



## BULLETIN

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### GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER



**Molly Harriss Olson**

#### **"Growing Fairtrade"**

The past decade has seen a steady rise in the number and prominence of ethically and sustainably produced goods on supermarket shelves. There are about 50 certification marks to be found in Australia alone but the one with the most global recognition is Fairtrade.

Carrying the Fairtrade mark declares that a company has paid a fair price, rather than the cheapest price, for ingredients sourced from some of the world's poorest farmers and producers. There are now Fairtrade standards covering more than 300 raw products which benefit more than 1.5 million farmers and workers across 74 countries, mostly in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Fairtrade ANZ, the local licensing arm of the international group, was

### Meeting Responsibilities

*Chair*

O'BRIEN, Frank

*Presenter*

THOMAS, Tony

*Greeter*

TASELL, Barrie

*Reporter*

JACOBS, Wolfgang

*Photographer*

JONES, David

*Door*

WELLS, Michael

*Director Report*

KING, Anne

*Bulletin Editor*

JONES, David

### Speakers

established in 2005 but with a new Chairman and CEO appointed in 2014 it has set itself some ambitious targets.

Molly Harriss Olson is the CEO of Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand. She served nearly 6 years on the Board of Fairtrade International and as Chair in the last two. As Fairtrade International Chair she played a pivotal role in successfully overhauling the Board's way of working; passing a new Constitution that gives half ownership to the producers and workers served by Fairtrade, and broadly improving the vitality of the organisation whose mark is the most known and respected ethical certification mark in the world.

**LIGHTS AND BITES**



**FANTASTIC CITY VIEWS - JOIN PETER AND SUE AT THE PENTHOUSE, VICTORIA TOWER, SOUTHBANK.**

Sep 22, 2015  
[Molly Harriss Olson](#)  
*Growing Fairtrade*

Sep 29, 2015  
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Oct 06, 2015  
[Prof. Stuart Macintyre AO](#)  
*Melbourne's and Victoria's Heritage*

Oct 13, 2015  
[Nicholas Reece](#)  
*Melbourne's Democracy Experiment Pays Off*

Nov 03, 2015  
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**SPELL CHECKER GOES AWRY**

*Posted by Tony THOMAS*

Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club secretary Jill Tabart [photo], who spoke to our club on September 1, put out the following notice to her members for the Probus Club meeting on September 3:



**".....Secretary's Report**

*The Management Committee at its bi-monthly meeting on Monday 17 August achieved a brisk one and a half hours of productive work on your behalf. Here are the headlice from the engine room of this Probus Club:*



### **1. Parading paddock preliminaries**

*While recognising the value of pre-meeting socialising, the Committee agreed compliance with a 10.00 am start to the monthly Club meeting does ensure the guest speaker is afforded the courtesy of the agreed time for a presentation....."*

At the club meeting she referred again to the committee's 'headlice' problem and awarded a chocolate prize to one member who had spotted the embarrassing typo. **[Editor: A chocolate fish to members who spot the deliberate 'typo's in the BULLETIN].**

## **MEETING REPORT 15th SEPTEMBER 2015**

*Posted by Roger THORNTON*

**Chairman:** Elias Lebbos.

**Guests:** Guest speaker Paul Scerri.

### **Announcements:**

- Stuart Ellis reminded members that this year's **Paul Harris Breakfast will be on November 24**, with a cost of \$65 per person. He also commented that he had recently offered full time employment to Anna, a student originally placed with his organisation as an intern.
- Peter Duras announced that a fund raiser for Community Service projects, entitled "**Lights and Bites**" will be held at the Penthouse, Victoria Tower on Saturday, October 17. Cost: \$50 per person.

### **President's announcements:**

- President George advised that he would be attending a meeting of RC Docklands that evening. RC Docklands is struggling and George is looking for ways to assist.
- George told members that the club meeting on September 29 will take the form of a Club Forum. There will be no guest speaker. Instead, George will be seeking feedback from members on how the club can meet all its aspirations, as identified at the **Club Visioning activity** on July 26. He urged all members to attend this important meeting, to ensure that everybody's voice is heard.

### **Director's Report:**

International Service Director, Rob Hines provided a brief update on the international projects being managed by his committee. He particularly mentioned that Frank O'Brien and Peter Duras had arranged collection of an unsolicited gift (18 cartons of shoes and clothes) for DIK.

He also commented that this year more effort will go into building our sister club relationships, with the thought that RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi might be interested in supporting our Laos projects. The fifth of these Ban Bou Aor School will be formally handed over when

Roy Garrett takes a group of 16 Rotarians and friends there in March next year.

**Member bio – Bruce McBain:**

Bruce provided an update on his numerous activities, some paid, some pro bono, since he left The Age in 2004. In paid work, he has been chair of a superannuation trustee and still fills the role of Executive Secretary of an employer superannuation fund.



In pro bono work, Bruce is the Company Secretary of White Lion, an organisation that works with youths at risk, and is the Chair of Fitzroy Legal Services, where he works as a legal

volunteer on a Wednesday evening. He commented that community legal services were under increasing pressure for funds, especially from the Commonwealth Government, at a time when advocacy for legal changes was desperately important. No longer do FLS staff “wear battle fatigues and smoke pot but they still behave like hippies and continue the vital role of providing access to justice.”

As a hobby Bruce is writing, in conjunction with a young English researcher, a history of the Inchcape Group in Australia which is part of a global trading organisation that dates back to 1839 when the Hunter River Steam Navigation Company started with three paddle steamers. This grew to become the Australian United Steam Navigation Company with 88 ships and was ultimately absorbed by P&O, which by then was controlled by James Lyle McKay, the First Earl of Inchcape. In the 1960s Inchcape sold out of P&O and became involved in numerous ventures including the largest film studio in the southern hemisphere. Now Inchcape Australia is a major motor distributor.

**Guest Speaker:**

Chairman Elias introduced guest speaker Paul Scerri, Director of the Australian Solar Council, who addressed the question “Is it Solar Energy's Time to Shine?”



Paul's talk concentrated on energy storage, which he said is on the verge of a huge expansion. In the industrial space large companies such as AGL are now finding that investing in storage of



solar energy for use after dark is viable and more cost effective than gold plating power lines.

On the domestic front Paul quoted statistics from the Australian Energy Market operator that showed forecasts for rooftop photo-voltaics growing each year. And, now that storage is becoming affordable, householders can install batteries to avoid peak load tariffs which exist in Victoria and are likely to become commonplace elsewhere in Australia.

Paul stressed that because energy storage is new there are still no Australia-wide standards, so purchasers need to stick to brands that that can be trusted and installation companies that will back up warranties. He listed the following reliable brands: SMA, Sony, Bosch (the Rolls Royce of storage), Samsung and Teslar. Teslar's Powerwall is so well priced that it is sold out until 2017.

In response to questions, Paul asserted that in NSW solar power is now viable without subsidy. Battery technology is also developing. Most batteries being offered today are lithium ion, with a battery life of about 5 years, but a salt water system is being developed in Sweden.

**President George's closing:**

George closed the meeting at 8:45am.

## **GALLERY**

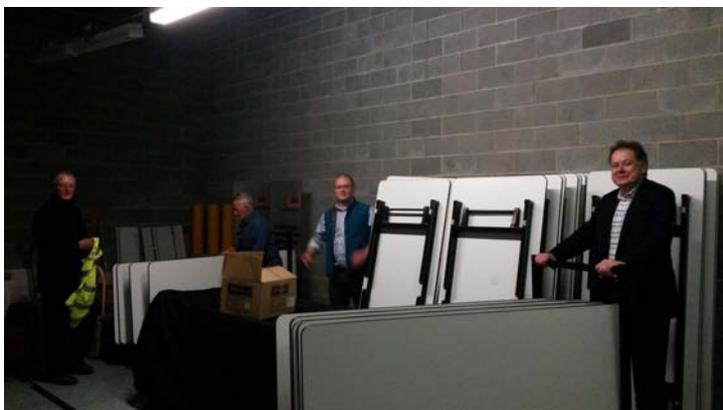
### **A FEW SHOTS FROM THE SECOND MOST MAGNIFICENT GOURMET FARMERS MARKET - YESTERDAY.**











**...AND - THERE IS SOME DOWNTIME TO BE FILLED  
IN.....**

