



THORN LIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Meeting: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm Tuesday at the Gosnells Golf Club,
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Next Week		Week After
11th April		11th April
Attendance Geoff Wiltshire Bill Wrathall	SONGMASTER ANDY Suggested that cue was a long way from Tipperary	Attendance Ross Evans Ted Evans
Fellowship Bevan Baskerville	TOASTMASTER LLOYD -In recognition of some members drinking problems toasted the rotary club tequila in Mexico	Fellowship John Mitchell
Property Albert Allen Ron Bradock	STAND IN PRESIDENT MIKE -Has made a good recovery from his back operation. He advised board members next meeting on the 10 April at Mikes place at 5.30pm	Property Gary Flynn Frank Keays
Chairman Gary Parker	CHAIRMAN JOHN STOCKBRIDGE -Introduced guest speaker COLLEEN TOWNSHEND	Chairman Phil Hinwood
Response Lloyd Dungy	VOCATION BEVAN - Advised the vocational visit cor in Kelvin road is for the 16 th of May	Response Doug Parker
Bring-N-Buy 9th April Ron & Faye Bradborn Doug & Anet Parker Lew & Wendy Pritchard	SECRETARY BERNIE - recognize April as rotary magazine month .handed out questionnaire for down under	Bring-N-Buy 16th April Andy & Wren Hopper Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey
Bulletin Editor Ron Bradborn	SOCIAL LLOYD - We will return to croquet on Sunday 30 april 2pm-5pm to challenge champions Ron & Fay Bnb \$1718	Bulletin Editor Ron Bradborn
This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker	SARGENT KEN FINES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Sloan –no fines box • Mike Raspa- spineless 	
Barrey Williams Catalina Restoration Project		

- Doug parker-no purple colour
- Garry Flynn-
- Andy hopper-birthdays
- Chook to Bill WRATHALL for making a strong recovery and being a one Eyed eagle supporter
- Last weeks cryptic answer Boyup Brook
- This week lion eater

GUEST SPEAKER COLLEEN TOWNSHEND - ASSESS THE RISK

Spoke on the risk & hazards in small business identify the importance of recognising assets and the protection of them

Arthur Watts gave the wave of thanks

Dan Stapley's blog - Hi all,

Just wanted to let you all know that we've managed to time our travelling perfectly and have avoided all the nasty cyclone weather on the coast so far (thank you for your emails of concern -- it's nice to know that we're being thought of so far away here). We actually did drive through the areas that are being hit right now, but we went through them about a week ago when the weather there was still nice and hot and sunny.

We're in the city of Darwin right now, and it's been raining here for the last few days so I don't think we're going to stick around for long-- we're headed towards Alice Springs tomorrow morning if all goes according to plan. We are hoping to be back in Melbourne around the 9th of April, and then spending our last few days in the country visiting with Craig and seeing the area a bit.

Dan took me out to a nice restaurant on the wharf tonight to celebrate my 31st birthday (a day early, but we figure we'll be on the road again tomorrow, and the fare they serve at the Roadhouses [basically truck stops] isn't exactly what you'd call "gourmet" by any stretch) so that was really nice. Now if only we could get it to stop raining so we could do some sightseeing...

I'll give you a short run-down of where we've been and what we've seen since the last email: We left Perth where it was hot and sunny and beautiful (and in good company too-- thanks to Dan's friend Alex and his mum, and also Dan's old host family from his Rotary exchange, the Waters' and their friends who really made us feel welcome in their homes and provided us with wonderful hospitality and great advice for the rest of our travels) and went north up the coast to see Monkey Mia where I got to feed a dolphin named Surprise! That was a great experience.

We went a little further up the coast the next day and did some snorkelling with tropical fish and reef sharks (okay, Dan swam with the sharks, not me-- I don't swim with fish that can eat me, I only swim with fish that I can eat) on the Ningaloo Reef at Coral Bay. Dan even went out swimming with Manta Rays that were over 5 metres wide, and weighed up to two tons each! We ended up having to spend a bit more time in this area than we had planned to because Dan took the key to our Nissan Patrol out snorkelling with him and left it at the bottom of the sea for someone to find (unfortunately, they didn't find it while we were still there...) so we had to have a new key flown in from Melbourne and then have one of

the mechanics from the nearest Nissan dealer in the town of Carnarvon reprogram it (of course, our vehicle has one of those fancy computers in it with the chip in the key so that if it's not the right one, or if it's hot-wired, the engine shuts down as a safety precaution-- which is reassuring if your car gets stolen, but a pain in the ass when you lose your key at the bottom of the ocean!) In all, it wasn't too bad and we only lost about 24 hours in total, so it could have been a lot worse for sure, especially considering how far out in the middle of nowhere we were at the time. Three cheers for Avis, and our nice RAC tow-truck guy, Terry. Yay!

We did a station [ranch] stay one night which was interesting (this particular station had over a half-million hectares of land... can you believe it?) and spent a night and a day at Karijini National Park where we saw some of the most amazing huge gorges, waterfalls and pools. Don't worry; we're taking lots of pictures!

We're both finding the scenery amazing-- it's so isolated and everything is so remote here, it's hard to imagine how people can get by here even today, let alone two hundred years ago when they were first settling the areas. Some days, we can drive for hundreds of kilometres and not see any towns or people-- just lots of termite mounds and wedge-tailed eagles mostly. We've been very lucky also not to see too many kangaroos up close. We've been worried that we'll hit one with the Patrol, but so far luck's been on our side. We do try and keep the night-time driving down to a minimum, so that probably helps.

We spent an afternoon swimming (avoiding the very dangerous Box Jellyfish of course) at Cable Beach in Broome which is absolutely one of the most charming towns in Australia for sure. Dan and I both agreed we'd go back again someday and spend some more time just relaxing and holidaying there.

I have seen some of the biggest spiders ever, and am getting used to all the creepy-crawlies here. Who knew that there were more insects in Australia than people? Have only seen one smallish snake so far, and quite a few toads/frogs, and lizards. Unfortunately for me, they all seem to congregate in the toilets I want to use... ;-)

We're all happy and healthy here and everything seems to be a-okay with the baby; it's kicking up a storm and my belly's growing bigger with each day it seems (of course, that could be due in part to all the food that we're eating, and not getting enough exercise sitting around in our vehicle all day long!).

Will try and check email again within the next week or so-- at least once again before we leave this country. We're going to see Ayers Rock and the surrounding area next, so I'll let you know how that goes for us later.

Hope you're all well and happy, and keep the emails coming. Miss you all, and hugs and kisses to everyone.

Love from Emily, Dan and the baby.

4-Apr	Flynn	Gary	Birthday
6-Apr	Hopper	Andy	Birthday
18-Apr	Hopper	Wren	Birthday
19-Apr	Syme	Dianne	Birthday
19-Apr	Parker	Doug	Birthday

