



# THORNIE 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 Meeting	The Meeting opened with <b>John Stockbridge</b> the	Week After
30 <sup>th</sup> August	duly appointed stand in Songmaster, to the chagrin	6 <sup>th</sup> September
	of the Sergeant, who led us in a “beautiful” rendition	
<b>Attendance</b>	of “Home Amongst the Gum Trees”	<b>Attendance</b>
Lew Pritchard Colin Waters	<b>Visiting Rotarians</b> Baghwan Singh - Victoria	Geoff Wiltshire Bevan Baskerville
<b>Fellowship</b>	Park, Brian Vale – Gosnells, who reported on a very	<b>Fellowship</b>
Mike raspa	satisfying trip to Sri Lanka to present 61 quilts to an	Ross Evans
<b>Property</b>	orphanage with 500 kids. John Hudson – Victoria	<b>Property</b>
Ron Sloan Ray Smith	Park, who was also our Guest Speaker.	Albert Allen Ron Bradborn
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Make Ups</b> Thanks to Colin Ralph and Phil	<b>Chairman</b>
Freddie Tan	Hinwood for making up.	Lloyd Dungy
<b>Response</b>	<b>International Toast</b> Lloyd found this gem in a	<b>Response</b>
Arthur Watts	local rag “August 26 <sup>th</sup> ”; After hurtling downhill at	Ted Evans
<b>Bring-N-Buy</b>	50kmh and colliding with a car, a drunken man in	<b>Bring-N-Buy</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Sweden on this day in 1996 took the dubious	4 <sup>th</sup> September
Ron & Faye Bradborn	honour of becoming the first person charged with	Andy & Wren Hopper
Doug & Anet Parker	the dangerous handling of a shopping trolley.” It	Ross & Margaret Evans
Lew & Wendy Pritchard	seemed appropriate to toast the Rotary Club of Ale	Lloyd Dungey
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Sweden which was chartered in 1991 and has 31	<b>Bulletin Editor</b>
Ted Evans	members and meets at Hotel Surte.	Andy Hopper
<b>This Coming</b>	<b>Camel Ride</b> Lloyd has finalised arrangements for	
<b>Weeks Guest</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2.00pm in Mundaring Cost \$50/head.	
<b>Speaker</b>	If interested contact Lloyd.	
	<b>B n B Report</b> Ron Bradock reported that it was	
	cold the snow shoes were out and the Skis were on	
	standby but neither was needed. Galoshes were	
	also out but not needed for a result of \$1812 a	
	Great Overture.	



## **Ian's Blog – letter from Wolfgang Fiori – Past Exchange student**

Dear Colin

On their way to check up with former rotary exchange students around the world Ian & Lorraine visited with me and my family last week. It was wonderful to meet them again and to catch up with what has happened the last (it is true) 16 years. Ian mentioned the Rotary Club Thornlie might be interested what has become out of his former exchange student and asked me to send you a brief outline which you might want to put in the Rotary Bulletin.

After having finished Medical School I spent another year doing clinical work as a doctor on wards of a neurological and a pneumological clinic. At that time Germany decided to introduce a per case payment system for hospital funding based on the Australian AR-DRG (diagnosis related groups) system. Luckily I was amidst the first to get involved in the matter of DRG-systems at that time. I now work for already four years in a mid-sized German university town called Münster in the field of medical controlling doing both operative medical controlling (supervision of medical documentation, teaching of coding standards, contacts with insurance companies and strategic consulting) as well as research in which ways the Australian system has to be adopted to meet specific German needs.

Five years ago I married Anja my long term girl friend, which I met shortly after returning from Australia. Since about 18 months there are three of us. Ian and Lorraine must have made quite an impression on Leonard as he still talks about them.

Anja who learned speech and language therapy also works for the university hospital diagnosing, treating and doing research on children with artificial inner ear protheses (cochlea implants). In fact she is sponsored by a famous Australian company that produces these devices. Ian was particularly impressed, that in Münster, children with prelingual deafness (occurring before the onset of any language development) should be implanted before the age of four, because otherwise their brains could not cope with having to learn to listen as well as to use spoken language due to maturation of the involved brain structures. In general we follow the rule "the earlier the implantation, the better for the child's language development". This is, of course, only true for prelingually deaf children. If a person acquires deafness after a normal speech and language development, he can still be implanted later, provided the reason for his deafness lies in a dysfunction of the inner ear.

Ian and Lorraine now moved on to Berlin and Leipzig the booming towns of Germany. I hope everything is going fine without them in Australia and send my best wishes to everybody in the Rotary Club. I have not forgotten the good times I had Down Under and very well appreciate the effort you put in me.

All the best  
Wolfgang

P.S.: Please notice Ian and Lorraine on the bicycles in Holland!

Wolfgang Fiori  
DRG-Research-Group  
Stabsstelle Medizincontrolling

**President Chris** Provided information on a number of upcoming events.

- **97<sup>th</sup> RI Convention** hosted by Sweden and Denmark in Copenhagen and Malmo 11 – 14 June 2006. The first convention hosted by two countries and in the Nordic Region. By the way DKK refers to the Danish Kroner 1 AUD = 4.61048 DKK, John the Convention World Cup Golf 2006 only costs 6100DKK sounds cheaper for \$1323AUD
- **District 9470 Conference** – Kalgoorlie 21-23 April 2006.
- **Charity Golf Day 2005** Swan Districts RC invites you to a Four-ball Ambrose competition (what's that for the uninitiated?) on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at The Vines.
- **Handicamp** Is once again being planned around Australia Day 2006. There are already 14 committed disabled participants but at this stage only one able participant. Cost is still \$450/awardee with requests for sponsorship of specific activities at \$500 each. Colin W in his inimitable fashion dobbed the club in for a \$500 donation (supported by members of course) for Chris to use as appropriate.

**Sergeant Ken**, Without his glasses, the Sarge was having trouble writing in his little notebook let alone reading what he had written.

- The chook is coming up for its end of month presentation and there are already a couple of contenders.
- That handshake was on Baghwan resulting in a good topping up of the coffers.

- You know who was nabbed for not wearing that purple shirt and tie. Some excuse about Anet not ironing it properly.
- Ray S for a new car with his employer.
- Arthur W for the mobile esky
- John Hudson for forcing us to listen to him
- Tony James for selling his house with plans to move somewhere.
- Cross fine by John S on Brian Vale for ministering to camels in the middle of India and expecting to be paid for it.

**Guest Speaker** John Mitchell introduced John Hudson a member of the Vic Park RC since 1976. John who is a board member spoke about the Rotary Residential College at Kent St in Victoria Park.

The College was established in 1991 as hostel accommodation for country kids to go to High School in Perth whose parents could not afford private boarding schools.

Stage 1 provided accommodation for 48 students and was funded by the Federal Government. Stage 2 was constructed in 1995 and provided for a further 19 students.

Stage 3 is presently nearing completion and will provide additional accommodation for 32 students together with new kitchen and dining room and study rooms at a cost of \$3.3M. Funding of \$2M has been received from the State Government, \$360k from Lotterywest. Having the Premier as the Patron obviously helps. Corporate and other support is being sought to make up the shortfall and to provide those little extras.

The College has had some 450 students pass through its doors and there is always a waiting list. Students attend the college for 40 weeks/year at a cost of \$7,500 each. The remaining part of the year accommodation is provided for participants in country week sporting events.

Thornlie has contributed to this worthwhile venture in the past.

Doug Parker thanked John for bringing the club up to date with this project.

## **IAN's BLOG #2** Dear All

In Berlin the BMW was driven like a limo. Yesterday in Dresden the BMW was driven as if Mark Webber was driving. Our friend's uncle did not change into top gear until 180kph and he did not put the second hand on the steering wheel until 210kph.

We needed to change our heart batteries.

We have been in this city a couple of hours and it is very friendly with good English spoken as a matter of course.

This keyboard is totally different from any we have seen with random relevance between the letter shown on a key and what pressing it produces on the screen. - Regards to all - Ian

25-Aug	Archibald's		Anniversary
28-Aug	Bradock's		Anniversary
31-Aug	Tan	Freddie	Birthday
3-Sep	Bradborn	Faye	Birthday
4-Sep	Keays's		Anniversary
11 Sep	James	Pat	Birthday
14-Sep	Baskerville		Anniversary