

DAVID THOM

CLASS OF 1993



When David was young he wanted to be a political activist

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After graduating from Mount Waverley in 1993 David enrolled into the Bachelor of Arts at Monash (Clayton) majoring in History. He became a bookseller and eventually managed a bookshop. He loved life in bookshops as this is an industry he is still passionate about. He planned to become a sales rep for a book distributor but ended up working in a book warehouse instead.

Not the career path he imagined so he threw himself into learning this new trade. In turn became a forklift driver, leading-hand, etc., and eventually ran warehousing and logistics across AU/NZ for a major bicycle distributor.

Along the way he had to train new staff and create training material. This segued into his current career - learning and development.

He has now written no less than three textbooks on warehousing and logistics for vocational training companies. He is adamant the Bachelor of Arts proved its worth in the long run.

By far the most important and most rewarding job he has ever had was becoming a full-time Dad, spending just over two years at home with his daughter.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

David works as a Learning & Development Consultant in a major hardware distributor. He is creating learner resources and facilitating workplace training. He works in collaboration with the service technicians to write manuals and training in the repair of power tools. It's the most fun he has had in a job since ... well... ever.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

David became something of a collector. It started with books, currently he has a library of around 3,500 titles. Then it was fondue pots - there's about 32 of them. He also has 96 pairs of braces and then there are the 50 hats and it doesn't end there.

