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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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Next Week 16 th Sept 08	Sgt John opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, with a special welcome to Ian Archibald, who introduced himself as “the boy from Donnybrook”.	Week After 23 rd Sept 08
<p>Attendance Chris Ralph Vin Rogers</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Ron Sloan Geoff Wiltshire</p> <p>Chairman Ron Bradock</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Lloyd Dungey</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 14th Sept 08 Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Doug Parker</i></p>	<p>Grace followed and then a resounding welcome to President Ron who reiterated the welcome to Ian.</p> <p>A note from Andy in appreciation and thanks to everyone for the support and contact that he has received since the loss of Wren and now feels more strongly about the true meaning of Rotary.</p> <p>Arrangements for Wren are:- the service to be held at Fremantle at 15.00 followed by the wake at Ann and Arthur Watts. 17 Princeton Court.</p> <p>The guest speaker’s night on Carbon Trading is getting, closer, - in fact two weeks away. Please bring a guest. Advertisements will appear in the community newspapers over the next two Thursdays with an editorial and a reporter will be in attendance on the night.</p> <p>President Ron then read out the letter from Channel 7 (already circulated by Secretary Doug) regarding Rotary and Lion’s potential participation in the Channel 7’s Christmas Pageant on Sunday 7th December. The requirement would be for the clubs to provide BBQ facilities and cook sausages and provide drinks, in exchange for vouchers between 07.30 and 10.30. The club is supportive of the event and details and volunteer roster to follow.</p>	<p>Attendance Ross Evans Ted Evans</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Andy Hopper Frank Keays</p> <p>Chairman Vic Rich</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Colin Ralph</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 21th Sept 08 Ray & Lois Smith Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire John Mitchell</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Doug Parker</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>	<p>Shayne Sherman - Rotaract</p>	

The Rotary conference is not generally well supported by Thornlie, and at the Board meeting Monday night, a decision was made to reimburse \$50 to members that wished to attend. The conference is being held in Fremantle at the Esplanade Hotel on 10th and 11th October.

A reminder for those attending the social function of 10 pin bowling Saturday night. The cost is \$15 per head for two games and a social meal at a Chinese Restaurant to follow.

PDG Frank advised that the meeting was supposed to be the DG's night but had been postponed and that next week **Ron Thatcher** would be attending to talk about his recent visit to Thailand with distributing library books. It will be a very interesting presentation and partners will be most welcome. Please advise **PE Mike** by Monday of numbers attending. Ron has already raised in excess of \$100,000 US for his next project.

The DG's visit will be rescheduled for after the conference

PE Mike read out the duties for the following week and the B&B result amounted to \$1590, depending on which camp you listened to.

PDG Ron Sloan has had his cataract operation and **PDG Frank** will follow up with his progress. Thanks were extended to **PDG Frank** for the write up in the DG's newsletter on Bill Wrathall.

Sgt John and **Cpl Lloyd** then came to the floor and **Sgt John** advised the fewer the numbers the greater the pain and proceeded to fine:-

- All those that avoided sitting on the chair where the Rotary charge was placed. Anyone that did not have pre-assigned seating had to dig deep.
- Chris Ralph for setting up a speedy fine for the Sgt.
- Ian as a welcome and now the guest speaker.
- Ted Evans for leaving his folder behind last week.
- Ron Bradborn for lying to the Sgt about the folder.
- Ron Bradborn for the announcement about Channel 7 as it was previously sent out by the secretary and why did he not think that we had all read it!
- Chris Ralph for working in the medical profession being responsible for the colds and flu.

Box Buy

- Chris Ralph on Ron Bradock for ignoring her at the voting venue on Saturday.

Sgt John then went into great dissertation about the virtues of Ian Archibald after castigating **President Ron** for playing with castanets at the beginning of his announcement. Sgt John was delighted to introduce the extraordinaire guest speaker who had driven all the way from Donnybrook, a stalwart of the Rotary Club of Thornlie, pukka career in banking, who had knocked back honours from the Queen and others.

Greatly amused at such a welcome Ian went on to describe his move down to Donnybrook. He owns a 50 acre property which was originally a plum orchard whose previous owners worked for \$1.20 a day each. Paling at such a thought, the trees were bowled over to make room for his passion Highland cattle and his beloved orchids. There were challenges ahead with the freezing temperatures which affected the orchids, not daunted he brought an air conditioner which had to have a fan which was a challenge foe the electricians but Mr Ash with a C won the day and all requirements were duly adhered to.

The neighbourhood is phenomenal, with neighbours helping each other. Ian was loaned a tractor, something he hadn't used for 30 years. His neighbour helped him plant the pasture and

as the block is divided by a river into two 25 acres blocks there is an agreement that works on a bartering system.

Highland cattle are only available from over East and Ian now has four, of which two are in calf after artificial insemination. The cattle require frequent drenching en route from East and are required to be in quarantine on arrival. He has trained the heifer to walk on a halter, or maybe she has trained him? The neighbours are friendly and pitch in at any time to help out. A neighbour helped Ian with a 4 tonne truck to bring the cattle yards he had purchased from Pearce to Donnybrook.

Ian obtained a government grant to install a satellite dish as there is no mobile reception or broadband down there.

He is having fun and needs to consult Lorraine's diary if he needs her help as she is exceptionally busy, even if the quilting and sewing club is a lunch time meeting, the luncheons are great.

Ian wanted Red Highland cattle but it is not a dominant colour. They are slow growing and poorest weight conversion but they are his passion and his pets. They cost \$2500 each and have to be brought across from the East by horse float, vets fees cost in excess of \$1000, so each heifer can cost in excess of \$5000.

John Mitchell gave the vote of thanks and Sgt John presented Ian with a small gift as a memento of his visit.

The Rotary charge was read and the meeting closed after the national anthem.

Remember next week is a partner's night.