

Cicero!

Newsletter for Rostrum Victoria

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**Rostrum Victoria is 80
next year. Get ready to
celebrate**

Show us your program



Club 61 publishes a weekly bulletin which includes its speaking program for the coming meeting. How does this program compare with the things your Club is doing? Club 61 has a varied program which involves a significant number of speakers. There may be ideas for your Club's program. Why not share your Club's program through Cicero!?

Thank you Val Hill of Club 61 for emailing the Club's weekly bulletin to Cicero! The bulletin is posted on the website at [http://](http://www.rostrum.com.au/vic/clubs/club-61-doncaster/club-61-news)

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From the editor

I hope you are enjoying Spring. My daffodils were a disappointment but I have high hopes for my tomatoes.

We are drawing to the end of another year of Rostrum and I have the sense that for many of you it has been enjoyable and challenging which leads me to the thought that it is probably a good idea for clubs to take stock at this stage and to think about some forward planning for 2014.

There will be one more issue of Cicero! after this one so please submit copy and photos so we can all share the things that are happening in all parts of the Zone.

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Vale David Tiller



David joined Rostrum club 54 in May this year. He was a welcome addition to the club with his enthusiasm and effervescence.

In early September he suffered a stroke which left him unable to talk, or move and despite all the best efforts of the hospital staff his quality of life rapidly deteriorated until, unfortunately on the 16th of September he passed away. Although his stay with us was only brief, he left a lasting impression and will be sadly missed.

Club 68 Carnegie Visitors Night

Club 68's recent great initiative was to organise a Visitors Evening. Flyers were drawn up, other Rostrum clubs and visitors were invited. Club 68 speakers Rob and Mark entertained the group with their tales of elephants and iPhones. Debbie Welsh (club 45) ran what must rank as one of the funniest Radio 3RM plays ever with speakers drawing on their best dramatic skills. Jenny Blain (club 45) provided a tutorial / workshop on Good Speeches. A well attended evening with lots to learn.



Chairmanship Quiz No 5

This is the fifth quiz on chairmanship. How much do you know?

You could discuss these questions in your Club's next meeting and work out your answers. Please send answers to the Editor.

First correct answer will win a book on Public Speaking for their Club library.

Results will be published in the next edition of Cicero!.

1. What should a Chairman do if there somebody disagrees with a ruling?
2. What should a Chairman do if they are uncertain of the exact wording of a Motion?
3. How should a Chairman ensure that all members voting are entitled to vote or otherwise?
4. How should a Chairman deal with an unruly member?
5. How can a Chairman participate in a debate?

Freeman Spencer Meier



The Power of Public Speaking

7 people were hanging onto a rope that came down from a helicopter that has just plucked them from a raging bushfire: 6 men, 1 woman.

The rope started to fray, so they all agreed one person should let go to save the others; however, no one would volunteer, so the woman decided she would give up her life.

First, though, she gave a lovely speech about how she was always giving up things for her husband, her children and her friends. When she finished speaking, all the men clapped.

Murray Mason Club 45

Our newest Freeman

A Webmaster, a Sidney Wicks competition winner and a Freeman walk into a bar...

Wait a minute, that joke is not about three different people; it's about our newest Freeman, Jenny Blain.

Jenny started her Rostrum life ten years ago at Club 45. She wanted to learn how to speak in public so that she would never again go to a funeral, as she did for her grandfather, where no-one who knew him got up to tell his story. Jenny has achieved what she set out to do and has won the Dietrich Memorial Speaking Competition, the Jo Davis Competition and, nationally, the Sidney Wicks Competition. She has also mentored many Rostrum members within Club 45 and in the wider Rostrum family. Jenny, however, sometimes does not know where to stop, running a competition speech workshop for Penguin Club members before the 2009 Dietrich Memorial Competition. (You guessed it, a Penguin member won!)

Jenny has also turned the Rostrum website into an excellent marketing tool, as well as a resource for members. She has worked to train members and State webmasters on using the website to its full potential. Her work on the Voice of Youth had brought Voice of Youth registration into the 21st century.

Club 45 is proud of Jenny's achievements, and very pleased that these achievements have been recognised on the National Rostrum stage by way of Freemanship.
Debbie Welsh Club 45

Your editor of Cicero! also thanks Jenny for her work on Cicero! She has great forbearance and patience when I fail deadlines and then nit-pick changes in final artwork. The impact of Cicero! is made possible by Jenny's typically low key but professional approach. Many thanks Jenny and congratulations.

A Night for Footy Tragics



Prize Winning Speakers and their roles

Tamaki - Winning Captain, All they had was some Tim Tams

Kate—spectator

Murray - James Hird, A suspicious fundraiser

September 24 at Club 61 saw an assembly of the best that Rostrum and football have to offer. Club 45 and Club 20 were guests for an evening which featured contributions from a losing coach, a media representative, a reported player and other well known football characters. What a great fun way to practice Rostrum skills...a lot of impromptu and on-the-spot reactive communication all washed down with pies and club theme songs.

Here are some photos of the various representatives of bogan football culture who in real life are clean, tidy and articulate members of Rostrum.

Many thanks to Brian and Val Hill for the photographs of the Grand Final Night

Other faces at the Grand Final night



Clubs 61, 45 and 20 participated in the Grand final night representing commentators, coaches, players, club presidents, umpires and cheer-squad members .



Club members showed their talents acting out their football roles providing an entertaining evening for all.

Answers to Chairmanship Quiz No 4

1. Second speeches are not normally permitted. The Chairman should not allow:

- a speaker to speak for the second time to the same question
- the Mover or Seconder of a motion to move or second an amendment to the motion
- the Mover or Seconder of an amendment to move or second an amendment , or a later amendment to the same motion
- anyone who has spoken to the motion or amendment to move or second any formal motion that will deny other people the opportunity to speak.

2. The Chairman must remain impartial. If they feel strongly about a matter they should vacate the Chair temporarily. It is not ethical to leave the Chair to participate in a debate which has progressed for some time; the moment to leave the Chair is before the debate starts.



3. The Chairman may vary the order of business in 2 ways:

- A member may ask leave to vary the Agenda times. The Chairman then only needs to ask the question "Is leave granted?" If the only response is AYE the leave is granted. If any member says NO leave is refused
 - A motion must be moved "That so much of Standing Orders regarding the timing of the business of the Meeting be suspended". This Motion is subject to debate
4. Depending on the Constitution or Standing Orders, the Chairman may have a normal deliberative vote as a member providing that they exercise it before the result is known. A casting vote is only allowed if permitted under the Constitution or Standing Orders.

5. The practical remedies available to a Chairman are:

- to cajole the person concerned
- to order a short adjournment to allow tempers to cool down, or
- to invite a Motion that the person concerned be removed from the Meeting



Ivana Blekic from Club 5 Mildura with the Listener's Award

The Listener's Award

Club 5 Mildura's members compete for a coveted award at each meeting. Entitled 'The Listener's Award', it honours the member who shows that he/she has been listening attentively to the spoken word at each meeting.

During the meeting the current holder of the trophy compiles a list of ten trivia questions, the answers of which have been mentioned during the meeting. Typical questions might be "What is the club's bank balance as reported by the Treasurer, or the date of the next Rostrum event as read out in 'Correspondence', or perhaps even, a place name mentioned during a member's speech.

Before the closure of the meeting the questions are posed, and then the answers given. Club 5 uses an 'honour system' in ascertaining the winner who then earns the right to hold the trophy for a week, and to pose the questions at the next meeting.

It is a 'fun' exercise, and it's surprising how often visitors are found to be more attentive than the members.

The pictures show the wooden trophy shaped in the form of a listening ear, and a recent winner Ivana Blekic who managed to combine the win with her debut appearance as meeting chairman.

George Schmidt Club 5 Mildura

From the President

Isn't it wonderful that Rostrum as a movement is 90 years old this year and in Victoria we will have our 80th anniversary next year. Rostrum is the oldest public speaking organisation in the world.

Some of the great strengths we have as an organisation are the fellowship of our clubs, our desire to keep learning, developing our communications skills and discovering a new things about ourselves.

I am impressed with the way we welcome visitors and prospective members, gently encouraging them to participate at a rate that best suits them.

I love attending meetings at other clubs as it is always a fun experience and I always come away with something new to think about.

Next year will be a year of fellowship and celebration - there is so much to celebrate.

Robert Bicknell

President, Rostrum Victoria



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