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Club of West Perth



Bulletin

Breakfast Meeting 24 April 2025

This Week's Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker this week is Dr Peter Gall (retired), University of Notre Dame – he has a passion for creative writing. His topic will be *Wing Commander Bert Hinkler and his record breaking flight from London to Darwin and on to Perth.*

Duty Roster

Duty Role	17 th April	One Week Look Ahead
Host	Tim Dawe	Pat Emery
Welcome	Pat Emery	Bernie Foley
Toast	Bernie Foley	Dennis Hartley
Thanks	Dennis Hartley	Geoff Hick
Bulletin	Geoff Hick	Ian Hutton (if available)
2 Minute Noodles	Ian Hutton (if available)	Kym MacCormack

Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfil your duty

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Last Week's Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last week was President John Tick. Tim Dawe introduced President Tick who delivered a presentation 'ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE' to memorialise ANZAC, with a focus on the contribution of women.

Lt Coronel (retired) Tick spoke of the 'unsung heroes' – the women who served and their duties during WW2. There were 70,000 women in the service, covering a broad range of skills and occupations. While the majority had no military training, they delivered a range of tasks which freed men to undertake military duties. These tasks included cleaning 'gritless walkways' (55 miles!) and building a range of military equipment. They were sworn to secrecy in their work. President Tick also referred to the large number of aircraft manufactured in Australia at that time and to the manufacturing capability of the country in general.

Tony Delich gave a vote of thanks.

2-Minute Noodles

There was no presentation this week.

President Tick

Members' project submissions were considered by the Board at its meeting on Tuesday evening 15APR25. A donation for international projects (Indonesia/Vietnam) was approved and another four projects yet to be considered.

Past District Governor Angus Buchanan reiterated that he will contact members individually to conduct a confidential appraisal of opinions on club membership and where the club needs to position itself for it to appeal to potential members. He added that members should contact him to arrange a time to participate in a confidential one-on-one interview to help plan for the future of the Club. He will record the interviews and use AI to analyse data and that he aims to complete the data analysis by June.

President Elect Kym MacCormac

Arthur Blaquiére auctioned a high quality bottle of shiraz which he had donated to the Club.

The Club is assessing some options for a Wildflower Trip for this spring.

Our next Ethnic/International Dinner will feature Thai cuisine.

Peter Blockley

Peter informed the meeting that members had voted in support of club funding for youth camps.

Tony Delich

This year's Magic Show will (probably) be in October.

General Announcements:

Bulletin Vacancy: The Deadline for nomination of a new bulleting editor is 30th June 2025. President John and the Board would like a volunteer else someone may be given "The King's Shilling"

Speaker Hunting Vacancy: Similar to the above, the deadline for a replacement for Path Emery is 30th June 2025. So, if you value the club "Step up to the Plate!"

Summary of Upcoming Meetings

Thu 24 th Apr:	Doctor Peter Gall, Retired University of Notre Dame; Passion for Creative Writing
Thu 1 st May:	Mr Alex Jenkins of Curtin University who will present on Artificial Intelligence (AI) its uses and possible pitfalls.