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THORNLIE 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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Next Week 30 th June 09	Sergeant John opened tonight's meeting by welcoming all members to tonight's meeting.	Following Meeting 7 th July 09
<p style="text-align: center;">N O M E E T I N G</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 28th June 09</p> <p>Ray & Lois Smith Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire John Mitchell</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Chris Maxwell</i></p>	<p>Once again audible gasps were heard when the assembled multitude realised that Sgt John was once more multitasking as the bulletin editor.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>President Ron (as graphically shown on the left is really disappointed that this is his last meeting before Changeover and the end of his year as President.</p> <p>Ron has kept the Sergeant totally amused with his variations on the english language and inspired him with his enthusiasm for Rotary and in particular the Rotary Club of Thornlie. Well done Ron. And good luck to Mike.</p> <p>The Gosnells Golf Club was collecting for the Amanda Young Foundation, so the Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the funds being raised for the provision of a state of the art prosthetic limb for Melissa Fokkema who has lost limbs to meningococcal disease.</p> <p>President Ron announced that last night he attended the Maddington changeover held at the Elizabethan Village. Ron said it was an enthusiastic night.</p> <p>Ron reminded all Rotarians that the changeover lunch starts at the Manse at 12:30pm</p>	<p>Attendance Ron Bradborn Vic Rich</p> <p>Property and Fellowship Vin Rogers Ron Sloan</p> <p>Chairman Committee Meetings</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Committee Meetings</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 5th July 09</p> <p>Wayne & Chris Brouwer Ross & Margaret Evans John Stockbridge</p> <p>Bulletin Editor <i>Colin Waters</i></p>
<p>Next weeks meeting program</p>	<p>No Meeting</p>	

President Ron has done some sort of contra deal for the soft drinks. Extensive discussion then took place about alcohol.

Andy's Blog :- Hi All, Back up in the North of England after a hectic few days. Spent 3 days in London with Ian in his apartment, getting shown all the famous places in London, and the pubs.

We've been on the eye, visited the Tower, went to the Queens house, we knocked, no answer. Amazing city, very alive, lots of people.

Spent a day in Paris, lovely place shame there are French people there to ruin it.

Done a lot of walking, drinking, walking, drinking, walking, eating while drinking, walking, marching through the hustle and bustle of the big cities. Too many people, but thoroughly enjoyable.

See you all soon Andy

Frank Keays said it was nice to be back and has some pictures of the bushfires and their aftermath – he just has to wait for them to be developed. Frank's trip to New Zealand was interesting but chilly. Apparently most of his trip involved semi naked men for some reason.

Sylvia said it was all better than rice pudding.

PE Mike announced that there are no duties for next week. The brainless BnB team for last week stayed until 9:30pm in the pouring rain.

Mike announced that committee meetings will continue on the first Monday of each month and that Board meetings will continue be held on the second Monday of each month at 5.30PM at the Golf Club.

Ron said that there are 36 attending changeover which is a decent number considering that we have a number of members away on leave. Ron is obviously getting a couple of free meals as he is checking out the restaurant several times before we get there.

Youthful Vin announced the dates for RYPEN, handicamp and the Sloan Dinner. Vin called for nominations to all of the above.

The Sgt then leapt in with the following:

- Anyone not wearing their Rotary Pin
- Ron Bradborn for being so stressed that he's taking off to Breamer bay in the van
- Welcome back Frank
- Ron Bradborn for Fay asking him to fix some taps, borrowing the gear from Colin and then getting Colin to actually do the work.
- Ron Bradock for getting Yvonne so used to punishment from when he shoved her in the rose bushes that S&M now forms a regular part of their lives
- Vin Rogers received a list of "don'ts" from David Jones re his Father Christmas stint.

Apparently “would you like a boiled lolly little girl” is not a reasonable thing to say to kids anymore

- Geoff Wiltshire realised that he is now a star on YouTube where some of the in car video from his cab has become popular. Especially the group photos.

Our Host Chairman Doug Parker then introduced himself, and gave us a stirring rendition of his overseas trip. Doug couldn't have done much because he found the time to keep a diary.

Doug passed around a number of interesting brochures from his trip including the Panama Canal which was quite interesting.

Doug and Anet had lunch at Harrods which cost 42UKP for a light lunch. Visited Madame Tausauds and had a thoughty about Elle McPherson. Doug's London travel pass gave him free travel within London on the public transport system. Then did all the usual touristy things in London. Doug mentioned his crown jewels several times which I think still has something to do with hos feelings for Elle McPherson.

Doug was too cheap to pay to actually get into Wembley Stadium, so they just drove around it several times to soak up the atmosphere. Doug was wrapped with the London public transport system. On his flight to Toronto, Doug somehow managed to jag it into first class, Anet had quaffed several glasses of champagne before the plane took off.

On arrival in Toronto, Doug went to Niagara Falls in a wind chill factor of -10. Doug obviously didn't take geography at school as he didn't realise that the Niagara river and the falls are part of the boundary between Canada and the US.

Doug then went to Boston and realised that the yanks hadn't made up a lot of their history and that a substantial amount of it was actually real.

Then they flew to New York and stayed in a hotel on Broadway and found that the hardest thing was understanding what “downtown” meant. As Americans can't spell properly, all their streets are numbered which confused Doug somewhat as he only has the facilities to count to 21.

In New York they did a helicopter flight around the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge. Saw ground zero and several other sites around New York, Anet thoroughly enjoyed their time in New York.

Next stop was Miami and a 90F day. Wayne Brower interrupted the meeting at this point by taking a phone call.

Most of Miami was seen in a charter boat and there was some tall tales about a Spanish Mackerel he caught.

Apparently Doug was quite taken with some of the native wildlife in Miami and wanted to stay longer but Anet wasn't having any of it.

Columbia was the next stop but then he said that it wasn't anything much so I don't even know why I'm typing this.

The Panama Canal was apparently a favourite with Doug as we got a bucket load of facts and figures about the Canal, how it was built, how to get through it, what it was made of - all very interesting . . .Z Z Z Z z z z z z z z z

Doug described his visit to Costa Rico and Mexico and then they got told they couldn't stop in Mexico because of the swine flu.

San Francisco was an absolute highlight for Doug and Anet. Did all the tourist things and was blown away by the sights. Jumped on and off the cable cars, but didn't visit Nob Hill. Loved the sealions at pier 39 and Fishermans wharf. Golden Gate bridge and the fog rolling in is just beautiful.

Next stop Las Vegas and tightwad Doug couldn't of course spend any money as the minimum bets were well above his top limit.

More stuff about the US trip yada yad yada

Doug and Anet obviously enjoyed his trip and judged every city by the quality of the club lounges.



The Bulletin Editor has been fortunate enough to get a baby photo of President Ron and Past Presidents Colin and Andy. This is obviously a vintage photograph which has been digitally enhanced to ensure that it is in living colour.

I think the subject of the discussion was a TV programme where Colin stated that he had seen where Lions could have sex up to 14 times a day, "So why have we all just joined Rotary" asked Ron.

I noted that PP Andy was wearing a shiny new Rolex the other day and I asked him where he got it from. He said " *I think my lesbian next door neighbours misunderstood when I said I wanted to watch* " .