

Personal Corner

VP Peter introduced Peter Moll to give his Personal Corner.

- Peter said as a youngster he lived in Surrey but at the age of seven was sent off to a boarding school near Brighton in Sussex. There he demonstrated sporting abilities and later went on to attend Christ College Brecon from 1961 to 1966. The school is one of the oldest in Britain, being founded by King Henry VIII in 1541. Being a considerable distance from home Peter became independent from a young age.
- After leaving school he became a cadet journalist at a weekly newspaper in Nuneaton near Coventry, before being transferred to an evening paper within the group at Northampton.
- At age 22 Peter decided to migrate to Australia as a 10 pound pom. He came on a Greek ship where the women outnumbered the men 3 to1 which made for a terrific voyage.
- Within three weeks of arrival he got a job with the Reuters newsagency doing midnight to dawn shifts (starting at 11:59pm which meant they didn't have to pay him a taxi fare).
- In 1970 he started with 2GB Macquarie as a journalist and also a newsreader on the midnight to 5am shift. From there he went to Channel 7 as an on-air reporter.
- Within a year of arriving in Australia Peter married a nurse of English parentage and they returned there after he served his minimum two years. He got a job as the deputy editor of a trade magazine called Tableware International and found the people and product were much to his liking.
- On return to Australia in 1977 he got a job as advertising and PR manager for Royal Doulton Australia and worked there until 1981. In 1980 his son Nick was born and three years later a daughter, Sophie. In 1981 he joined Villeroy & Boch as Marketing Manager. Eight years later he became Managing Director when the incumbent retired. He worked there for 29 years and it was a great life. When he joined the turnover was \$200,000 and when he left in 2010 it was multi millions.
- Divorced in 1994, Peter later met and married someone who came to work at Villeroy & Boch. Between them they have three children and nine grandchildren, and split life between Lorraine's home in Stanthorpe, Queensland, and Peter's in Waverton, Sydney.
- In retirement, Peter works for Villeroy & Boch as a commission salesman to the corporate sector, and keeps active by playing golf and being a grandfather.

VP Peter Davenport thanked Peter for his talk, to applause.