

### Profile: Claudia Haddad



#### Victorian Zone Treasurer

- A mum, wife and a passionate Tax Accountant running my own Public Practice
- Vast experience in Accounting / Taxation. I graduated in Argentina as a Public Accountant in 1990, worked in Public Practice until 2003 and then worked in Australia from 2005 up to the present
- My qualifications were recognised in Australia and I completed three subjects in an undergraduate Uni course to receive my Bachelor Degree in Business (Accounting)
- Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants and Registered Tax Agent
- Member of Carnegie Rostrum Club 68 since about 2007 and current Assistant Training Officer of Carnegie Rostrum Club 68 for 2013
- I am the current Treasurer of the League of Women Voters Victoria

- National Divisional Council Councillor (Vic) for the Institute of Public Accountants - I represent the Accountant members in elections for the IPA Board
- Co-chairman of Eastern Suburbs Women CPA Discussion Group  
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### Are you the next Vice President Western?

Expressions of Interest are invited for the position on the Rostrum Victoria Executive of the Vice President Western.

The position is responsible for Clubs in the Western Region of Victoria Rostrum (City Clubs, 3, 4 and 23 and the Country Clubs Geelong Club 14 and Warrnambool Club 24).

The duties are liaison between the Clubs and the Executive, assisting and advising the Clubs in their duties and responsibilities. Support and assistance is provided from the rest of the Executive.

### Cicero! Vol 3, Issue 2, March 2013

Welcome to Autumn and Issue 2 of Cicero! It's great to be back in harness and to know that so many of you read and enjoy the newsletter. I really enjoy the fact that we have difficulty in keeping Cicero! to two pages...in fact it was impossible for Issue 1. It shows how active Rostrum is and that the activities and personalities of our Clubs are varied, surprising and enjoyable.

In this Issue you will find profiles of three Rostrum people who exemplify the wealth and variety of our organisation: Geoff Pascoe, a past winner of Voice of Youth and now Rhodes Scholar, Claudia Haddad, our newly appointed Zone Treasurer and Brian Hill of Club 61 who has recently published a book on his magnificent obsession, aviation. Congratulations to all three of these proud Rostrum people and may their careers continue to prosper.

*Rosalie Ahern*  
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### Victorian Zone Executive

Contact details for the executive are on the website at [www.rostrum.com.au/vic/executive](http://www.rostrum.com.au/vic/executive)

## An author in Club 61



Kylie, Brian and Val Hill at the book launch held at the Royal Victorian Yacht Club in Williamstown

Brian Hill from Eastside Club 61 has published his second book, *The Purple Stripe - A History of Flight Engineers in Australia*. The hard-cover publication, which took seven years to research and write, runs to almost 900 pages.

The book was launched at the Royal Victorian Yacht Club in Williamstown on 13th December 2012. (His first book *Wirraway to Hornet - A History of the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation* was published last Century).

Brian was a Flight Engineer with Ansett for 17 years before retraining as a pilot when FEOs began being 'culled' during the 1990s. The book title stems from the purple braid worn by Flight Engineers and, indeed, engineers in the Merchant Navy, Army and Navy, with origins going back to the Royal Navy in the middle of the 19th Century.

While essentially a history of Flight Engineers, in an effort to place them in context within the aviation industry, the role of the Flight Engineer Officer is traced from just prior to the First World War to their demise in the early part of the 21st Century. A brief history of the airlines that used FEOs, including the long forgotten BCPA and ANA, as well as a history of the aircraft they operated, makes the volume a valuable reference for aviation and Australian history enthusiasts.

Using the files of the now defunct union the AAFEA, considerable detail is presented on important issues such as the split in the union, the attempts to be part of the crew on the DC-9, B767 and A320 aircraft as well as the 1989 pilot dispute. Enthusiasts of Industrial Law can read several transcripts from industrial proceedings where the unions and companies tried to outwit each other in court, often to witness 'unbelievable' decisions being handed down.

Not available from bookstores, the book can be purchased from Southern Cross Publications, PO Box 420 Bulleen, Victoria 3105, or contact Brian Hill at [feohill@netspace.net.au](mailto:feohill@netspace.net.au)

## Spencer's Quiz

This is the first of a casual quiz on Chairmanship and related matters. How much do you know?

We suggest that you discuss these questions in the General Business section of your Club's next Meeting so that all members can consider 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.

This edition it's all about Voting.

Voting is necessary to determine the decision of a Motion but how much do you know about it?

1. What methods can be used to vote on Motions?
2. What is plural voting?
3. What is proxy voting?
4. Unless there is a good reason not to vote, everyone should vote on a Motion. What are the only 2 times when a voter may abstain from voting?

### President's Words.

Fellow Rostrum members, the Rostrum Membership workshop is an important initiative to help us all to maintain the vibrancy of our clubs and to developing and practicing skills and learning new approaches.

The presenters at this workshop have demonstrated a depth of understanding on recruitment and retention of new members. They are some of our most experienced and innovative club members.

This Rostrum Membership Workshop has the potential to make an important contribution to you and your club. I encourage all clubs to send at least 1 member to this workshop to contribute and to learn new skills. **I hope to see you** at the Rostrum Membership Workshop at 2pm Sunday, 17 March.

*Robert Bicknell*

*President Rostrum Victoria*

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### VOY winner continues to achieve.

Former Voice of Youth winner Geoff Pascoe has been named Rhodes Scholar. Congratulations to Geoff and well spotted adjudicators!



2013 Rhodes Scholarship recipient Geoffrey Pascoe is congratulated by the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria

Geoffrey Pascoe has won the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship for study at Oxford University, where he plans to help drive a revolution in transportation. This is the fourth year running that a Monash graduate has taken out the Victorian arm of the program.

Geoffrey, who has completed a Bachelor of Computer Science with class honours, and is due to complete his Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering/Bachelor of Science this year, will undertake a Doctorate in Engineering Science at Oxford's Mobile Robotics Group.

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### From The Training Officer

The Training Officers Seminar Sunday 24th March at Ashburton Baptist Church is an ideal opportunity for all Training Officers and members to get together to share ideas and improve skills to help create interesting and informative training sessions for their clubs for 2013 and beyond.

For members who are interested in learning the art of becoming a club critic, we are holding a Critics Introduction course which will be held at Ashburton Baptist Church on Saturday 13th April.

Also running on that day, is the very informative "Taking Part in Competitions" course - for anyone who intends to take part in the inter-club competitions or ultimately in the Prestigious Jo Davis Cup which will be held on 17th August this year.

*Ros McFarlane VP Training*

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### 2013 Training dates

#### Mar

Sun 17 Membership Workshop

Sun 24 Training Officer Seminar

#### Apr

Sat 13 Critic Introduction

Sat 13 Taking Part in Competitions

#### Aug

Sat 10 Intro to meeting procedure

Sat 10 Website for clubs

#### Sep

Sat 21 Critic Accreditation

#### Oct

Sun 20 Critic Forum

Sat 26 Office Bearers Training

The next issue of Cicero! will be published April 18<sup>th</sup> – send contributions to [vicnewsletter@rostrum.com.au](mailto:vicnewsletter@rostrum.com.au)