

Rotary
Rotary Club of Seymour
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President : **Ruth Byers**

Secretary : **Bill Dwyer**

Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

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Coming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, we gather from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Date Venue	15 September Royal Hotel	22 September Royal Hotel	29 September Royal Hotel
	Vocation Visit to Gnarly Neighbours Presentation by founder Jayden Sheridan 6pm then to the Royal	Football Night Members of the Rotary Club of Alexandra are our guests	Guest speaker is Cr John Dougall Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council
Chair	Mat Fowler	Greg Byers	Alison Hall
Toast	Leanne Chapman	Catriona Jarman	Bill Dwyer
Cashier	Paulette Andrews	Russell Chapman	Kathy Mills
Greeter	Tony Lee	Ron Halicki	Tony Woodhouse

*If you cannot carry out your duties, please arrange for someone else to do so,
and advise President Ruth or Alison Hall*

Gnarly Neighbours is based at the “The Neighbourhood” Café in Crawford St, opposite VicRoads office.

Trivia Night

Next Saturday 13 September

**Members requested to be at site from 1pm to help set up
Junior Games Hall, Seymour College, Loco St Seymour**

Your Club Needs You

**Setting Up and Packing Up for Trivia
Saturday 1 pm and Sunday 10 am at the Hall**

***John also needs help at the Shed on Saturday at 1 pm to load ute and trailer
with equipment to go to the Hall***

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last Monday we met once more at the Royal Hotel, where our numbers were boosted by soon-to-be members John Barton, Chris Bence and John Stares.

Apologies were received from Samantha Manning, Peter Holland, Anne Holland, and Fred Sartori.



Trevor Wilso proposing the International club toast

The international club toast was proposed by Trevor Wilson, who had chosen the **Rotary Club of Nashville**. Trevor noted that he was a lover of good music, thus his choice of the home of country music. RC Nashville was founded in 1913, and chartered in 1914. It has currently 500 members and has provided one President of RI. It has a focus on education, and has mentored 7th Grade students since 2010, as well as providing books to schools and assisting with reading.

President Ruth told us more about our coming **Trivia Night**. We now have 21 tables of 10 confirmed. Good news too that the Ag Society is lending us tables, which will be much lighter than those we've had previously. She repeated her request/plea for members to assist for a couple of hours in setting up from 1pm on Saturday at the Junior Games Hall. Sunday pack up will be from 10 am, for which help is also needed.

The next business was the induction of 2 new members, John Barton and Chris Bence. John was proposed by Bill Dwyer as a piano teacher extraordinaire, whilst Chris is a former member re-joining. Both were made welcome by members in the usual way.

Fiona reported on the recent RYPEN Camp, thanking Mat for his assistance in getting the 2 girls to Camp Getaway. They said that they were very happy with the weekend, and will be at our meeting on 20 October to tell members all about it.



Bonnie Williams, President Ruth, Secretary Bill, John Barton and Chris Bence

Fiona also noted that the mock employment interviews for Seymour College Year 11 students will take place on 28 October, with 2 sessions scheduled: 9-11am. 11.30am-1.45pm, and possibly an afternoon session. If you'd like to take part and were not at the meeting please contact Fiona on 0419 260 580.

Mark reported on progress with our restarted market, which now has 53 vendors registered. The gates will be staffed by the Seymour Community Choir.

Alison reminded us that on 29 September our guest speaker will be the Mayor of Mitchell Shire, Councillor John Dougall. Questions of the Mayor are encouraged, but they must be submitted to Alison by Monday 22 September in order to ensure reduction of repetition, and so that similar questions may be grouped for answer. Alison's e-mail is alisonhall59@gmail.com.

Guest speaker **Naurelle Palmer** was introduced and took the floor. Naurelle has been an early childhood teacher for over 20 years, in which she has seen and been part of many changes. We see literacy as being very important in our world when we think about listening, reading and writing. It cannot however be considered in isolation. Before kids learn to read and write they need skills acquired through early childhood interaction.

There are several main outcomes to be considered: foundation cognitive skills, oral learning, comprehension, memory, attention, hearing sounds and processing them to make words, and awareness of the meaning of symbols. Fine motor control is important eg how to hold a pencil. Many of these skills are learned through play. If they are doing something engaging they are much more likely to learn.

They learn turn taking-through engaging in conversations.

Different approaches are practised in early childhood and primary learning. 3 and 4 year olds learn by doing, whilst at 6 and 7 they have started on the more formal education route.

As a case in point, there was a question from the floor. "No one had identified issues with a young child until he moved in to Primary school". Is there any means of helping overcome this gap?

Naurelle responded that at Our Place (visited last week, and where she is based) there are therapists and other professionals available to offer opinions and professional advice. Children who are struggling can for example repeat 4 year old kinder.

Naurelle's presentation was very much appreciated by her audience.

Sergeant Greg then set about fining as many as he could. All fathers copped it for celebrating Fathers' Day, as did Collingwood supporters for the obvious. There was some argument about whether members were waving to Greg when he was driving the bus, and whether he was responding. This saw fine and counter fine on several.

The weekly **raffle** saw Russell (a non-drinker) win the wine, and Bonnie take home the chocolates. Bill had the opportunity but did not select the right card at Joker Poker.

In closing the meeting, Ruth thanked Naurelle, and referred to World Literacy Day. She also advised us that the Board had been successful in receiving a grant of \$500 to be applied to electronic promotion of the club and its activities.

Don't forget next week's gathering at Gnarly Neighbours- it's one not to be missed.

What is a baker's favourite footwear? Loafers

What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, they just waved.

Save the Dates

13 September	Trivia Night set up 1.00, start 6.30 pm	Ruth
14 September	Trivia pack up from 10	Ruth
16 September	Music Logic Teaching System	John Barton
21 September	Market at Kings Park	Mark
3-4 October	Seymour Show gate	Mark
12 October	Winery Tour	Samantha
28 October	Mock Interviews	Fiona
28 November	Say No to Domestic Violence	Ruth

Special Music Education Event

Music Logic Teaching System

6.30 pm Tuesday 16 September

VRI Hall

Enquiries John Barton 0425 778 051

Harvesting Hope

A barbecue breakfast for Farmers' Mental Health and Well-Being

8 am 25 September

Ken Hall Pavilion, Kings Park, Tallarook St Seymour

Please RSVP by 19 September . Text or phone 0474 827 625

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