

# Marby Business lunch – Round up

Last Friday the club was extremely fortunate to welcome some very high profile guests to our Business Lunch.

Our local Federal MP, the Member for Maribyrnong and leader of the Opposition (and #1 Marby ticket holder) **Bill Shorten**, and Western Bulldogs President and Director of Gordon Legal, **Peter Gordon** were guest speakers.

Our MC for the day, local VFA football legend, ABC commentator, and coach of West Coburg Under 16 D1 team, **Phil Cleary** introduced our guests.



Phil's questions allowed us to gain a rare insight into the speakers' public lives and backgrounds, and he uncovered some footy stories from the 'good old days' which I'm sure everyone found very interesting.

Lunch was attended by around 70 members, sponsors, and other local identities including our other #1 ticket holder **Judy Maddigan**, Mayor of the City of Moonee Valley Jan Chantry, State MLA for Niddrie Ben Carroll, and members of the traders associations from Puckle Street, Union Road, and Niddrie.

We also heard from ex-AFL footballer **Lance Picioane** about some of the struggles he encountered transitioning from his AFL career into general life and the work he is doing with the Love Me Love You Foundation. He has set up LMLY to assist some of the many young people battling depression and substance abuse to get 'back to school, back to sport, and back to life'.

The 'Thai' styled lunch was a hit, something different from the usual lamb or chicken, and the day left everyone asking 'when will the next lunch be on?'

We would especially like to thank our guests Bill, Peter, and Lance, and our host Phil for their time and their openness, which made it a truly special event.

A big thanks to all who assisted, Doug Stevens, Stuart Donelly, Kaitlyn & Millie in and out of the bar, Dan Gaul (raffle expert extraordinaire) and all our members who were able to come along with their guests.

Here's looking forward to next year's lunch already.

Tony Fisher

