

Rotary

Rotary Club of Seymour

Connecting with our community

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President : **Ruth Byers**

Secretary : **Bill Dwyer**

Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

No 22 1 December 2025

Coming Meetings

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

Date Venue	8 December Vocational Visit then Royal	15 December Christmas Celebrations	12 January 6.30 for 7 at Fred's Shed
	5.45pm Rural Tanks host Dave Palmer 8 Tebble St Seymour	6.30 for 7- 9 pm Seymour Bowling Club Tallarook St	Sartori Residence 70 Redbank Rd Seymour BYO drinks
Chair	Gary Doherty	Catriona Jarman	
Toast	Trevor Harmes		
Cashier	John Burton, John Stares	Ann Holland and Janina Taylor	
Greeter	Alan Walton	Jane Challis	

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

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

Save the Dates		
15 December	Club Christmas celebrations	Alison & Catriona
21 December	Twilight Market	Mark
22 February	Golf Day	Peter

This Week's Meeting

Apologies this week were received from Chris Bence, Ian Chadwick, Gary Doherty, Trevor Harmes, Liam Jones, Kathy Mills, Alan Walton and Tony Woodhouse., and including our guest speaker Grace Grieve.

After Chair Ann Holland opened the meeting, Jane Challis proposed the toast in lieu of Chris Bence, "the Rotary Club of Dublin". The club was the first Rotary club chartered

outside North America, on 22 February 1911. It has 50 members, and meets on Monday for lunch. Activities include an annual rubber duck race supporting End Polio Now, support for a trust assisting homeless people in Dublin, bicycles for Africa, and construction of a local school in Zambia. Each year it funds a student to attend a Youth Leadership Seminar in Tours, France.

President Ruth thanked those members who staffed the barbecue at Lions Park for the *Say No to Domestic Violence* event.

Unfortunately the event was poorly attended and grossly over catered for. Tee shirts and tote bags will be sold at our next market on 21 December.



Matthew reported on the All Abilities Basketball Tournament at Chittick Park, for which the club had also catered on the same day. There were 144 participants plus carers and families in attendance. A Certificate of Recognition and a medallion were presented to our members involved.

Jane spoke briefly about promotion of the club and its activities. She noted that the telegraph had carried 2 club-related articles recently: one on the mock interviews at Seymour College, and another about the school students Writers' Awards. We need to

work as a team...if you see something worth promoting, scribble a note and let Jane know. Jane was congratulated for her work in this important area of the club's activity. Related to it, Ruth reported that over 90 days, our Facebook Page had acquired 651 new followers, 25 new posts, and 450 reactions.

Fiona reported on the continuing school awards, this month 6 Technology , and Grade 6 community awards for Puckapunyal, Tallarook and St Marys.

Catriona distributed the updated Club Guide which includes new members details.

John made a plea for the return of club property used at barbecues, including aprons and tea towels.

Following the competition on Radio 3AW for the longest sound, Dave demonstrated his effort... pretty good, but certainly not the sweetest sound we have heard.

We then moved to the night's speakers. First Leanne Chapman, with her Behind the Badge.

Leanne was born at Ararat, then the family moved to Warragul. In 1959, they moved to Seymour where she has lived since. Education was at Seymour East (alas no more), then at Seymour Technical High School (now Seymour College courtesy of Joan Kirner)



Leanne remembers growing up with holidays at Portarlington, swimming, riding bikes. In May 1984 entered into partnership (with Russell) and the then current owner in Doug's Hot Bread, which lasted until 1991. In 1993, travelled around Australia before starting their family of Sara, Hayley and Emily.

In 2011, Russell took Long Service Leave from Seymour Coaches, and once again they took to the road. The girls were out of school for 2 terms.

In 2022, Leanne started at NEXUS as a support worker, work which she still enjoys.

Our second Behind the Badge speaker was Trevor Wilson. Trevor has accumulated a wide range of experience, but essentially with an emphasis on all things motoring.



Originally from the Sunbury/Keilor area, Trevor moved around as a panelbaeter, then as a truck driver with his father.

Following a serious illness, he moved into a cleaning business, then catering, but there was always that need for something automotive. This led to an involvement with custom cars and hot rod shows, and then to an involvement with racing at the Thunderdome. By this time Trevor was a qualified automotive mechanical engineer. He travelled around the eastern states, and attended the 2000 Games in Sydney.

Next came the Gold Coast, where he had a limousine business ultimately with 14 cars including 7 stretched limos.

Trevor established a Youth at Risk automotive workshop to help young people find their way.

In total, Trevor has had over 300 cars and trucks, plus bits and pieces. Finally, before settling in Broadford, he moved to the Peninsula for a time.

A man of many talents, but it seems one overriding interest.

This week's raffles: The chockies to Janina, wine to Russell. Joker Poker to Bill, but he didn't pick the right card so it continues to jackpot.



