

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 December Christmas Celebrations	12 January 6.30 for 7 at Fred's Shed	
	6.30 for 7- 9 pm Seymour Bowling Club Tallarook St	Sartori Residence 70 Redbank Rd Seymour BYO drinks	
Chair	Catriona Jarman		
Toast			
Cashier	Ann Holland and Janina Taylor		
Greeter	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
26 January	Australia Day Celebration	Mark
15 February	First Market for 2026	Mark
22 February	Golf Day	Peter

This Week's Meeting

Apologies were received from John Barton, Ian Chadwick, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, Fiona McCarthy, Kathy Mills and Bonnie Williams. Guests included David Hall, Naurelle Palmer and their children Quillan, Livani and Tayson, and David Hall.

Approximately 20 members gathered at David Palmer's business Rural Tanks in Tebble St for a vocational visit. Dave took us through all aspects of using galvanised iron for water storage and for garden use. This included the methods of corrugating the material, and assembling it in to circular waterproof storage containers. Whilst plastic tanks have become popular, there are still many farmers who still insist on good quality corrugated iron units. Much of Dave's interesting presentation was about small scale agriculture as about water storage. Very entertaining.

After that we adjourned to the Royal for our normal meeting.

Chairman for the Day Gary Doherty introduced Allison Hall to propose a toast to the Rotary Club of Penang. Gary noted that he is wearing shirt number 7.

President Ruth thanked Dave for the tour of his factory and the explanation of the various processes.

Mark Dossor reminded us of the Twilight Market on 21 December, from 4pm until 8. A call for volunteers will go out shortly. Catriona told us that the Lions Cakes will definitely be there.

Mark also noted that there will be no markets in January, the next being on 15 February. There will be no meeting as such next week, as we will have our Christmas Celebrations at the Bowling Club.



Our guest speaker for the evening was Dave Palmer, following up on the vocational visit to his factory. Dave has had a varied career. Although his early years were spent on the land in the Yea-Molesworth area, when it came to work he took an apprenticeship as a sheet metal worker with the founder of Rural Tanks, John Peacock. As the recession killed off many businesses, Dave left the sheet metal trade and worked with his mother in the retail video hire industry, which led to him building a house in Yea. Other work included landscaping, truck driving and quarrying.

Continuing at 2 (or more) jobs, and following family separation, he had the opportunity to take over Rural Tanks, bought the business and subsequently moved the business to Tebble St. After the 2009 fires and the breaking of the drought, the tank business suffered, so it was off to more diversified employment.

David had 3 ambitions as a young bloke:

To be a truck driver; achieved that

To be an actor: school plays, had an agent, appearances in “Neighbours”, a truck driver in “Blue Heelers”, several films, many local stage performances.

To be a Racing Car Driver: Raced speedway at Alexandra, Nagambie and Seymour

In 2001 Dave participated in the World’s Greatest Shave, and organised the event in Yea, raising \$10,000.

Our next Guest, David Hall, was interviewed by his sister Alison. Members will recall that Hall’s Jewellers began in Station St some 60 years ago when David’s late father, Bruce, opened the shop. David has been involved for some 50 years.



David noted that retailing in Station Street has changed in that time. There is less actual retailing: menswear, bakeries, 2 newsagents, more food/hospitality outlets. Fewer outlets selling goods: where do you buy menswear now? Barriers to trade include compliance tasks, internet sales.

What are the major changes over the past 2 or 3 years?
After 2pm, Station St is very quiet. We don’t open on Saturday morning now. People are not using the town’s main street as they used to. Kilmore and Broadford now have their own supermarkets, or go to Wallan.

The trend in the USA is to build community shopping centres incorporating theatres etc (ed note: just like we used to have!).

Hall's is part of a buying group of 149 members with 170 shop fronts. Results from this association have been good.

This week's raffle saw Paulette take the wine and Viv the chocs. Paulette also won the right to try the Joker Poker, but missed out.



President Ruth extended birthday greetings to Mat for Friday, and reminded us that after the Christmas Dinner on 15 (next Monday) we'll have a 4 week break until 12 January.