



THORNIE 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 20 th February		Week After 27 th February
<p>Attendance A Allen Bevan Baskerville</p> <p>Fellowship Ron Bradock</p> <p>Property Ron Bradborn Wayne Brouwer</p> <p>Chairman Lloyd Dungey</p> <p>Response Ted Evans</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 18th February Wayne & Chris Brouwer Bernie O'Dea Arthur & Ann Watts</p> <p>Bulletin Editor Andy Hopper</p>	<p>Song master PP Ray chose that old old favourite Here we are again. PDG Frank was away tonight so we did not have a international toast .</p> <p>President Mike welcomed Vin to another of our meetings and extended a warm welcome to Lois Smith</p> <p>Ron Sloan our host chairman introduced our Guest speaker Craig Henderson .</p> <p>President Mike reminded us that February is Rotary Awareness Month .</p> <p>We had a letter from Perth City Markets, giving us a general overview of their activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A signed license to run a market in the Perth Cultural Centre. • Fully documented and professionally costed the option for the original market over the Roe St car park and discounted this approach due to the high cost of infrastructure and the uncertainty of remaining in this location. • Have agreement in principle from EPRA (in writing) to a lower cost, mixed infrastructure market on James Street which we have modelled as a viable market. <p>We also recieved a cheque for \$1058.63 interest payment.</p> <p>Our joint meeting with Armadale Neering Brook is schedualled for 10th April. Details later.</p>	<p>Attendance Phil Hinwood Frank Keays</p> <p>Fellowship Bernie O'Dea</p> <p>Property Vic Rich Ron Sloan</p> <p>Chairman Colin Ralph</p> <p>Response Chris Ralph</p> <p>Bring-N-Buy 25th February Colin Waters Mike & Louise Raspa 7.30 Ray & lois Smith</p> <p>Bulletin Editor Andy Hopper</p>
<p>This Coming Weeks Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Bali Bicycles Project</p>	

Mike thanked the board for attending this weeks board meeting.

Directors reports:

Fund Raising

- Colin thanked Ray and Lois for volunteering to do extra B-n-B duties.
- He also said that two new signs have been erected at the entrance to the markets and has asked Mike to get two more made for the Burslem Rd side.

Community Albert passed around newsletters from Kidney Health Australia and the Prostate Council of Australia. Albert has made inquiries to see if we as a club can help in any way with the clean up after the Dwellingup fires. He has been in touch with the Harvey Shire coordinator Christine Thompson, who is going to get back to Albert. John S wanted to know if there will be any big boys toys to play with.

Andy: the report from HeartKids has arrived, Colin will forward it on.

Tickets for **'Fiddler On The Roof'**: Lloyd will have them next week. He would like to collect the money next week.

Sergeants Session:

Although feeling unwell Lew still managed to extract.....

- All those for not wearing Rotary pins.
- Those not wearing a tie.
- Kelly handshake was on our Craig, our guest speaker.
- The chook went to John M for not taking Maria to the Chinese night. Adding insult to injury by taking doggy bags home.
- Ted, our resident IT expert.

Box Buys:

- Colin R got his revenge for the cricket.
- Doug on Lew for reorganisation at work.
- Albert and Lew: to remind him that striped shirts are in fashion.

Christine saw on the news that the government Bowelscan program has now started. Free for those between 55 and 65 and anyone of any age can get a kit from their GP.

Host Chairman Ron then introduced Craig Henderson.

Craig is a West Aussie, has been married for over 30 years, and he and his wife have three adult children. He started his teaching career in the early 19 70's and became a highly qualified teacher-trainer, who has devoted his teaching career since 1988 to researching and developing the optimal approach to teaching the skills of spelling, writing and reading English.

He has over 33 years of teaching experience,

- a Diploma in Teaching,
- a Certificate in Teaching of English as a Foreign Language from Cambridge University and the Royal Society of Arts,
- in 1996 his courses were awarded both state and national accreditation status by the Skills Standard and Accreditation Board.

Once released, his program soon received National acclaim.

It has been repeatedly investigated and featured most favourably on national television Current Affairs programs, with cameras visiting the first lesson and the last, to show clearly the 'before and after' proof it really works.

Craig's program operates in China, India, the USA, the UK, New Zealand, Oman, in Australian industry, and sundry other places, as well as a number of schools in all Australian States, and in a Prison in Eastern Australia.

Craig thanked the club for inviting him and said how much he enjoyed the friendship and lightheartedness.

Craig then showed us extracts from his training dvd and explained how he teaches.

- Generally there are two age groups: 6 to 10yrs, and 10yrs to adult.
- He has found that most people gain two to three years worth of development in just eight weeks.
- Juniors have 53 lessons and seniors 36.
- He has found that about 93% of english words are phonetic and this is the key to his program. Breaking down words into sounds and syllables.
- One of the hardest things is to find teachers that are able to teach his method.

The vote of thanks was given by Ray.



Exchange Student Dan's Blog We took Hazel up to the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton a few weeks ago to have a six-month check-up done. Every kid who has had PPHN (pervasive pulmonary hypertension) gets checked at six, twelve and eighteen months as a matter of course. Hazel passed with flying colours; of special note was the fact that her hearing is superb-- a big relief since often times kids with PPHN tend to have some hearing loss, so we were very happy to find out that Hazel's progressing normally without any problems so far.



We went back up to Edmonton to see a pediatric ophthalmologist yesterday to have her eyes checked out (some of you may have noticed that she has had a bit of a "lazy" eye...) and discovered that her eye is not lazy at all, but rather she is extremely far-sighted and needs to wear glasses (the doctor explained that her eye(s) was turning inward and losing focus because it was so much work for her to try and focus on things close up. We're lucky though that we caught it so soon; apparently this kind of thing isn't often caught until the child is around eighteen months of age, so we're thankful that everyone's keeping such close tabs on our little girl).

We took her in to a specialty eye-wear shop and got her fitted with some of the cutest teeny-weeny pink baby frames you've ever seen... we go back in about a week to pick them up/make sure they fit, so when we've finally got them, I'll take a few pictures and send them along. She's going to be the cutest kid in glasses you've ever seen!

We just got back from a family vacation (Dan, Hazel and I went along with Dan's parents and his Grandma too-- four generations again!) from Cuba which we loved. We all agreed we'd go back again in a heat beat. The people are so friendly, the culture and history is fascinating and it's a lovely country. I'd totally recommend it for a holiday if you were considering going. I'll include some pictures from that holiday as well.

So, anyway, that's about it for now. I think that's it for our big news-- now you're all caught up for the most part. Keep sending me your news and updates because I love to hear how you're all doing. Hope you're all well and happy-- all the best, love Emily (Dan and Hazel).

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
5-Mar	Sloan's		Anniversary