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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 –

Apologies: Mike Raspa (M) 0412 426 418 by 10.00AM Monday

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12th May 2009

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Next Week	President Ron and first lady Faye opened the meeting welcoming guests Wendy and Kevin Smith and Lois Smith	Following Meeting
<p>19th May 09</p> <p>Attendance Ross Evans Frank Keays</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Andy Hopper Doug parker</p> <p>Chairman Mike Raspa</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Colin Ralph</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 17th May 09</p> <p>Ron & Yvonne Bradock Vin & Sylvia Rogers Ted Evans</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Colin Waters</i></p>	<p>Changeover day has finally been confirmed – its Sunday the 28th June at the Manse in Armadale. It's a luncheon do and formalities will be completed by 4.00 pm. Ron is still working on costs but he anticipates footing the bill.</p> <p>With the advent of changeover, all directors are required to prepare their annual reports and have them emailed to President Ron no later than the 6th of June – that's "D" day and will allow P Ron to prepare the clubs annual report</p> <p>President Ron and first lady Faye are now going to represent us at the opening of the Tom Bateman reserve – once convinced of the quality of the tucker – PP Andy was bumped</p> <p>Sergeant John was his normal mean self and got :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP Christine for trying to suck up to him • PP Colin for acquiring two bowls of soup • Ted for being Ted – late again • PP Chris as the nominee for PP Doug and Freo. But as Freo won it cost the Eagle supporters • PP Wayne for realising he was on Property at 6.25 PM 	<p>26th May 09</p> <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 Wayne Brouwer</p> <p>REPORTS Nil</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 24th May 09</p> <p>Ray & Lois Smith Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire John Mitchell</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Colin Waters</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>	<p>PDG John Renarei Indigenous scholarships</p>	

- A general fine on all those born after 1952 as under the new Budget provision they could now not retire until they are 67 years of age – this all backfired a bit when Sergeant John found out he was the youngest in the club and the only one fitting the dates in question
- PP Mike for becoming our youngest Great Grand parent

Chairman Ray then introduced our Guest speaker and out lines our association with her over the last 10 years in assisting kids in need with their basic schooling requirements

Our Speaker, Wendy Smith then became our newest Paul Harris Fellow when he read the following citation – needless to say , Wendy wasn't expecting the award



WENDY SMITH

Born August 5, 1946. Manchester England.

She came to Australia at the age of 14 in 1960 and went to live in Bunbury.

In 1971 while living in Geraldton she was a member of the Small Bore Rifle Club and it was at a social function that she met her future husband Kevin Smith, who was a member of the local Pistol Club.

After they were married Wendy and Kevin moved around Western Australia to some very remote places and Wendy put her innate desire to impart knowledge to use by doing a stint as a teacher for School of the Air.

Wendy and Kevin had a son in 1976 and a daughter in 1979. The family moved to Melbourne in the early 80's where Kevin trained as a Meteorologist and Wendy learned how to bring up a family on a student's budget.

Wendy has always been an active supporter of Anglicare, a willing worker at endless school, church and sport fundraisers. Wendy is an active member of St. Andrews Church in Thornlie, where she is heavily involved in Community activities. She has been involved in an emergency food hamper program for many years.

In the mid 90's Wendy commenced working at Gosnells Senior High School now called Southern River College. Prior to this she had been working with disabled children for about 12 years.

Wendy soon discovered that there were families in the area who were struggling to survive and were unable to provide the necessary requirements for their children to attend school. She was seeing countless students arriving for the first day of school without the basics. Hence the birth of the School Starter Kit program. The school starter packs have given thousands of children the chance to start school with a brand new pencil case filled with supplies, just like any other student. Each year Wendy expands the reach of the program a little more. Each year she manages to collect all the supplies needed at a fraction of the cost without sacrificing quality. She has spent many hours hunting for reasonably priced crayons or scissors that won't cut people but actually will cut paper. It was ten years ago in 1999 while working on the School Starter Kits that Wendy came to the notice of the Thornlie Rotary Club via Lois Smith (no relation) who was also working at the same school. Lois who is always on the look out for worthwhile projects for the Club to support suggested to Wendy that she write to the Rotary Club to put a case for some support. The Club agreed to support Wendy initially in a small way with a donation of \$200. At the end of the first year of support by the Rotary Club, Wendy presented a detailed report to the Club of everything she had done with our contribution, down to the nearest cent. The Club appreciated this as so often they contribute money to a cause and they never hear anything back as to how the money was spent.

The relationship with Wendy and her School Starter kits has grown and continues to serve a valuable service to some less fortunate members of our community. This year \$1150 was donated to Wendy's School Starter Kit project

The Rotary Club of Thornlie wishes to acknowledge Wendy's contribution to the community by her practice of the Rotary objective of "Service above self" by awarding her a Paul Harris Fellow Award.

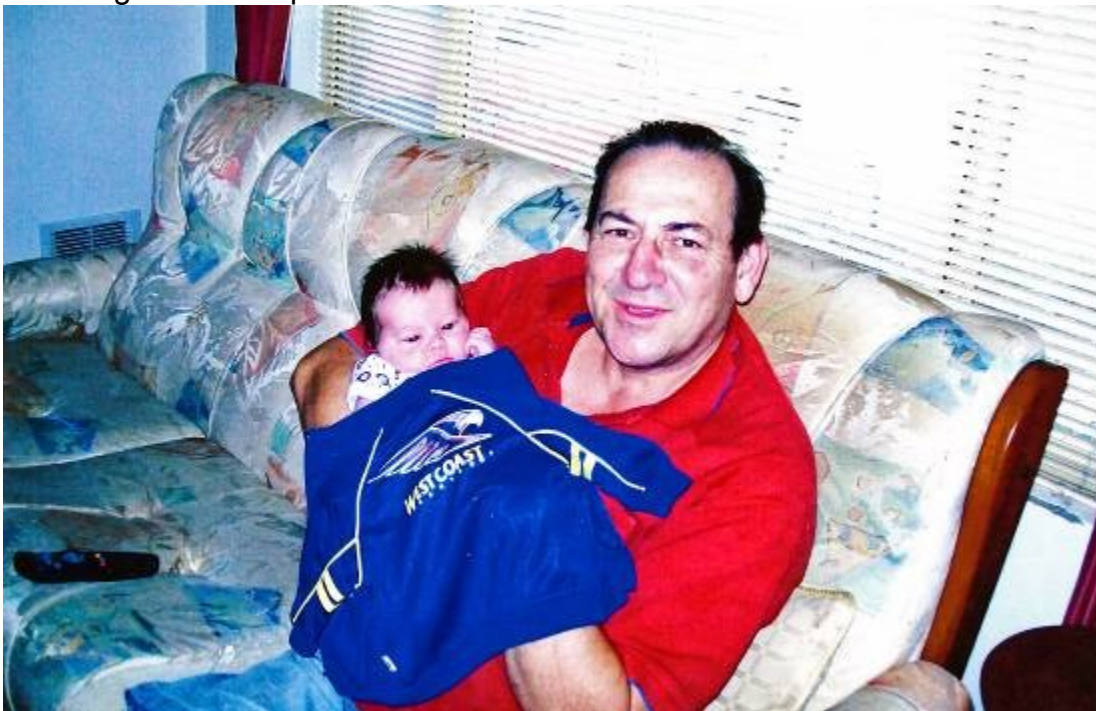
The Rotary Club of Thornlie have selected you to receive this recognition because we believe that your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world.

This a significant award as Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary. Wendy this award means that the Rotary Club of Thornlie has donated \$1000US in your name to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world

Rotarians please congratulate our latest Paul Harris Fellow, Wendy Smith - 12th May 2009



I would like to introduce our newest Great Grand Dad and our newest young Eagle. Leon Michael Raspa arrived at 2200 hrs on the 21st of April. He came into the world nine days early and weighed in at 9 pounds



PS Leon is the one on the left

Doug's Blog - Well here we are at our last leg Los Angeles, but staying in Hollywood just off Hollywood Boulevard. Not quite the glitz and glamour expected of Hollywood though, some eccentrics about, dressed up as characters (to get tip for posing for photos) - did the complete bus tour today all around LA with the major focus on Hollywood and Beverley Hills.

The walk of fame with all the stars (an names) on the sidewalk is some 300 metres away and Sid's Chinese Theatre with all the star's footprints/handprints and autographs nearby.

Las Vegas is certainly different with the huge hotels and enclosed shops therein not to mention the casinos - it is really a place to lose plenty of money if you are a gambler (one lady called it Lost Wages). Was very hot there in the high 90s but dry, given it is in the Mojave desert - but only 42 minutes flight LV to LA.

The highlight at LV was flying up to Grand Canyon airport in a plane that had huge windows to look out from, and then a helicopter ride over and in the Grand Canyon, followed by a bus tour to two great viewing points (some 8 miles across) many colours and formations - really is an amazing sight.

The major problem with this holiday has been the many sights we've seen and trying to describe them to people who haven't seen them practically impossible due to the grand scale of beauty and size. So difficult to comprehend from afar, but it will remain in my mind forever. San Francisco with the Golden Gate Bridge; cable cars; Fisherman's Wharf etc was good, but quite a foggy place, I would go back there again - but maybe not to Toronto; Boston; Las Vegas or Los Angeles. Costa Rica was great with scenic panoramas and an exciting day at a crocodile farm.

Back home next Saturday and looking forward to more favourable footy results.
Cheers – Doug