

Foothills Freeman celebrate 30 years in Rostrum with friends



On the 7th April Foothills Rostrum Club 11 celebrated 30 years Rostrum membership of two of its stalwart members, Freeman David Price and Freeman Graham Longworth, in style at the club's normal venue, the Kenwick Mud Hut.

The agenda included a toast by Freeman Bill Smith to the two newest members of that very exclusive '30 year club'. David and Graham responded in turn on the topic "1980 and Rostrum Recollections", recalling some of the highlights and fond memories collected over the years. To add to the auspiciousness of the evening, life memberships of Club 11 were awarded to Freeman David Price and Speaker Mavis Carruthers in recognition of their services to the Foothills Club.

A delicious buffet style Italian meal was enjoyed by all and the evening was well chaired by Club President Adrian Thomson. Guests joining Club 11 on the night were Rostrum WA President Chris Stone, Director of Special Events Adell Griffiths and Freeman Gloria Hancock.

Once again we congratulate David and Graham on their achievement.

Rick Staker Club 11

Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final this Saturday

The Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final is on this weekend.

When Saturday 26 June

Where Hale School

John Inverarity Music and Drama Centre
Unwin Avenue, Wembley Downs

Time 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm

All members are welcome. More information is available from RVOY Coordinator Juliet Park on wjpassoc@aol.com

What's on in . . .

JUNE

- 26 **Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final**
details at bottom of page

JULY

- 13 **Speak up Speak out course**
6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Subiaco Community Centre
203 Bagot Rd Subiaco
- 20 **Dais Board meeting**
6 pm
42 Newry St Floreat
- 24 **Critics training course, day 1**
8.30 am to 4 pm
Shenton Pk Community Centre
240 Onslow Rd Shenton Park
- 31 **Rostrum 80th Anniversary and Speaker of the Decade**
NEW TIME 6.30 pm for 7 pm
City West Function Centre
45 Plaistowe Mews West Perth

AUGUST

- 7 **Critics training course, day 2**
details as for July
- 10 **Speak up Speak out course**
details as for July
- 17 **Dais Board meeting**
details as for July
- 27 **Dais Reps budget meeting**
7 pm
Joan Watters Centre
Jersey St Wembley

Information and course registration:

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President's message



Hello Everyone

I have just received the updated membership figures for Rostrum National and W.A. is showing an increase way above the other states. We have had a 20% increase in membership while S.A. is next with a 2% increase, and other states decreased in membership. Our figures reflect the effort and enthusiasm of

our members along with the hard work by clubs and Dais executives. Well done, everyone!

The bigger clubs have delivered much of the increase because they can present a more varied and interesting experience for prospective members when they visit. I ask the smaller clubs not to lose heart but rather talk to other clubs more so that, with extra ideas and experiences shared, these clubs can find common ground and objectives to raise their profiles in the community.

Getting together at Rostrum functions is a good way to share experiences so make sure that your club supports the 80th Anniversary/Speaker of the Decade dinner.

Dais will continue to develop and enhance the web site and other support materials to assist clubs in their endeavours, so it is important

that your representative updates all the club's views and aspirations in their quarterly report to Dais.

We also hope to have a *Question and Answer* session at the Convention for all members to raise questions with the Executive about Rostrum and the Clubs' activities. Getting together at Rostrum functions is a good way to share experiences so make sure that your club supports the 80th Anniversary/Speaker of the Decade dinner, for example. It will be a good night, not only for you and your clubs, but also for Rostrum generally.

Thank you, once again, for all your efforts. Long may we see a continued increase in membership.

Chris Stone, State President

(See Director of Special Events, Adell Griffiths's flyer about the 80th Anniversary/Speaker of the Decade dinner on the back page. Places are limited so book early—*Ed.*)

VALE

John (Mick) Albin Lee OAM JP, Life Member Club 17

My Mentor

I first met Mick when I was a member of the local swimming club and he was a City of Perth councillor. He was a charismatic person who got on with everybody and had a great sense of humour. At the time I was president of the swimming club and he heard me make a speech while presenting some trophies. He invited me to come along to Rostrum as he thought it would help me. It was his subtle way of saying 'you need some help, mate'. From that time on Mick became my mentor.

At Mick's suggestion I joined Club 17 – 35 years ago. Because of Mick's guidance I had a change of career and my life became very exciting and successful. Does this sound like I'm pushing my ego? No, it was all because of Mick's influence. He had a natural effect on people that made them believe in themselves.

Mick joined Club 17 two weeks after it started. He was beginning his second

career as a city councillor and thought that Rostrum might help him in his non-public speaking experience. It certainly did. He became an influential figure in local government. In 1972, his ninth year as a councillor in the City of Perth, he became Deputy Lord Mayor. Proof of his effectiveness and popularity came when he became the first Mayor of the newly formed Town of Victoria Park in 1995. He went on to win three successive terms as Mayor until he retired in 2007.

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During WWII Mick served on submarines in the Royal Navy. When his vessel called into Fremantle he met a Carlisle girl. After he was demobbed in Sydney he married Thelma and they lived in Carlisle. He was the patron, president and member of numerous associations. He was rewarded in 1986 with the Order of Australia Medal and was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2008, for service



to local government in Victoria Park and for community leadership.

Mick passed away on 4th May. There was a full house at his funeral, a tribute to a man who had the wellbeing of the community at heart. That cheeky jovial face with impish eyes will ever be remembered.

Tom Brazier, Life Member Club 17 and past member Club 50

Baron-Hay Club 44 enjoys a rare milestone

Baron-Hay Club 44 celebrated its 1000th meeting on the 20th April. Many former members attended including several who joined when the club formed in 1988.

The club's inaugural president Jill Maughan spoke about how, with the help of Garry Palmer and others, Club 44 came to be formed. In its hey day the club enjoyed a large membership of 25 at its peak, drawing eager members mostly from the Department of Agriculture. Pat Thorn, the longest serving member of 23 years, spoke of how Rostrum cured her shaking knees and those butterflies in the stomach. As always she delighted us with her ever happy aurora. Jan Walters (1989-94) and Margaret Cabassi (1992-94) shared their happy memories in the club, making us envious of the early years of controversial, sometimes

heated and yet highly entertaining times at the club.

A number of past critics to Club 44 attended the meeting including Derek Sparkes (Club 17), Alan Dickson (Club 42), Freeman Alan Ham (Club 15) and John Gardner (Club 61). Derek was visiting critic to for nine semesters in total between 1997 and 2009 and spoke kindly of his many visits to the club. Rather ambitiously he expressed strong faith that the club would surely continue for another 1000 meetings.

Club 44 has enjoyed success in recent times by winning the Tall Stories Competition hosted by Club 15 on three occasions. Robert Turner (winner 2003) and Anita Thompson (2007, 2009) spoke about their happy times with the club and the great value of their Rostrum experience.

Inaugural club members from 1988-89

who attended the celebration included Jill Maughan, Pat Thorn, Jon Dodd, Jan Walters, Garry Palmer, Colma Keating and Anne Hill. Apologies from members unable to attend were many and duly announced. One noteworthy apology that arrived just too late to bring to the meeting came from Freeman Gloria Hancock. 'Thank you Gloria for your kind and warm words of encouragement'

The meeting was relaxed and low key to allow friends old and new to meet, talk and reminisce old times over tasty and healthy drinks and finger food. Thank you to everyone who supported this important milestone.

Richard Snowball, President Club 44

(Thanks to Richard for organising the celebration and to Pat and Anita for contacting former members—Ed.)



Critics training course

Saturday 24th July and Saturday 7th August
8.30 am to 4 pm (lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided)
Shenton Park Community Centre
240 Onlsow Rd Shenton Park (cnr of Herbert Rd)

The course is open to anyone who has completed the PDP and is interested in becoming a critic. The course will teach you the techniques to be a good Critic: how to listen, assess a speaker's performance and give feedback in a way that helps members to develop their confidence. Detailed notes will be provided as well as lots of hands-on practise. It's challenging, highly rewarding and will develop you as a speaker as much as the recipient. And you'll enjoy doing it! More information from Director of Training, Freeman Tony Lightman on tonylightman@westnet.com.au or the RIC on ric@rostrumwa.com.au

Eighty for Eighty

New member tally
January to May

Club	New members
15	6
19, 61	4
23, 42	3
1/2, 17, 22, 50	2
11, 39, 52	1
Total	31



SPEAKER OF THE DECADE
& 80TH ANNIVERSARY
Saturday 31st July 2010

City West, Plaistowe Mews,
West Perth

6.30pm (drinks) for a 7pm start

- ✚ There will be five amazing competition speeches
- ✚ Meal is full 3 course, bar available @ 6.30 and during the evening
- ✚ If you would like to be seated with your club on the night please let me know
- ✚ Please inform me of special dietary requirements
- ✚ Price is \$80 per person
- ✚ Payment to be made through www.stickytickets.com.au/3666
- ✚ All cheques payable to Rostrum WA and forwarded to RIC
- ✚ Payment to be made by Friday 23rd July 2010

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