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THORNIE 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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<p>Next Week 6th February</p>	<p>Last Night we held the our meeting at the Good View Chinese restaurant – Maddington and with out a doubt it was the best night we have had in years – no one would have thought that a meeting would last 3 hours - Congratulations PE Andy – well done on a great night There will be a motion moved that in future we celebrate Australia Day each year at a Chinese restaurant – there is logic there somewhere</p> <p>With Ken’s resignation and Ross’ illness, we have been left with no option other than to redo the BnB roster. There is a copy of the new roster attached at the end of this bulletin. As the teams have had to be reduced to a 6 week cycle, all previous dates have changed - so please re do the list on your Fridge or Calender.</p> <p>Our guest speaker this week will be from HeartKids, who will be talking on young children with heart difficulties – from a personal experience view point. Members will remember Taine Sugden – Ron Bradborn’s your Grandson. Taine’s and his mum, Janelle will also be present and will answer questions.</p> <p>Partners and guest are welcome but PE Andy needs to know numbers before Monday – his mobile numbers is 0409 099 941 or he may be emailed at hopper@arach.net.au</p>	<p>Week After 13th February</p>
<p>Attendance Frank Keays Bernie O’Dea</p> <p>Fellowship Vic Rich</p> <p>Property Colin Ralph Chris Ralph</p> <p>Chairman Ron Bradborn</p> <p>Response Colin Waters</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 4th February Ray & Lois Smith Lloyd Dungey Albert Allen</p> <p>Bulletin Editor Andy Hopper</p>	<p>Attendance Ray Smith Ron Sloan</p> <p>Fellowship Lew Pritchard</p> <p>Property Arthur Watts Albert Allen</p> <p>Chairman Geoff Wiltshire</p> <p>Response Bill Wrathall</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 11th February Chris & Coli Ralph Phil & Kay Hinwood Bevan Baskerville</p> <p>Bulletin Editor Andy Hopper</p>	
<p>This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heart kids</p>	

The following is Taine's story, as written in his Mums own words.

Taine, and parents, all wish to thank the Club and its members for their prayers and wishes over a very trying period

Taine Sugden - our little miracle

Taine was born at 29 weeks (11 wks premature) and weighed 1100 grams in King Edward Hospital; we were told that he had an Oesophageal Artesia which meant his food pipe was not connected to his stomach so he could not swallow any thing. The doctors told me this is probably why he came early.

Once Taine was born I got to hold him for it felt like only 5 seconds and he was rushed off to PMH Neonates ward. I could not believe this was happening to us this was supposed to be one of the most joyous times of our lives, yet Richard and I were both so scared and sad.

I got some rest when Richard went over to see Taine. He spent hours there just holding his tiny little fingers. I woke up about 3 AM in the morning, distressed and confused and rand PMH to see how my little man was doing and remembering felling numb all over.

The next morning I was up early, ready and waiting for Richard to take me to Taine. He was in a Humid crib dues to prematurity and jaundice and had a tube put in his mouth so that the nurse could flush it out regularly as he could not swallow.

A gastrostomy tube was placed in his stomach so that he could be fed. He was also on C PAP to help him breathe properly. He was so tiny and frail that I was scared to touch him.

After just over a month, Taine had an operation to have his oesophachous repaired and joined together which meant he could now take things down his mouth. While this was all happening, they found he had a heart condition which they called "tetrealogy of fallot ". This caused him to have what they called "Blue Episodes" which used to scare me so much.

His saturations would drop so low that the machines would just beep and go off all day. We had a meeting with Dr Ramsey and he told us our little man was to have open heart surgery to fix his heart. "What was happening to us?, this just could not be right, it just didn't seem fair. As you all know this is one of the hardest things to hear.

Because Taine was so little, they wanted him to put on weight before they did the full heart repair. So they did an operation which meant putting a BT shunt from an artery from his left arm to help the blood mixing and causing him to turn blue.

After 6 hours in surgery and a couple of days in ICU he recovered extremely well and was told we could go home shortly, which was something we were really looking forward to, as we had been in the Neonatal Unit for nearly 5 months. The day came to go home and we all had mixed feelings - happy, sad and scared all at the same time.

Well it was great - we went home for 4 weeks, but something was not right, we brought Taine back into PMH and after another small operation and a MRI scan the surgeons found that an aneurism had grown around the shunt and was blocking it, thus stopping it from working and he was starting to turn blue again.

Bad news we had to have another operation.

This one was not so good; after 8 hours in surgery the doctors had problems fixing the original shunt and tried to do a right sided one, but this did not work either as Taine's saturations kept dropping. They finally decided to do a central shunt; the problem was they could not close his chest up after it, because he had swollen up due to the surgery.

This time Taine was in ICU for over a week and was kept on a lot of drugs and ventilated until he could fend for himself. Finally the day came that he was strong enough to come off all of the machines and was sent down to the cardiac ward to recover some more.

A week later, guess what we could go home.

On May 16th 2006 at 16 months old Taine was booked in to get his full heart repaired, we were so scared but thought this would be the last time, and we could then get on with a normal life. Little did we know that was not going to happen?

Taine got through the Tetralogy repair pretty quick and only stayed in ICU for a few days. BUT he kept getting fluid built up called Chylothorax fluid in his lungs, mainly the right one which was causing him problems to breathe. He was kept in hospital for weeks with pigtail drains in each side of his chest to drain any fluid out.

Every time we thought it was all Ok, the fluid kept returning. He was put on a no fat diet and a special formula called Monogen to help stop it collecting around his lungs. All started to look good so we went home, but not for too long, we were back in PMH regularly getting them drained.

So in Late August 2006, it came to a point where a decision had to be made on how to fix this problem, so we were off to see the surgeon Dr David Andrews yet again, and he discussed the option of cutting into the right side of Taine's chest and putting Talcum powder (yep can you believe it) in, to basically stick his lung against the wall of his chest to stop the accumulation of fluid.

So Taine went into surgery again, this procedure did not take as long. So when David Andrews came to see us so quickly we thought it was great. He said it looked like all went ok. Taine was again taken to ICU.

The first couple of days Taine was doing ok, but on Fathers day which was also my mums 60th birthday I left the hospital for a couple of hours to celebrate with my family as much as you can when your child is in hospital (it never leaves you mind). I then received a call from Richard saying I should get back to the hospital, I took off straight away and don't really remember how I got there. I knew something was wrong.

When I returned to the hospital, Dr Duncan was with Richard, talking to him, my whole body just fell to the floor I could not believe what he was saying, he was telling us that Taine's liver and kidneys had gone into failure and that he would most probably not survive 24 hours.

I have never felt so guilty in my life for leaving him, I know things would not have been different if I was there but the guilt just hit me so hard. I rushed to Taine's side and cried for hours telling him it was going to be all ok. Richard rang our parents and some close friends. They all came rushing up to support us, I don't really remember seeing anyone I was just fixated on Taine. This was the beginning of what seemed to be the longest nights of our lives. I could not leave him.

Taine made it through that night; he was put on Kidney dialysis and given blood and platelets, it seemed like constantly. Taine made it through the next day then the next.

Richard and I, my parents and friends sat by his side, day in day out reading and talking to him. Watching his favourite shows and singing his favourite songs, I knew he could hear us.

Then one night we were woken up at 4am in the morning and told he that he was bleeding, We raced in to see him and could not believe our eyes he had blood pouring out of his nose and mouth it was awful to see, and Richard and I both thought that this was it. We were going to lose our little boy. But he fought through it amazingly and made it through that night also.

Then on my birthday while I was sitting by his bedside, Taine did a wee, it was the best birthday present ever. I have never been so happy to see wee in my life.

Within the next few days his kidneys starting slowly working and he was taken off dialysis, finally something was going right. Just like a miracle all of his bloods and functions started improving and our little boy was back with us. After 4 weeks in intensive care we went to the ward.

It has been a long road back with rehabilitation but Taine is pretty much back to where he was before the operation and being as cheeky as ever. We are so grateful to the Intensive Care Unit and all the Cardiac and Heartkids Staff, for all their support and help through this time. It was the hardest thing we have ever had to go through.

Taine still has to have more heart surgery but we are hoping it will be a lot easier.

He is our little miracle!!!!!!

Director Frank advises that The International Committee will be meeting at the club at 5.30 pm on Tuesday the 6th of February.

31-Jan	Baskerville	Bevan	Birthday
3-Feb	Keays	Frank	Birthday
5 th Feb	Hinwood	Kay	Birthday
5 Feb	James	Tony	Birthday
9-Feb	Archibald	Lorraine	Birthday
9-Feb	Water's		Anniversary
13-Feb	Watts	Arthur	Birthday
14-Feb	Bradborn's		Anniversary
27-Feb	Baskerville	Margaret	Birthday
27-Feb	Smith	Lois	Birthday
28-Feb	Rich's		Anniversary
2-Mar	Syme's		Anniversary

Bring'N'Buy Roster

Starting Feb 07

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