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NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

Welcome Bettina



Bettina Cruise

THIS WEEKS MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

YES, NEXT MEETING IS ON THE TUESDAY AFTER EASTER, 3rd APRIL.

Tony Thomas - Author

Of Tony's half a dozen published books, "Fit to Print – A Lifetime's Press Despatches" will be his most substantial.

Due out mid-year from Connor Court Publishers, it comprises 97 essays and features totalling well over 300 pages. It follows his 2016 book of essays "That's Debatable – 60 Years in Print".

The first half of 'Fit to Print' is called "The Lost City of Perth" and covers quirky tales and colourful characters from Perth of the 1960s, such as wrestler Gorilla Monsoon and a private-eye specialising in evidence for adultery-based divorces.

The second half – "Profiles, Polemics, Travel and Whimsy" – covers his prolific and provocative writings for Quadrant Magazine in the past five years. One ground-breaking essay covers Prime Minister Menzies and his secret support for price-fixing rings and cartels covering the entire Australian manufacturing, distribution and retail sectors. The most controversial portrait is of Australia's most decorated war hero Sir Hughie Edwards VC DSO DFC and his brief and unfortunate term as Governor of Western Australia in 1974.



John Stone, Secretary of the Commonwealth Treasury 1979-84, writes, "The essay on Hughie Edwards VC alone would make this book worth buying."

ROYAL TALBOT WORKING BEE

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Greeter
BENJAMIN, Des

Reporter
CALLANDER, Tom

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
WEBBER, Lynne

Project Report - Strategy
CAVELL, Warwick

Bulletin Editor
JONES, David

Upcoming Events

Royal Talbot Working Bee

ROYAL TALBOT
Apr 14, 2018
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Board Meeting

RACV CLUB
Apr 18, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Star Carnivale

Apr 22, 2018
5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Foundation Grants Seminar

Apr 30, 2018
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Camp Getaway Working Bee

Camp Getaway
May 11, 2018 6:00 PM –
May 13, 2018 2:30 PM

Board Meeting

RACV CLUB
May 16, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

District Training Assembly

May 20, 2018
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Vocational visit to ANZCA

ANZCA
May 23, 2018
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

MUNA

May 25, 2018 5:00 PM –
May 27, 2018 2:00 PM

Speakers

Apr 03, 2018
Tony Thomas
Fit to Print – A lifetime's press
despatches

May 22, 2018

THE MOST FUN WORKING BEE OF THE YEAR .

**ROYAL TALBOT REHABILITATION CENTRE,
1 Yarra Blvd, Kew.**

Saturday 14th APRIL -morning.

Contact Bruce Heron

Last year shots.



MEETING REPORT - TUESDAY 27th MARCH

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Chair: Mary Voice.

Visiting Rotarian: Sabrina Schwarz, RC Singapore.

Visitors: Flavia Minikus (Exchange student), Domenic Varrasso, Robin Seale, Jeni Clift, Hamza Wariyo.

Events:

- Sarah Overton spruiked the Royal Talbot gardens working bee on April 14 and demonstrated new software for volunteers to projects
- President Frank, reporting on last week's board meeting, said we intend establishing a satellite club in Docklands with the goal of 15 initial members.

Induction:

President Frank inducted Bettina Cruise, introduced by Warwick Cavell. She works in Road Safety and says she looks forward to human-centred humanitarian projects, in contrast to her back-office safety work.

Exchange Student :

Our exchange student Flavia Minikus described her home life just west of Zurich.

Her Mum is a gynaecologist and Dad a civil engineer and a Paul Harris Fellow. Her school is in a former monastery dating from 1267. Among contrasts with her Kew High School, the latter enforces school uniforms and has a less individualised timetabling.

Flavia was fixated on becoming an exchange student after hearing of her cousin's great time on exchange in Barcelona. She will shortly be going on an Australian safari to Melbourne-Adelaide-Coopers Creek-Uluru-Argyle-Keppell Island-Canberra. She's become a Richmond AFL fan. She speaks Swiss-German, German, English and French, and also took on Italian and Latin, given her Italian background. She has a twin brother whom she misses 'a little bit' – they had previously been separated only for two weeks.

Flavia said she's found Australians exceptionally friendly and helpful.

[Mary Barry, CEO Our Watch](#)

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Member Talk: Nick Cliff

He began with his love of travel, including prospectively going into space with the rocket of Bezos, Musk, or Branson, if he can stump up the \$250,000 ticket. He has a 30 year membership of Shangri La Beach Club, Bali, and been there annually for the past ten years, often with the family's exchange students in tow.

Their son Oscar went on exchange to Sweden in 2011 and Sam to Norway in 2013. The family has hosted 9 exchange students over the years.

One trip he has yet to make is Cairns to Cape York by motorbike. On the first training ride he fell off and broke his wrist, and next year was also aborted after Oscar fell into a fire and burnt his arm.

He and Jeni were in Echuca for 20 years where Jeni did a term as RC president. She had long wanted to go on exchange as a kid, and Rotary was a route to see her sons do what she hadn't. Nick had joined Apex there and graduated to Rotary. Nick had a hobby of car racing and won a 6 hour rally during a ten year career, but racing became too much of a wallet-buster.

Their family business DWM Solutions has 13 members spread among Geelong, Kensington, Bendigo and Echuca. He is technical services director and reports to his boss and wife Jeni (general manager). She has done his performance review but so far not vice versa. They've worked together 22 years. The business includes roles for personal development coach and sales coach.



Closing

Bon voyage: President Frank farewelled Herb and Leonie Greenwood for their impending trip to Iran.

There will be a normal meeting on Tuesday after Easter.

Nick Cliff won the draw for the Swindle but to general sadness failed to draw the Joker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
Royal Talbot, Working Bee	14 April	Kew	To be advised	Bruce Heron
Melbourne Star Carnivale	22 April	The Melbourne Star, Docklands	FULL ALL SEATS SOLD.	Neville Taylor
Camp Getaway Working Bee	11-13 May	Axedale	To be advised	Elias Lebbos
Garden Design Fest (rural gardens)	10-11 November	Regional Victoria	To be advised	Rob Hines
Garden Design Fest (metro gardens)	17-18 November	Across Melbourne	To be advised	Rob Hines
Special Dinner Event	To be announced	To be announced	Strictly limited seating	Herb Greenwood

GALLERY

Candid photos from Tuesday's meeting:



**Bettina's induction,
Elias, Warwick, Bettina, Frank.**



Robyn with Sabrina



John with Hamza

