

Rotary
Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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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	22 September Royal Hotel	29 September Royal Hotel	6 October Royal Hotel
	Football Night Members of the Rotary Club of Alexandra are our guests	Guest speaker is Cr John Dougall Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council	Guest Speaker Det Sgt Michelle Elliot Family Violence Unit Kilmore Police
Chair	Greg Byers	Alison Hall	Bonnie Williams
Toast	Catriona Jarman	Bill Dwyer	John Keeffe
Cashier	Russell Chapman	Kathy Mills	Janina Taylor
Greeter	Ron Halicki	Tony Woodhouse	John Barton

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

Appropriate footy apparel is requested next Monday evening.

Save the Dates

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

Market Next Sunday

The Rotary Market returns next Sunday 21 September at Kings Park
Please be on site at 7am (or at the time advised by email) to assist in setting up and guiding stall holders.
This is the first for us at this site so we'll need to be flexible. For following months not all members will be required so early.

Mark Dossor

Those who were not at our meeting last Monday may not be aware that PP Mark Dossor became ill shortly after the previous meeting, and has since then been in the Northern Hospital. I have passed on the club's best wishes to both Mark and Suezanne and I'm sure that he would welcome a call perhaps towards the end of this week.

Members' Birthdays

This week we can celebrate Bill Dwyer's birthday on 20 September. Happy Birthday for next Saturday, Bill.

An interesting feature of our members' birthdays is that they are not evenly distributed. March and July have by far the most (9 and 6 respectively) whilst April, May and December have but one each.

Trivia Night

We had 22 tables at our Trivia Night last Saturday. As usual, MC Ian provided a great night's entertainment which ensured a happy group of participants. Whilst the night is about fundraising, it is also a lot of fun, and for many people it is an annual "must do". Silent auction, games and floor show all contribute to the enjoyment of the night. Thanks to President Ruth and her team of helpers for all the work put in to the preparation and conduct of the function.. And thanks to all the local businesses who responded to the requests for support.



Russell "Twinkletoes" Chapman



The Macarena as never before thanks to the Palmer family

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Neighbourhood

Members and our guests gathered at "The Neighbourhood" in Crawford St prior to our meeting.



This is the home of Gnarly Neighbours a social organisation for young people.

It was started about 5 years ago by Jaidyn Sheridan who had grown up in Seymour, and faced some difficult times. Jaidyn initially set about coaching youngsters who gathered at the skate park at Chittick Park. He had identified causes of anti social behaviour and sought to address that challenge by assisting the kids to enjoy themselves.

From there, the organisation moved to the shopfront in Crawford St, where he installed jumps and other devices on which youngsters could learn to skate safely and in the company of others. The coffee shop supports the skateboarding, and importantly provides a safe place for youth to gather before and after school.

We enjoyed a tour of the premises, and were thankful that there was somewhere for our local youth to gather safely.

Jaidyn at one of the ramps at The Neighbourhood

Back to the Royal

After the tour everyone went to the Royal for our normal meeting.

Chairman for the Day Mathew Fowler welcomed everyone, and passed the meeting to President Ruth.

The President welcomed our guests including Greg Hoath (member of RC Box Hill Central), James Greenshields (son of Mary), John Stares, and Jaidyn Sheridan.

Leanne Chapman proposed the toast to an International club, her choice being the Rotary Club of Douglas on the Isle of Man. That club was chartered in 1924, has 51 active members, and meets on Wednesdays at 1pm.

Its key activities include encouraging public speaking in schools, various environmental projects, and food banks.

Reports

Ruth then went on to thank Jaidyn for his tour of the Neighbours' premises, and thanked those who helped set up for and clear up after the Trivia Night. Whilst there were many donors, Ruth especially thanked Samantha (2020 Carlton jersey), Dave Palmer (for the garden beds), and David Freeman (for the trailer load of firewood).

Best assessment of outcome at this point is income of over \$14000, with some stock still to be sold.

There were no reports from the Secretary or the Treasurer.

Fiona reported that the staff and students from the Flexible Learning Centre had commented on the enjoyment that the students who attended the RYPEN weekend both this year and last year

expressed, their growing confidence and the friendships made. Principal Shane Elliott expressed his thanks for the developing partnership and the generosity shown to his students. Fiona also noted that the students from Puckapunyal Primary had enjoyed the Trivia Night and can't wait until next year!

Other Reports

Dave Palmer commented on the poor state of the chairs hired from North Central, and added that in his view "they were a disgrace".

Chairman Mat has produced a Guide for the PA system, which covers set up, operation and storage.

Guest Speaker

Mat introduced our Speaker Jaidyn Sheridan for the benefit of those who had not been there for the tour of "The Neighbourhood".

Jaidyn referenced his childhood, noting that 2 members had been his teachers: Ian Chadwick and Fiona McCarthy. At 15 he had been in trouble with drugs, and had been placed on probation. At 17, he became a father (his son is now 11).

Then everything changed, and he left Seymour. When he returned, he realised that he had to change his environment, and sought to connect to the community. He started Gnarly Neighbours.

Jaidyn says that he sees and knows both sides of life in Seymour, and believes that other communities can benefit from the program as has Seymour. The connection between mental health and skateboarding is there. He is in the process of taking the program around Australia.

After some questions, Chairman Mat presented Jaidyn with a copy of Samuel Johnson's book as a memento of his visit.



Jaidyn Sheridan and Chairman Mat Fowler

The Sergeant

With both Sergeants missing in action (Greg work and Mark ill) it was left to past Sergeant Chaddy to move back into the role. He fined Mary G (because of her absence he hadn't had the opportunity for a while), Dave Palmer (not as good at dancing as his family), and Bonnie (for her new bike with overdrive). Cross fines were by Ruth on Russell Chapman for his Twinkletoes performance at the Trivia.

Raffles

Tony Woodhouse took home the wine, and Alison Hall the chockies. Dave Palmer had the ticket but not the card in the Joker poker.



In closing the meeting, Ruth sought volunteers for the Market next Sunday, and received a good response.

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the toilet?

Because the p is silent.

What kind of birds stick together?

Vel-crows

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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