; Yvonne Bradock Vin &amp; Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>Colin Waters</i></p>
<p><b>Next weeks meeting program</b></p>	<p>Catch Music - Tim Robertson</p>	

A toast was raised to the future of a better and more vibrant Rotary.

PP Ray Smith was invited to toast the ladies, but unable to follow the virtues of the singing as mentioned by Bernie O'Dea resorted to using a CD to say all the words that he was unable to succinctly put as a thank you. "Because I love you" then resounded through out the venue.

MC Colin thanked Ray and acknowledged that the empty plate on the tables was for the Sergeant's session. He then welcomed the retiring President Andy Hopper.

Andy as ever, thanked everyone and welcomed Rotarians, Guests and wives and sent thoughts to Bill and Bea Wrathall, and love to Beth Sloan.

He advised that the Annual report was available and that a word had been omitted during the spell check and that word was ENJOYED and that truly is what Andy did, he enjoyed his presidential year and the warmth that had been extended to Wren and himself. There had been lots of achievements and he was proud to have been able to help so many. Special thanks were extended to the board members for their commitment, to Vin Rogers for standing in for Young Generation, Frank for his assistance with the GSE team, Lloyd for his efforts with the social activities and attendees for supporting, with special thanks to Shean at the Maddington quiz night. John Mitchell special thanks for the banking, Secretary Doug for his tireless efforts in recording and maintaining the minutes of the board meetings. Colin Waters for being a great sergeant and for his tireless efforts at fund raising.

Special thanks were extended to Mike, Maggie and Georgia for the great meals served over the year.

Finally to Wren a huge thank you for the understanding and support provided through out the evening.

MC Colin then advised that Ross Evans had made a special cheeseboard and no one had managed to guess the correct woods used so all males to put a \$1 in the dish and everyone to stand for Heads and Tails. The first attempt failed dismally as there were no winners, the second attempt saw Vin as the winner of the cheeseboard.

MC Colin then introduced John Stockbridge to the podium where he introduced the new Paul Harris Fellow Bernie O'Dea. President Andy had great pleasure in presenting the award and Bernie was humbled and virtually speechless but acknowledged his appreciation to everyone.

MC Colin offered his congratulations and reminded Bernie to read the fine print as it is his buy at the bar Tuesday week.

The Bring and Buy fund raiser every Sunday come hail or shine, would not function without the support of the ladies of the club, so in appreciation the wives were introduced and presented with a gift of appreciation.

Sgt MC Colin then fined everyone for not knowing the bar staff members name. For future reference it is Neek.

On the pretext of introducing the incoming Sgt, John Stockbridge was brought back to the podium only to introduce another new Paul Harris Fellow Bevan Baskerville, who was definitely speechless but once again President Andy was delighted to present the award.



President Andy then introduced Sgt Colin who managed to elicit a few more dollars for the plate before his final moments of glory came to an end.

- Vin Rogers and Doug Parker for not having their dinner plates
- Louise Raspa for not turning off her mobile phone.
- More specific comments went to Phil for his muesling as the shortest haircut ever.

Thanks were extended to everyone for joining in the spirit of things and then promptly handed over the Sgt's sash to ex Corporal now Sgt John Stockbridge.

All fines are \$1 unless otherwise stated.

The obnoxious chook is now deceased never to resurface and the current owner (Phil) can now retain it for the next 12 months.

Everyone is to stand when fined with the exception of - John Mitchell who is to state "Paying attention Sgt" and Colin Waters who is to state "Crook knee Sgt"

Congratulations were extended to the newest Paul Harris Fellows and fines

- to all those PHF not wearing their badges. Colin Waters got fined twice for not stating "Crook Knee Sgt" and nearly copped another fine for arguing with the Sgt.
- Assistant Governor Fred for wearing his as a necklace.
- Ray Smith for the musical rendition and total cop out instead of writing something.
- Colin Waters and soon to be PP Andy Hopper for failing to give Dawn a surname when introducing her.

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Be warned to have lots of spare cash it seems that it is going to be a bad year for fines.

Andy thanked Colin and John, apologized to Dawn as he had forgotten to raise the cheque for the \$500 for the Variety Club Bash.



It was then time for the official hand over and Andy invited Wren, Ron and Faye Bradborn to the centre. Andy thoroughly enjoyed his presidential year and hoped that they enjoy theirs and wished them good luck. Badges were presented to President Ron and President Elect Mike Raspa. With the badge of office duly handed over, President Ron Bradborn took over the meeting with a rousing applause.

President Ron thanked Assistant Governor Fred Hassen and Robyn and President of Maddington Rotary Club David Fleming and Dawn Greeson for joining the club tonight.

Ron then said that Lord Street East Perth to Thornlie was a long way and he never dreamed ever of being President. 17 years prior, Ron Sutton had invited him along to his first Rotary meeting to be confronted by 30 men, he was humbled and lost but was soon taken in hand by John Dixon, even in his first year as Sgt he couldn't pronounce names, so nothing has changed after all these years. He is humbled by being president but has great ideas and needs support from everyone. A special request from the ladies for help with the agenda for the membership drive. Feedback is required and ladies are asked to bring ladies along.

Board Members	
Community	Ron Braddock
Vocational	To be advised
New Generation	Vin Rogers
International	Geoff Wiltshire

Board meetings will be held at the Gosnells Golf Club on the second Monday of the month at 17.30.

Actions Speak Louder than Words.

MC Colin thanked President Ron who then closed the meeting so that everyone could continue to enjoy the changeover evening.