

# Your Edge, Matters

## **Notes from the Couch**

And just like that, March is on its way out — taking with it the last of the hot weather (hopefully ... I'm not exactly built for the beach) and ushering in that time of year where the footy starts (the odd-shaped ball kind), daylight gets shorter, and work starts to feel *very* real again.

I'm on the couch, reflecting on how March felt like a bit of everything. Some solid wins. A few frustrations. And plenty of "just get on with it" energy. Not a lot of razzle-dazzle, but a good, honest slog.

What about you? Was March a month of breakthroughs, or one you'll quietly tick off and move on from?

One thing I've noticed: a few clients are already starting to wobble on the big, shiny plans they made in Jan. Totally normal. But here's the thing — the edge you build at work doesn't come from lofty goals or New Year hype. It's forged in months like March. Quiet effort. Repeated focus. Doing good work when no one's clapping.

So if you've been head down this month? I see you. Keep going. You're laying the groundwork for something great.

On a non-work note, we're moving house next week (me and the bride).

We're off to the outer burbs of Melbourne for a few months, while the roof of our "real" house gets fixed. Can't say moving is my favourite sport, but we're trying to make it as painless as possible. One win? We've embraced the chance to declutter. Amazing what you accumulate over time. I've found that letting go of

stuff you no longer use or need is hard at first — but once you push past the mental hoarding barrier, it's actually a relief to say goodbye.

If you've got a great decluttering tip, hit reply and let me know.

And now ... we roll into April. Crikey — Easter Eggs incoming.

See you next month.

#### What Did You Miss?

Playing catch-up?

Some great articles you might have missed, since our previous newsletter.

Click on the one that catches your eye.



# Monday Morning Meetings - The Gift That Nobody Wanted

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## **Speaker's Corner**

What's my communication tip this month, for all you folks out there who have to speak in front of a group of people at work?

It's about your PowerPoint slides.

My tip for March is:

If you're creating a presentation and adding text to your slides, **make sure the** font size is 30 point or bigger.

Why? Because anything smaller becomes hard to read — especially if someone's sitting at the back of the room, or if you're presenting online and they've got you on the second screen while they reply to emails (you know the drill).

Big fonts force you to be clear and concise. That's a good thing.

Which brings me to a related tip: **keep the text minimal**. Your slides aren't meant to carry the whole message — *you* are. Slides should support what you're saying, not say it all for you. If you've got paragraphs on your slides, you've either written an email by mistake or you're trying to hide behind your content.

Instead: big font. Fewer words. One key idea per slide. Sometimes even just one word.

Trust me, your audience will thank you. And so will your future self, when you're not nervously trying to read a wall of text while 60 people stare at you.

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## **Done & Dusted**

That's it for this month. Thanks for reading.



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