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# THORNIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PO Box 84, THORNIE WA 6988

**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

**Pres.** Ron Bradborn (M) 040 021 0891 (H) 9459 3813  
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Next Week 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 09	President Ron opened proceedings by inviting Ray to outline a proposed visit to the Gravity Discovery Centre at Gingin, scheduled for Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March, with a 09.00 departure and returning to Thornlie at 17.00hrs, requires a minimum of 20 starters. Estimated cost to include bus, lunch and entrance fee - \$45.	Following Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 09
<p><b>Attendance</b> Ted Evans Phil Hinwood</p> <p><b>Property and Fellowship</b> Andy Hopper Frank Keays</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Not Required</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Not required</p> <p><b>REPORTS</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb 09</b> Mike &amp; Louise Raspa Vic &amp; Cheryl Rich Lloyd Dungey</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>Frank Keays</i></p>	<p>Following an indication of interest, it became clear that more than 20 people would be interested, Ray is go ahead and arrange appropriate details.</p> <p><b>Secretary Doug</b> among other subjects, mentioned the <b>Sanitarian Weet-Bix Kids Try-atholon</b> to be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Langley Park. Some 2,600 Australian schools are taking part, hence the request for volunteer marshals.</p> <p>200 marshals are required to help, duties to include assisting and encouraging children aged 7 to 15 years. The aim of the day is for the children to have fun in a non-competitive environment with participants to receive a medal and finisher's certificate.</p> <p>The club to receive a donation of \$25 for each marshal assisting in the swim, cycle and run legs. Marshals to receive a hat, T-shirt, and a kit bag of sponsor's products.</p> <p>Volunteers need to be at Langley Park by 06.30hrs for a briefing at 06.45, duties to start at 07.00 and finish at approximately 11.00hrs.</p> <p>For further details contact Doug or <a href="mailto:aaron.freeman@usmevents.com.au">aaron.freeman@usmevents.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>Attendance</b> Chris Ralph Vin Rogers</p> <p><b>Property and Fellowship</b> Ron Sloan Ray Smith</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Colin Waters</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Geoff Wiltshire</p> <p><b>REPORTS</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb 09</b> Mike &amp; Louise Raspa Vic &amp; Cheryl Rich Lloyd Dungey</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> <i>Ted Evans</i></p>
<p><b>Next weeks meeting program</b></p>	<p><b>Committee meetings</b></p>	

Since our last regular bulletin of January 6<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup> saw fifteen Thornlie Rotarians and Lois Smith attended the 2009 Handicamp Roan Sloan Dinner, along with some 190 Rotarians, awardees and staff.

We had the company of the club's awardee and his carer; these two young men will be addressing Thornlie in the near future.

20<sup>th</sup> January saw 18 Rotarians and partners visit Catalano's Café in Victoria Park. President Ron had warned about the large size of the dishes and he didn't exaggerate.

**Pres. Ron** proceeded to outline the **Great Australian Bike Ride**, which is an **Australian Rotary Health** mental health project, consisting of nine stages around Australia, riders can nominate from one stage to all nine stages.

- Stage one – Melbourne to Hobart
- Two – Hobart to Melbourne
- Three - Melbourne to Sydney
- Four - Sydney to Brisbane
- Five – Brisbane to Townsville
- Six – Townsville to Darwin
- Seven – Darwin to Perth
- Eight – Perth to Adelaide via Esperance and Kalgoorlie
- Nine Adelaide to Melbourne

The ride Commences on March 21<sup>st</sup> and finishing early October 2009. Riders can be Rotarians, family or community members.

Clubs can sponsor riders and challenge other clubs to compete - For further information go to [www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au](http://www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au)

**Director Ron** received "thank you" letters from "Wheel Chairs for Kids" for a donation of \$500 assisting in the manufacture of wheel chairs for disadvantaged overseas children and "The Red Shield Appeal" for \$750 in lieu of a door knock.

**President Ron** again, the club has agreed to purchase six copies of the Rotary Club of Port Pirie – Australian, and New Zealand Rotary Club Directory, these will enable Rotary travellers to "make-up".

Advance notice was given for the Rotary Club of Cannington Ladies Luncheon to be held at the Hyatt Hotel on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Sick parade - The Club wished Christine Brouwer a quick recovery from her recent foot surgery.

On behalf of the club thanked **John Stockbridge** for the **Ted Evans** Paul Harris Fellow presentation held at our Christmas function and **Frank Keays** for collecting the necessary data regarding Ted's past from as yet unnamed sources.

**P/E Mike** announced that due to protracted holiday and social activities members should refer to this bulletin for club duties and next weeks meeting details.

Note that a vocational visit is being arranged for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 18.00hrs to Salmat, 9 Jackson Street, Bassendean.

**Sgt. John** Pres Ron being unavailable for Sunday activities and for being one week early for a RYLA function  
Those present who hadn't wished the Sgt a "Happy New Year"  
P/E Mike for flying the Australian flag in reverse and his lack of knowledge regarding club activities for meeting of February 3rd  
Colin W – Seen to be sipping Penfolds Bin 389 at a restaurant and for undertaking a rapid course in concreting  
Andy as part of a general cleanup got rid of his hair curling tongs  
Doug and Anet proud grandparents of granddaughter – Harper Jean  
Andy and Colin W. for offering the Sgt fines in rapid succession

**Chairman Mike** had pleasure in introducing our guest speaker Deborah Ditchburn who spoke on the subject of "Straight Talking"

Deborah formerly a Youth Worker at Kalamunda High School and Southern River College (Gosnells Senior High School)

Currently represents the Straight Talking project in the City of Gosnells with special emphasis on Kenwick and Maddington.

Deborah spoke on the "Mentoring Project" working with students in year eight and offering guidance as to their future, be it academic, trades etc. emphasising life skills such as how to talk to someone on the phone, how to wash and iron clothes, to prepare and cook basic meals, speak to older people. This is an after school activity for one term, starting with year eight students for one afternoon a week for two hours, this is not a one on one project but rather aimed at small groups.

A mentor can be anyone who is older than the students, any suitable person from 20 to say 60. Students that would benefit from this program are young people who are disengaged at school, poor attendance record, emotional and/or social problems and the need for encouragement.

Mentors are trained and not encouraged to have additional contact with their students outside the normal weekly two-hour contact period.

The principal, youth services and Deborah select suitable students.