



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 –

Apologies to **ANDY HOPPER 0409 099 941** by noon Monday

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Next Week	President Mike welcomed members of the Maddington Club to the joint meeting and introduced the members of the amalgamation steering committee.	Week After
19 th Dec		2 nd Jan
Attendance Arthur Watts Geoff Wiltshire	District Secretary Ray kicked things off by leading the rendition of “I love to have a drink with Duncan” and things went steadily downhill from there.	Attendance Ron Bradborn Ron Bradock
Fellowship Bill Wrathall	Guests for the evening were Ken Williams from the Rotary Club of Rhonda Valley – Wales, and Robert Da Prado from Armadale Neerigen Brook. At his club Ken fill the role of Secretary, Treasurer, President elect and occasional guest speaker. Robert advised that Nerrigin Brook were trying to organise a get together of all clubs in the area towards the end of January.	Fellowship Wayne Brouwer
Property Albert Allen Bevan Baskerville		Property Lloyd Dungey Ross Evans
Chairman Mike Raspa		Chairman Mike Raspa
Response Mike Raspa	Social Director Lloyd is organising the potential interest in attending “Fiddler on the Roof” on the 21 st February at the Burswood – cost approx \$75 per head. Contact Lloyd if you are interested. President Mike thanked Lloyd for organising the Christmas function the previous Sunday, particularly as this year Louise hadn’t come straight home and Fallen asleep. Rumour has it that suck wasn’t the case with Margaret Evans and the Lounge floor was very comfortable.	Response Mike Raspa
Bring-N-Buy 17th December		Bring-N-Buy 17th December
Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey Albert Allen		Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey Albert Allen
Bulletin Editor Colin Waters	Diary Note – Members of Maddington have a Partners night next week – the 18 th – it will be a typical Christmas meal – 6.30 for 7.00	Bulletin Editor Colin Ralph
This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker	Amalgamation Vote	

President Mike chaired the club assembly to discuss the proposed amalgamation. He summed up the history of the discussions along the following lines

Why are we meeting

The amalgamation talks started as an informal discussion between two members.

The initial subject under discussion were Maddington's costs in operating their van at Bring'N'Buy, and this led to a general discussion between the two regarding declining membership and ability of both clubs to attract new members

That discussion led to a presentation to the respective Boards and the subsequent formation of a Steering Committee to look at the question of the clubs getting together

At the first meeting of the steering committee, the club representatives put on the table the following issues

Thornlie

- *Ageing membership*
- *Lack of new members*
- *Financial costs associated with Rotary membership – Meal value*
- *Increased frequency of rostering at BnB*

Maddington

- *Small number of members*
 - *No committee structure*
- *Lack of new members*
 - *Fact that the club was located in an industrial area*
 - *The small membership wasn't attractive to new members*
- *Increased frequency of rostering on the van*
 - *Members Partners lack of desire to work on the van*
 - *One paid employee*

Overall there was concern that declining membership could reach the point where an increasing rate of decline could become self fulfilling and lead to the clubs demise

One of the first actions of the steering committee was to look at the advantages and disadvantages of any amalgamation. In summary there didn't appear to be any major advantages or disadvantages.

The major advantage was the fact that it was thought that the increased numbers would make for a more vibrant club with better cost controls

The major disadvantage was the possibility of reduced combined membership numbers as a result of members resigning because they couldn't attend on the selected meeting night

The committee was however, firmly of the opinion that amalgamation would make a positive contribution to all the issues initially put by the clubs representatives. In addition,

if the decline continues then the numbers would be such that the existing income stream would not be hindered for some time.

Initial consultations produced a situation where a definitive answer could not be given as to the preferred Meeting night. This situation still exists - Namely it was the preference of the steering Committee that the new entity meet on a Monday evening at the Gosnells Golf club.

For this to eventuate it is necessary for the Golf Club to agree to open on a Monday – hopefully this will be know this month

It was also agreed by the steering committee that the existing president should “see out” their term of Office – hence full amalgamation will not occur until the final step – namely the inauguration of the first combined President at the June Changeover

The other major matter addressed by the committee was the question of the Fund raising activities. It was felt that initially, whilst membership numbers remained constant the existing BnB and food van functions would continue as is. If numbers declined in the future, the Van would be sublet to another community group.

That is the history of these talks and repeats the detail has been circulated to all members via the news letter.

The committee is happy to address any questions raised from the floor.

After this period I will then present the motion to members for their consideration

Motion - that the Rotary Club of Thornlie and the Rotary Club of Maddington amalgamate

Agree/disagree

We have agreed

- that voting would be by secret ballot*
- 70% of the votes must be in agreement with the motion for the motion to succeed*
- if Maddington votes against amalgamation on the 18th – Thornlie would cancel its ballot scheduled for the 19th*
- proxy voting can be done by email, emailed to or phoned to the respective Presidents prior to the Vote*

There was discussion from the floor of a general nature, mainly associated with the rosters associated with fund raising. President Mike then put the motion and it was endorsed to proceed to the vote the following week

DIARY – Thornlie members should note that in addition to the amalgamation vote, next week is also the clubs Annual General Meeting. President Mike advises that there have not been any special items business listed for the AGM in response se to his circular and hence the meeting will deal with routine matters to meet the constitutional requirements.

The Bring'n'Buy roster has been extended

Starting Dec 06

TEAM	MEMBERS	DATES
1	Chris & Colin Ralph Ron & Faye Bradborn Phil & Kaye Hinwood Bevan Baskerville	24 th Dec - 11 th Feb – 1 st Apr - 20 th May 8 th July -
2	Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O'Dea Arthur & Ann Watts	31 st Dec - 18 th Feb - 8 th Apr – 27 th May 15 th July
3	Colin Waters Mike & Louise Raspa Ken & Dianne Syme	7 th Jan - 25 th Feb - 15 th Apr – 3 rd June 22 nd July -
4	Andy & Wren Hopper Ross & Margaret Evans John Mitchell	14 th Jan - 4 th Mar - 22 nd Apr - 10 th June 29 th July
5	Ron & Yvonne Bradock Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire Ted Evans	21 st Jan - 11 th Mar – 29 th Apr – 17 th June
6	Doug & Anet Parker Lew & Wendy Pritchard John Stockbridge	28 th Jan – 18 th Mar 6 th May – 24 th June
7	Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey Albert Allen	17 th Dec - 4 th Feb - 25 th Mar – 13 th May 1 st July -

23-Dec Watts's

25-Dec O'Dea

Maureen

Anniversary

Birthday