

Rotary

Rotary Club of Seymour

Connecting with our community

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Coming Activity

DATE / VENUE	4 th August Royal Hotel	11 August Royal Hotel	18 August Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	Vocation Visit 6pm Seymour Flexible Learning Centre <i>See details below</i>	Casino Night with Fiona McCarthy Partners Welcome	Our guests will be representatives of Seymour Sharks and Seymour Scouts
CHAIR	Fiona McCarthy	Matt Fowler	Trevor Harmes
TOAST	Ann Holland	David Freeman	Greg Byers
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Peter Holland	Alison Hall	Paulette Andrews
GREETER	Jane Challis	Gary Doherty	Ann Holland

IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR DUTIES PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE ELSE AND ADVISE PRESIDENT RUTH

Celebrations

We've been remiss in not celebrating members' birthdays. So Happy Birthday to our July birthdays: Viv Beaumont, Cathy Gorbault-Lawrence, Fred Sartori, Bonnie Williams, Hugh Lawrence and Tony Lee. March has most birthdays for our members, and July is the next.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our meeting last Monday was well attended no doubt due to the special attraction of Sam's *Whisky au Go Go* presentation.

Opening the meeting, Chairman of the Day Mark noted apologies received from Paulette Andrews, Viv Beaumont, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, and Janina Taylor. Our one guest was David Hall, introduced by Alison.

Tony Woodhouse proposed the toast to a Rotary Club. Tony had selected the Rotary Club of the City of Liverpool UK. In doing so, Tony told us that the club meets on Friday at 7am at the Racquet Club. This year it celebrates its 104th birthday.

The club's local projects include the local food Bank and support for the Sea Cadets unit. Internationally it supports Shelter Box and End Polio.

President Ruth then welcomed back Cathy and Hugh on their return from Papeete, where Cathy was again working.

Ruth noted that the club will apply for a **District Grant** under the "Ripple Effect" project. We are seeking \$500 to assist in promoting our electronic media. We will need a member to accept responsibility for the project before the grant will be considered.

Rotary is offering funds to **support drought-affected farmers** in our area. The aid will be in the form of gift vouchers. A member is required to manage the project. Interested in helping on this one? Contact President Ruth.

The RDU Magazine is available in digital format, if that is what you prefer, contact Secretary Bill.

Trivia Night approaches. Flyers are now available, and Ruth has 4 areas still to be allocated to members for distribution. She also needs members to approach businesses for support.

Secretary Bill reported that 6 members had participated in the working bee last Saturday at the Rotary SHARE (Serving Humanity and Repurposing Equipment) shed at Broadford. Thanks to Matt Fowler, Mark Dossor, Bill Dwyer, Leanne and Russell Chapman, Fiona McCarthy and Ken Butcher for their contribution.

Our speaker for the night, **Samantha Manning**, commenced her presentation with a story about her visit to Scotland, where her hosts gave her a bottle of Whisky (note: no "e"), which she was told she must not drink. This led to an explanation of why, which coursed through the whole of Sam's talk. Some time later Sam purchased a nip of this drink...for \$80!

Sam told us about blending and aging, the basis for various national whiskys, and distinguishing between them.

As for the "e": Australian, Scottish and others have no e, the Irish does.

Members sampled 3 drinks: the first at \$100 a bottle, the second \$110, and the third a 12 years old \$130-150. Members were encouraged to add a teaspoonful of water after the first sip, to gauge the



effect and enjoy the difference.

Sam gave us an enjoyable and illuminating talk on many aspects of whisky.

We then moved to the **Fines Session**, where PP now Sgt Greg put in some work. Mark for Collingwood's loss, Chaddy for his lack of help with Greg's flat battery, Tony Lee for his coming 70th, Fiona for her extravagant exercising at the pool and the gym, Ruth for mixing up a date of a party, and John walking in front of Greg's vehicle in Coles car park, all St Kilda supporters.

Finally the **raffle**: Kathy grabbed the chocs, and Alison the wine. But the big one was for Fiona who took out the Joker Poker at over \$1300. Congratulations all.



Closing the meeting, Mark thanked Sam for her talk, and reminded members of next week's meeting. **Next week's meeting** will be in 2 parts. First a Vocational Visit to the Seymour Flexible Learning Centre at 6pm. The centre is located in Tallarook St in the old primary school premises opposite Kings Park. We will then move to the Royal for a 7 o'clock start to our usual meeting, where the 2 Captains of Seymour College will offer a presentation.