



THORNLIE 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	Two weeks ago a certain member of the Rotary club made some derisory comments about the way Sgt Ken was wearing his hair. It was obvious by the way this member was fined last week that some offence was taken by Sgt Ken. In no way did this member wish to upset Sgt Ken and to that end and by way of an apology has agreed to post a photo of Sgt Ken showing his latest hairstyle which in no way resembles the derisory comments made about it.	Week After
13th June		20th June
<p>Attendance Ross Evans Andy Hopper</p> <p>Fellowship Ted Evans</p> <p>Property Frank Keays Doug Parker</p> <p>Chairman Lew pritchard</p> <p>Response Colin Ralph</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 11th June</p> <p>Chris & Colin Ralph John Stockbridge Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville</p> <p>Bulletin Editor John Stockbridge</p>		<p>Attendance Ron Sloan John Mitchell</p> <p>Fellowship Colin Waters</p> <p>Property Arthur Watts Geoff Wiltshire</p> <p>Chairman Bill Wrathall</p> <p>Response Albert Allen</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 18th June</p> <p>Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O’Dea Arthur & Ann Watts</p> <p>Bulletin Editor John Stockbridge</p>
<p>This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker</p>	TBA	

“It’s a good day” was the opening song – and it obviously wasn’t for quite a few of the assembled Rotarians despite the presence of several female voices, it was obvious that the ladies were as atrocious as the gentlemen. Just a few more off key voices, – only soprano.

It’s interesting what a difference sitting somewhere near the top table makes – the things you overhear – such as Pres Elect Mike accusing Pres Chris of “chucking a pea” at him.

Sgt Ken spent at least ten minutes fixing his hair and then introduced President Chris who welcomed our special guests – Stephanie Hastings from Gosnell’s Women’s Refuge Centre, Linda Winchester and Glenda McLeod from Citizen Advocacy and Bill and Louise Green from Gosnell’s Community Support Service.

Many of the members had obviously done something to upset the kitchen staff as their meals were somewhat delayed in being served. Kelly managed to scrape something together for Andy Hopper.

Mike, Ken and Lew spent a good ten minutes discussing the possibility of sexual abuse in Goomalling and decided that they had obviously missed out on any that was going around. Some further discussion was held around Lew trying to find out how old Louise Raspa was to determine if she went through Convent School with Lew and his sisters. Mike valiantly held out and didn’t disclose any details (Mike pay me later).

Pres Chris announced that Rotary has contributed over \$3million to the Rotary Cord Blood Bank of which our club has donated \$10,000.

Thank goodness that no directors had anything to say as I had to prepare myself for rambling Mike.

Ray Smith announced they gave away 28 vouchers and collected \$1698 and didn’t lock anyone in the loo. There are no more vouchers to be accepted at Bring n Buy.

The Sergeant session flicked back his delicately coiffured hair and produced the following fines:

- Corporal Lew had naughty thoughts
- Ron Bradborn put last years flag out, so everyone had to pay
- Young Albert apparently came home romping ahead of several highly strung fillies and proved a handful as usual. Ken decided to ingratiate himself with the club by fining everyone again – not a wise move
- Ray Smith was fined because Lois didn’t nail him tonight
- Bevan Baskerville fined the Sgt for not mentioning that Young Albert’s race was for geldings.
- Ron Sloan owned up to Beth’s birthday

Ken is obviously running down to the end of the year as the effort put into tonight’s session was commensurate with the few number of fines, detailed above. I know that the bulletin editor is more than pulling his considerable weight with the work being put into the June issues of the bulletin.

And why wasn’t it chook night tonight Ken???

So there are a few thoughts on the meeting tonight as there is not much else to write about. Constant murmur constant discussions the occasional louder voice saying things like “don’t get bogged down in the detail”. It’s always quite amusing watching Doug Parker talk as he would be lost without his hands providing constant direction for his voice.

Look out Wendy as Lew was talking about getting an old ute, but he’s going to wait until he gets his new shed first.

There was a whole bunch of waiting whilst PE Mike gathered the few thoughts he has and eventually introduced our guests tonight.

Board members are reminded that there is a meeting for incoming and outgoing board members at Treasure palace on Monday night at 6pm and reports need to be submitted to PR Mike before Monday.

PE Mike gave some background to the awards presenting to Centro Maddington for their most excellent support. As a thank you to Centro the club sent out a paper with a selection of eight projects that staff could select. Kay Fox won the prize and allocated her \$10,000 from the club to four projects.

Each of the recipients gave a short background on their projects:

Bill Green, from Gosnell’s Community Support Service. The organization was started about 21 years ago by people in the Gosnell’s area who saw a need for the provision of some support services. Today, Astley House is the premises for the organization with 8 permanent staff and 40 part time staff and 107 volunteers. GCSS provide services to people to allow them to remain in their homes for as long as possible providing gardening, shopping, carers respite and other support services. GCSS also organize things like weekends away and other trips that could be of value to the community. Bill expressed his thanks to the club for its donation of \$3,000



Bill Green, President of Gosnell’s Community Support Service



Stephanie Hasting CEO of Gosnell’s Womens Refuge Centre

Stephanie Hasting from the Gosnell’s Womens Refuge Centre. – Starrick Services Inc runs two womens refuges in Gosnell’s. They have advocates at Gosnell’s police station and accommodate up to 6 families at Starrick House and they are nearly always full. Gosnell’s is apparently one of the highest areas of family violence. Most funding is from the government, but funds are always tight. Women and children turn up at the refuge usually with no belongings and sometimes hurt, so Starrick services helps with support for these families. Because the service provided can be

quite depressing, it takes a special type of person to work there. The club provided a cheque for \$3,000.



Linda Winchester from Citizens Advocacy. This organization is based in Cannington but covers the whole of the southern region. Advocates assist disabled people in standing up for their rights, helping them find independent accommodation and other general services. Linda stated that many of their advocates work full time and fit their advocacy role around their working lives. Longer term roles mean that the advocate can quite often become a friend to particularly the intellectually disabled. The club presented Citizens Advocacy with a cheque for \$1000.

Bowel cancer research received a donation of \$3000.

Mike finished his presentation in good form and thanked the club for its efforts, reminding us that our reward is helping these terrific organisations within our community.

Sgt Ken flicked his rapidly greying locks and Pres Chris thanked all our guests for attending and then closed the meeting.

Payment for changeover should also be paid asap.

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