



The Weekly Bulletin of the

# Rotary Club of Essendon North

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## This Week:

**David Whiting (Lawyer)**

**"Wills and Estate Planning",**

**Chair: John Boundy.**

David is a principal lawyer at Donaldson Whiting + Grindal and one of Melbourne's best-known lawyers. For many years he has helped to deepen Victorians' understanding of the law as a radio broadcaster on 774 Melbourne, while demonstrating his skills at explaining legal processes.

David works in many areas of the law, and so is able to act as well-informed counsellor to his clients, providing advice and assistance on big decisions and stressful problems. The favorite compliment of his career? "You gave me real peace of mind".

David sees his job as solving the full range of clients' problems, both business and personal. "To properly advise a client it is necessary to understand the legal problem *and* to understand the client," he says. "In the law, as in many other aspects of life, the answer must not only be right, it must be right for the client."

He describes himself as focusing on clients' "deals, disputes and desires":

- preparing for, negotiating and completing deals;
- helping people with disputes and dispute resolution; and
- planning for the future, both shorter-term and after the client's death.

His property clients include developers (both building and land developers), buyers and sellers of property, and landlords and tenants.

In the area of wills and probate, he prepares wills and powers of attorney and assists in their administration.



Where necessary he makes or defends claims against them. On request, he will act as executor.

## From the Oval Office

*President David Ursic*

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Many thanks to those who braved the elements last week and came to the meeting to hear our newest member, Daryl Broadbent in the Member Behind the Badge presentation.

How lucky we are to have such a down to earth and talented member and I'm sure the club will benefit greatly from his expertise in the field of advertising. I know, as also being the Membership Chairman, that I will exploit him to the fullest in the pursuit of growing member numbers.

This Wednesday is a very special night as we have two special guests.

ADG Austen Burliegh will be initially addressing the club for a brief tiome on the 2014/15 planning guide and then lawyer David Whiting will speak on the importance of wills and estate planning.

David Whiting, a member of RC Keilor, was instrumental in a recent bequest to ARH of some \$393,000. He is a regular presenter on radio 3LO giving free legal advice and it is 30 minutes every Tuesday that has my ear tuned to the radio.

I am really looking forward to his presentation and hope all members can make a concerted effort to attend.

Thursday night will see the arrival of our new exchange student, Ingrid Olsson.

The flight arrives at around 8pm and it would be nice to have as many club members as possible there for the meet and greet. Please see either myself, Rosa or Christine for the exact arrival time if you can make it.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to David Dobney: August 1<sup>st</sup> and Di Pennisi: August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Anniversary to David and Terri Mott: July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Free District Sponsored Seminars

Rotary International District 9800 Learning, Leading and Development Pathways;



Free District sponsored seminars for New Members & Future Club Leaders

- New Members Seminar - Monday 18th Augst 2014. Graduate House 220 Leicester Street, Carlton 3053 6pm for 6.30pm till 8.30pm Applications close on Monday 11th August 2014
- Future Club Leaders Seminar - Monday 1st September 2014. Graduate House 220 Leicester Street, Carlton 3053 6pm for 6.30pm till 8.30pm Applications close on Monday 25th August 2014

Earlier in 2014, District 9800 introduced a series of seminars to improve our club members' level of knowledge and understanding of Rotary. Knowing something about Rotary's history, the philosophies that underpin it and our programs and policies helps Rotarians to engage more with our great organization. Engaged members are more likely to become long term Rotarians.

The New Leaders Seminars and the Future Club Leaders Seminars devised by Bronwyn Scarffe and David Bennett have been extremely successful. They have been well attended and the feedback from participants has been extremely positive.

I commend these seminars to all Rotarians. You will find them to be enjoyable and thought provoking. You will meet with people from clubs other than your own, share your knowledge and experiences and learn from each other in a convivial environment.

Kind regards,

Murray Verso (District Governor)

## Coming Soon...

Hi members,

As mentioned our first Club Fellowship night is a progressive dinner in two weeks on the 26th July.

Starting time is 6.00-6.30 at Anne and Grant Maggs; moving on to Cheryl and Barry Harvey at 8.00 pm.

Members will be asked to assist with at least one dish for the night but it is now important for you to advise if you

are coming on the night with/without partner so we can start the preparations for a fun filled night.

Please email me. Let's support David Ursic..

David Mott

- Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July: Arrival of our new exchange student, Ingrid Olssen from Sweden (8pm)
- Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July: DIK Off-site Visit.
- Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July: Club Progressive Dinner. Hosts Grant/Anne Maggs and Barry/Cheryl Harvey.
- Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July: Tree planting at Aberfeldie Park (10am-12pm)
- Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July: Barbara Woodberry and David Pang (RC Richmond) "Timor-Leste Project", Chair: Rosa Pereira.

Club Duties Roster: July

- Cashier: Judith Whelan
- Fellowship: Christine Richardson
- Sergeant: Russell Bennalack

Ingrid's Best Friend:

- 23rd July: Chris Richardson
- 30th July: Rosa Pereira
- 6th August: David Ursic
- 13th August: Judy Whelan

If you are unable to fulfil your role, please organise a replacement.



Judith says farewell to a teary Eline last Wednesday.



We gratefully acknowledge sponsorship by the Strathmore Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon. [www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rccsnth/](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rccsnth/)

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