



# THORNIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PO Box 84, THORNIE WA 6988

**Meeting:** 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm Tuesday at the Gosnells Golf Club,  
Warton Road Thornlie –



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2005 – 2006

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

<http://www.thornie-rotary.com>

Next Week 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bring-N- Buy 30 <sup>th</sup> April, Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O’Dea, Arthur & Ann Watts	Week After 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<p><b>Attendance</b> Lew Pritchard Doug Parker</p> <p><b>Fellowship</b> Colin Ralph</p> <p><b>Property</b> Ray Smith John Stockbridge</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Arthur Watts</p> <p><b>Response</b> Geoff Wiltshire</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Chris &amp; Colin Ralph John Stockbridge Phil &amp; Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> Ron Sloan</p>	  	<p><b>Attendance</b> Bill Wrathall Ron Bradborn</p> <p><b>Fellowship</b> Not Required</p> <p><b>Property</b> Bevan Baskerville Albert Allen</p> <p><b>Chairman</b> Not Required</p> <p><b>Response</b> Not Required</p> <p><b>Bring-N-Buy 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> Colin Waters Mike &amp; Louise Raspa Ken &amp; Dianne Syme</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b> Ron Sloan</p>
<p><b>This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker</b></p>	<p><b>TBA</b></p>	

**Note – The 9<sup>th</sup> of May is a partners night – 18.30 hrs for 17.00 hrs.**

**Dan's Blog** Hi everyone,

Just a quick update from the airport lounge in Auckland, New Zealand where we're killing some time waiting to re board our flight which originated in Melbourne, Australia this morning and is headed for Calgary via Los Angeles and Vancouver. Needless to say, it's going to be a very long day for us today. I'm happy to report though that it looks like we're going to be getting some of those fancy first-class seats that fold down into beds again so I'll be taking advantage of that if I don't get too distracted by all the movies at my disposal I want to watch! Another downside is that it's going to be light out our entire way home, except for the last leg between Vancouver and Calgary. I'll have to pull out my fashionable eye-mask/goggly thingies if I want to sleep I guess... ah, what a fashion victim! Anyway-- I'm going to head back to keep Dan company (he's having a snack and a beer I think so I'm going to go and join him, minus the beer for me) and check out my newest purchase: an Australian cookbook that I'm so excited about finding (it even has kangaroo recipes in it which will be totally useless to me at home, but neat to have anyway!). Alright, my time's up—got to run. Love to all, and talk to you soon.  
Emily (and Dan and Baby too)

**SONGMASTER ANDY** - Opened the meeting with o what a beautiful morning For some reason but I have forgotten

**TOASTMASTER LLOYD** - Toast to the rotary club of Jerusalem with 46 members

**PRESIDENT CHRIS** - Advised the following:-

- WA final. Rotary 4 way test speaking competition - Friday may 5 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at Tawarri reception centre Esplanade Dalkeith cost \$43.00 each phone 92775050
- Rotary club of Swan Districts ladies committee invitation to their Winter Warmer luncheon at Rosehill country club West parade west Guildford - Guest speaker Rev Barry May police chaplain - Price \$15 RSVP by may 15 phone 92944483

**SOCIAL LLOYD** Reminder of croquet on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 5pm  
Special events - Jump shot sponsor by Lew Pritchard  
Golf shot - sponsor Ken Syme

**Legacy** - Lew Pritchard purposed a donation to legacy same as last year seconded by Colin Waters - carried

#### **General Business**

- Chris Connolly offer of cheap seats to Docker's games was not taken up
- Computer whiz john statistics on hits to the Thornlie web site was just a lot of numbers to me look forward to next months results

**Bnb** Andy short on detail cold & wet \$648

#### **SERGEANT KEN fines**

- Who read world rotary bulletin
- Easter eggs for wives
- Colin - Andy's dog knocked over Wren

**Box buys**      there were several but I could not read my writing

**Last week cryptic answer grimwade  
This week - a muesli one is softer**

### **GUEST SPEAKER KEVIN SMITH**

Kevin has worked with bureau of meteorology since 1966 and presented very detailed information in to the working of the bureau on severe weather & cyclone warnings as listed

- There has been 53000 warnings since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005
- Daily weather forecast hits are 177000
- WEBSITE HAS 873,000,000 hits a year and RECIEVES MORE HITS THAN YAHOO
- Cyclone Glenda had 49,000,000 hits
- Cyclones Larry and Glenda were the same strength
- Larry caused more damage because WA has better Cyclone proof buildings
- The media have an information room in the centre
- All forecasting is done by satellite at no cost

THIS IS JUST A BRIEF SUMMARY OF KEVIN PRESENTATION MORE IMFORMATION via  
K.J.SMITH@BOM.GOV. AU

Docker Doug gave the vote of thanks

**Note no meeting next week 25<sup>th</sup> April - GSE team will host a combined meeting April 27th at Gosnells golf club**

Ian's Blog Dear All

While in Brisbane we stayed in the centre of South Bank and enjoyed the variety that the area offered. It took a couple of false turns to enter the area from the south but in the main we managed well with the Easter traffic going in the opposite direction from us both coming and going.

We took a trip out to Morton Island, one of the string of sand islands along the south Queensland coast and then went on a four wheel drive bus to a very steep sand hill to go "tobogganing" courtesy of a piece of masonite waxed like a surf board for extra speed.

They say they go up to 60 kph but of course we don't know just what we achieved. Going up was hard work but the descent was fun. We are now staying a couple of days with a family we met on the train trip last year, inland from Rockhampton then on Saturday will begin making our way back. Of course seeing lush pasture at these latitudes is really new to us and Ian is busily working out what all the crops we have passed by are. Even lychees grow up here.

Best wishes to everyone. Glad to see in the Rotary Bulletin that it is the season foir buying new cars. Ours has been very comfortable for this trip. Hope you all enjoy your purchases as much. Ian is busy out on a property at present supervising the construction of a new house. Tonight he will be going to Rotary in Biloela.

26-Apr	Smith's		Anniversary
1-May	Bradborn	Ron	Birthday
7-May	Parker's		Anniversary
8 May	Ralph's		Anniversary

I won't say it as been a pleasure however it has been fun and a talking point

So from one Ron to another Ron  
Thank you

PS any spelling mistakes - blame Colin W