

Rotary

Rotary Club of Seymour

Connecting with our community

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President : **Ruth Byers**

Secretary : **Bill Dwyer**

Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

No 14 8 October 2025

Coming Meetings

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

Date Venue	12 October	20 October Royal Hotel	27 October Royal Hotel
	Winery Tour Mitchelton and Tahbilk	RYPEN Presentations	Guest Speaker Kirsty Roberts
	See details below	Behind the Badge Trevor Wilson	Blue Light
Chair		Fiona McCarthy	Catriona Jarman
Toast		Ken Butcher	Dave Palmer
Cashier		Samantha Manning	Paulette Andrews
Greeter		John Steres	Trevor Wilson

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

There is no meeting on 13 October

All Members: Please respond to the Meeting Invitations to allow easier catering

Save the Dates

11 October	SES Annual Awards	Bill
12 October	Winery Tour	Samantha
18 October	Market at Kings Park	Mark
28 October	Mock Interviews at Seymour College	Fiona
31 October, 1 & 4 November	Shake the Can	Ken
29 November	Say No to Domestic Violence	Ruth

Last Week's Meeting

Apologies were received from Viv Beaumont, Leanne and Russell Chapman, David Freeman, Cathy Gourbault-Lawrence, Ron Halicki, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, and Liam Jones.

In opening the meeting Chairman Bonnie Williams welcomed all, including visiting Rotarian Craig Hoath. She announced that our guest speaker, Michelle Elliott, had had to withdraw due to staffing restrictions.

Instead of a toast to an overseas Rotary club, John Keeffe chose to propose a toast to Victoria Police. John noted that we had not been able to properly recognise Blue Ribbon Day last week, so made amends tonight. He spoke briefly about the dedication of Police members, and the mantle of safety we enjoyed under them. Each officer contributes to the welfare of our society, and we turn to them in an emergency. They are an invaluable part of our community.

President Ruth thanked the 26 members who had worked on the Seymour Show gates on Friday and Saturday. She added that it is this sort of teamwork which helps to make our club so special. She referred to Jo's great work on our Facebook page, and asked that members Like, Share or Comment on the page to grow our audience.

Ruth welcomed Mark back to our meeting. Mark is still not fully recovered, and will not be undertaking his full range of tasks for a while. He reminded us that the next market is but 2 ½ weeks away on 18 October.

Ruth advised that she and Greg will be away on holiday until 10 November.



Samantha reminded us about the Winery Tour next Sunday. Bus leaves IGA at 10.00am, to arrive at Mitchelton at 10.30. If you haven't booked yet, suggest that you contact Sam on samantha-manning@outlook.com to check if there is space to accommodate you. She asked that those going bring \$30 cash.

John reminded us about the Cup Weekend Shake the Can. We are at the northbound Tallarook Ampol on Friday afternoon and Saturday through until late afternoon. Then on Tuesday at the Southbound Tallarook from mid morning until the evening. Usually a good return for the work involved. Workers needed for 2 hour shifts. Contact Ken Butcher 0438 358 054. So far only 6 members have volunteered their time. It has been a busy time of the year for us, but let's make sure this fundraiser works. There are 20 2 hour shifts to fill.

Sam telling us about our excursion on the Winery Tour

Fiona has been charged with organising themes for each market. So far we have October Halloween, November Gnarly Neighbours skate boarding, and December of course Christmas.

PP Greg had his opportunity to inflict some financial pain as Sergeant. The 4 gatekeepers at Lesley St when Bill had the cheek to ask for a cappuccino; John K for the loss of a few chairs on a roundabout on the way back to the shed (chairs were recovered by others); and Tony Lee for rescuing Greg twice with a flat battery. Dave cross fined Ruth when she incorrectly told him on

Saturday morning that the marquee, table and chairs were behind a fence somewhere...they were, but in John's trailer.

As usual, the raffle prizes were wine (won by Alan Walton) and chocs (by Jane Challis). The news is that Bill did not get to have a go at Joker Poker..it was Dave's turn, but it did him no good.

As our speaker was not available, Bonnie had organised an alternative on the theme of Domestic Violence. This took the form of a screen TED talk by Matt Brown, which delved into the topic in front of a studio audience. If you missed it and would like to view, use this link:

[Matt Brown-TEDxChristchurch](#). Another link is to a screening [She is Not Your Rehab](#).

The Show. What did we do? For the record, our members undertook the following tasks at the



Seymour Show:

On Friday, set up and manned the main gate at the Tallarook St entrance. Taking Cash, Card and prepay

On Saturday, from 6.30 am

Manned the main gate as above

Supervised parking of horse floats

Manned the Lesley St gate, admitting the Alpaca exhibitors

Manned the Edward St gate allowing exhibitors and non-public entrance

At the main gate, opening and closing to allow passage of authorized vehicles

That kept the 26 members pretty busy, many working multiple shifts.

If you missed this year, come along next time. Now that we don't have the poultry to contend with, it can be fun and sociable.

Would you argue with this gatekeeper?



The crew at Lesley St gate



Matt Brown, our TED speaker on screen

