

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

Secretary : **Bill Dwyer**

Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

No 12 24 September 2025

Coming Meetings

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

Date Venue	29 September Royal Hotel	6 October Royal Hotel	12 October
	Guest speaker is Cr John Dougall Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council	Guest Speaker Det Sgt Michelle Elliot Family Violence Unit Kilmore Police	Winery Tour Mitchelton and Tahbilk
Chair	Alison Hall	Bonnie Williams	
Toast	Bill Dwyer	John Keeffe	
Cashier	Tony Lee	Janina Taylor	
Greeter	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***

Details for the Winery Tour to come

There will be no meeting on Monday 13 October

Save the Dates

12 October	Winery Tour	Samantha
28 October	Mock Interviews	Fiona
28 November	Say No to Domestic Violence	Ruth

Last Week's Meeting

Apologies were received from Viv Beaumont, Mark Dossor, Mat Fowler, Mary Greenshields, Ron Halicki, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, Liam Joes, Hugh Lawrence, Samantha Manning, Fred Sartori and Janina Taylor.

Our annual footy meeting with Rotary Club of Alexandra was once again a great success. This was due in no small part to the participation of the 7 visitors from Alex: Chris and Melinda Jackson, Geoff Proctor, Tom Farrell, Ross Thompson, John Sier and John Connor were joined by Rotarian Craig Hoath who we were pleased to once again greet.

After welcoming our guests, President Ruth thanked all who assisted at the **Market** on Sunday, especially Manager Mathew Fowler who in turn thanked the 21 Rotarians involved in the set up and organization on the day.

Gates at the market were manned by the Seymour Community Choir, which raised \$829, a healthy amount by our past standards (6th highest since we started).



A new vendor



and an old favourite



Another oldie



and another newie

Catriona proposed the toast to another Rotary Club, being the **Rotary Club of Melbourne**. Quite topical given this was our Footy Night and the Grand Final is imminent. The RC of Melbourne is the first and therefore the oldest Rotary Club in Australia. It was chartered on 21 April 1921, boasts a membership of several hundred, and claims to be responsible for the chartering and grandfathering of half the clubs in Australia. A Past President, Sir Angus Mitchell, was the first Australian to be President of Rotary International (in 1948).

The club has been involved in many landmark initiatives, including the establishment of Lifeline in 1963, helping launch Very Special kids in 1985, Australians Against Child Abuse in 1992, and building an Embassy for Timor Leste in Canberra in 2003.

It is currently involved in Donations in Kind, and Second Bite. The latter distributes donated food to those in need through the Sacred Heart Mission.

The club meets for lunch on Wednesdays at the Windsor Hotel.

Gary Doherty set the pattern for **humour**: he showed the towels which Paul had given him to mop up the tears of Collingwood supporters. Gary also showed us the pies he had for those going to the MCG, as there would be no “Pies” there.



The teams announced their captains for the Handball: Ross Thompson for Alexandra, and Fiona McCarthy for Seymour. Each team member had 2 attempts at the handball, the final score being Alexandra 84 to Seymour's 95. Top scorers were Geoff Proctor for Alex, and Russell Chapman for Seymour, each with 17.



The next competition was Grid References, where players had to choose a point on the grid of the football pitch. Initially there was a tie, which was settled by Fiona selecting another spot on the grid. David Freeman was closest.

On to the quoits, which Alex won, thus creating a tie in the overall competition. This was settled by an arm wrestle involving the respective Presidents' nominees: David Freeman for Seymour, and Geoff Thompson for Alexandra. This too was a drawn result.

Our visitors offered several announcements.

Melinda Jackson told us about the **Alexandra and District Open Gardens Days** on 25 and 26 October, and left brochures as a reminder.

Acting President Geoff Thompson told us about the club's **Say No to Domestic Violence** event on 28 and 29 November, which includes a pop up display, walks and barbecues, and information sessions. He extended an invitation to our members to become involved.

Geoff thanked Seymour for the invitation, and reminded us that they will be the judges at the Golf meeting!

Raffle prizewinners were Alison Hall (wine) and Kathy Mills (chockies), whilst Lucky Bill Dwyer had the choice at Joker poker (with no luck).

In closing the meeting, President Ruth thanked the members of Alexandra for coming along. She told us that the club's plans for Domestic Violence Week are up in the air, as Mitchell Shire Council is currently making its own arrangements for Seymour. International Women's Day in March will afford the club an opportunity if the issues with the Council cannot be settled.



More happy snaps from the Footy Night