



2006 – 2007

3rd October 2006

THORNLIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PO Box 84, THORNLIE WA 6988

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

Apologies to ANDY HOPPER 0409 099 941 by noon Monday

Pres. Mike Raspa (W) 9388 8999 (H) 9452 0158
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Next Week		Week After
10th October	Chris Ralph's guest tonight was Denny Byrne who was giving our Club the "look over".	17th October
Attendance John Stockbridge Ken Syme Fellowship Colin Waters Property Arthur Watts Bill Wrathall Chairman Albert Allen Response Bevan Baskerville Bring-N-Buy 8th October Gary & Penny Flynn Ross & Margaret Evans John Mitchell Bulletin Editor Gary Flynn	International Toast was to the Rotary Club of Thurles in Tipperary, Ireland. In keeping with the football theme, following the Eagles win, Thurles is the home of Gaelic Football. Their game developed in this country into Australian Rules Football. President Mike discussed – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Cakes. Orders soon required. • A new Rotary Club being formed in the Tonkin Industrial Area. The Club is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Belmont. • Polio Plus update. Polio has now been reduced to just four countries. International Director Frank advised Club - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee was giving \$500 to a Dental Project involving a recent guest speaker, Dennis Cosgrove. • A donation of \$500 to a Cambodian Project of the Australia Foundation. • Advises of a visit from representatives of New Hope. 	Attendance Ron Bradborn Wayne Brouwer Fellowship Ron Bradock Property Lloyd Dungy Ross Evans Chairman Ted Evans Response Phil Hinwood Bring-N-Buy 15th October Ron & Yvonne Bradock Andy & Wren Hopper Ted Evans Bulletin Editor Gary Flynn
This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker	DGE Robyn Thorpe Opportunities and Ideas for 2007-2008	

Community Director Albert informed the meeting of a **new computer** to be donated to the **Probus Club of Thornlie**. John Stockbridge assisted with the purchase.

Acting Youth **Director Colin Ralph** assisted by PP Christine advised meeting of the National Grand Final of the '**Storm the Stage**' to be held at the Burswood Theatre at 8pm on the 3rd of November, 2006. Tickets are \$30 each, \$25 concession and \$20 for children. Details on the web at www.stormthestage.com.au

Fundraising Director Colin mentioned the Bring & Buy **toilet maintenance project**. He didn't ask for help but I'm sure he would appreciate assistance.

Colin is also recording statistics of the break-up of revenue received from buyers -v- sellers.

Bring and Buy result of \$1620. Royal Show and post-football hangovers may have affected tally.

Treasurer John Mitchell (without his trustee assistant Wayne) went solo tonight. He has found the chequebook.

President elect Andy advises that a number of set menus are to be discussed with kitchen staff. **Pumpkin** is banned.

Sergeant Colin and Acting Corporal Andy extracted the following funds from the unwilling:

- All members who watched the football Grand final
- Mike Raspa for being late at B & B
- Phil for having to wake up to come to the meeting
- Mike again due to his neighbour having an automatic tomato peeling machine
- Ted Evan for being late
- John Mitchell taking his badge home
- Doug for grovelling to Eagles supporters
- Frank Keays for Silvia decorating the chook
- Ken Syme and Mike Raspa for ignoring the micro mini skirt dress standards
- Ken fined Lloyd for the recent play visited by members
- The chook award was given to Lloyd due to the reports Colin had received on the play

Guest Speaker tonight was our own Albert Allen who gave a very interesting talk on the **North Australia Observer Unit**.

Albert started his military training in the school cadets and later in the Sydney University Regiment which he joined in 1941. After the Pearl Harbour attack by Japan he joined the Australian Infantry Force. Albert had to hide the fact that he was missing his lower Index finger which is important considering it's a soldier's trigger finger.

Albert later volunteered for the **North Australia Observer Unit** which was a commander unit assigned to Northern Australia. Their tasks included patrols of the isolated areas of Northern Australia on horses and with portable radios. Albert spoke of the harsh conditions and efforts to protect from mosquitoes and sandflies. Aeroguard would have been a godsend to these soldiers.

Some of Alberts off hand comments such as not getting mail for three months, shooting their

tucker, and only seeing two white woman in two years gave an indication of the difficult conditions at that time.

The plan for the soldiers of Albert's Company was that they were to stay behind enemy lines if the Japanese invaded Northern Australia.

The Defence Forces have re-established a modern day version of the **North Australia Observer Unit**. It is called **Norforce**.

10-Oct	Stockbridge	Faye	Birthday
10-Oct	Wrathall	Bill	Birthday
12-Oct	Wiltshire's		Anniversary