



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 –

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Next Week		Week After
18th April		25th April
Attendance Ross Evans Ted Evans	SONGMASTER ANDY In keeping with the April Anzac theme we sang the Full rendition of pack up your troubles TOASTMASTER Lloyd With passing of Gene Pitney the toast was to Tulsa Rotary club with membership of 473	Attendance Lew Pritchard Ron Sloan
Fellowship John Mitchell	PRESIDENT CHRIS Welcome back from the long white cloud island - informed the club of the resignation of Freddy Tan - We will miss his late arrivals and contribution as treasurer.	Fellowship Colin Ralph
Property Gary Flynn Frank Keays	Make ups Colin & Chris at Palmerston north N Z John Stockbridge at Perth rotary club	Property Ray Smith John Stockbridge
Chairman Phil Hinwood	DIRECTORS REPORTS - International John Receive a letter of thanks for \$2000 dollars from Sue Abbott of Interplast	Chairman Arthur Watt
Response Doug Parker	Youthful Garry Sacred Heart primary school donation of \$3000 towards their trip to Japan	Response Geoff Wiltshire
Bring-N-Buy 16th April Andy & Wren Hopper Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey	CHAIRMAN John Introduced Barry Williams from the Australian & American Catalina association - speaker Barry Williams presented a video on the exploits of the operations.	Bring-N-Buy 23rd April Chris & Colin Ralph John Stockbridge Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville
Bulletin Editor Ron Bradborn	During the war out of Catalina’s base at Crawley, Geraldton and Exmouth. 60 aircraft were active in WA mainly used in supply and rescue to Burma and the surrounding islands. They also flew double sunrise flights, first to Ceylon then to London taking 32 hours to fly 6800 miles with no radio contact and by instrument only.	Bulletin Editor Ron Bradborn
This	Coming	

Weeks Speaker	Guest	Kevin Smith Bureau of Meteorology
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271 flights were completed with no loss of aircraft or personnel there are no original Catalina's that served in W A as after the war they were dumped in the sea off Rottnest Island. The association have restored a Catalina which will be on exhibit at Bullcreek Air Force Retirement Museum which will also undergo an upgrade. Barry's association has raised 2.5 million dollars for this project

Lloyd gave the vote of thanks

BNB \$2039 would have been sufficiently more if Docker supporters had paid entrance fees

Sergeant Ken fines

All members without dockers or eagle colours
 Lloyd Lew Colin w new cars
 Wayne Brouwer no profit deal
 Phil Hinwood fell out of tree
 Ray smith late
 Birthdays Gary Flynn Andy hopper 60 th
 Last week's cryptic answer Leonora
 This week's cryptic clue sad paddle

Ian's Blog Hello All

We are in Coffs Harbour northern NSW. If anyone is planning a trip to bypass Sydney CDB and the bridge it is now easy. Get on the new M7 and M2 both newly completed. Speed is around 100kph and we travelled for about an hour on it and travelled south to north without a sweat. The roads are toll roads without cash boxes so log on to ROAM and pay about \$1.80 which I think is a registration fee.

I thought Platypuses were exclusive to Victoria. I now find they are also up here and we hope to go out and see them.

Some time ago we spoke about premium fuel in our cars. When we arrived in SA my car using WA unleaded fuel was using 10.2 litres per 100 km. Once in SA I changed to premium and upon arriving here average fuel consumption has fallen down to 9 litres per 100 km. The cost of the higher grade fuel varies between 4 and 5% extra.

Hope the members of the 4.30 club enjoy Easter down at Donnybrook

Regards Ian & Lorraine

A note from Bill Douglas - What a game that was, I do not need that kind of stress???

There I was watching the closing minutes of the match and we were I think 1 or 2 points up going in to the forward line, ABC then goes to a commercial break and I think well... Since this is prerecorded no problem...

When the coverage comes back all I see is the crows scoring a goal .. I did not even want to look\$#@%\$#^% and thought we had lost, then I look at the scores and we are 2 points up and then we win the game!!!!

Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did without the heart attack?

Regards Bill Douglas Contracts Engineer

Dan's blog Hi everyone!

Just wanted to let you know that we've made it back safe and sound to Melbourne, and we're now just taking it easy and laying low for the next few days with some friends until we leave here on Sunday the 16th. We won't arrive back in Calgary until late, so it will probably be a couple of days (give us a few to get over the jet lag anyway) after that before you hear much from us again. I'm looking forward to catching up with all of you, either in person, or via phone or email... it's going to be nice to be home again even though this has been a wonderful trip for us.

We managed to cover over 14 000 kilometres (yes, you read that right; fourteen thousand wasn't a typo!) by the time we finally returned the rental vehicle (good thing we got the package with unlimited kilometres, huh?!) yesterday.

I sent out my last group email from Darwin-- we ended up staying there an extra day so that we could go and see a crocodile farm (I got to hold a baby croc!) and do a bit more sightseeing once the rain stopped. We then drove back down south, headed back towards (roughly) Melbourne. We stopped at Alice Springs on the way and had a meal called "The Drover's Blowout" at one of the restaurants there which gave us a taste of crocodile, kangaroo, emu and camel meat. I found out that I don't really care much for crocodile or camel, but that I don't mind the taste of emu or kangaroo. Don't worry-- I'm not bringing any back home for you all to try; I didn't like it THAT much!

We then drove on to see Ayer's Rock (which is now called Uluru-- the aboriginal name for it) which was pretty impressive, although it was closed for climbing the day we were there due to high wind speeds at the top so we only walked around the base of it. Not that I would have climbed it anyway even if I'd been allowed to: the thing is massive (which you can't really fathom until you're right there beside it-- I don't think our pictures will do it justice) and totally smooth-- no hand/foot holds to grab on to. Apparently there have been over 36 deaths there and countless more injuries. No thanks-- not for this gal!

After that, we stopped in an opal mining town called Cooper Pedy where we splurged and stayed the night in an UNDERGROUND motel!! How cool is that?! The whole thing is built into a hillside, and the floor, walls and ceiling of our room was all rock. I took lots of pictures-- I think it was one of my favourite places in all of this country (certainly one of the most unique, that's for sure)! We toured an opal mine and museum the next day, and then drove to just outside of Adelaide where we stopped for the night. Unfortunately, I've only managed to see Adelaide in the dark (on our way through the first time, on our way out west, it was dark AND raining so I saw even less then) and it looks like such a neat and vibrant city that I made Dan promise to bring me back to see it in the daylight the next time we come. I guess time will tell if I ever get to see Adelaide!

We arrived back in Melbourne at about six pm on Saturday (two days ago) and have been staying with friends at their new place. We might do a teeny bit more sightseeing around the area in the next few days before we go, but we're pretty travelled out and have been enjoying a few days of doing nothing but relaxing and hanging out.

We were amazed at how much colder it is here than it was in the Northern parts of Australia we'd just been in (about ten degrees here compared to over thirty in Darwin...) and we're pretty much freezing our butts off since we really didn't prepare for the cold as well as we did for the hot. I've been wearing my one pair of jeans (that I barely fit into now that my belly's been growing), and my two fleece jackets round the clock since we got here, and I'm still chilled. I can't wait to get home to central heating! I swear, I think that I saw my breath last night when I was getting ready for bed... it's that cold in the houses here. Crazy Aussies! (and New Zealanders are just as bad I hear from a very reliable source!)

Anyhoo-- this will be it until we get home again-- as I said earlier, you might not hear from us for a while if the jet-lag's bad, but we'll get in touch sooner than later. Hope you're all well and happy--

Lots of love, from em and dan and baby too.

18-Apr	Hopper	Wren	Birthday
19-Apr	Syme	Dianne	Birthday
19-Apr	Parker	Doug	Birthday
26-Apr	Smith's		Anniversary
1-May	Bradborn	Ron	Birthday
7-May	Parker's		Anniversary