

Rotary
Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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Coming Meetings

DATE / VENUE	25 August Royal Hotel	1 September Royal Hotel	8 September Royal Hotel
	Seymour Performers' Workshop Choir Performance and Presentation by Peter Read	Vocational Visit to "Our Place" 6-6.30pm then at the Royal Hotel Presentation by Liz Tregenza and Deb Kaak	International Literacy Day Naurelle Palmer speaking on Early Childhood Education
CHAIR	Chris Bence	Dave Palmer	Jane Challis
TOAST	Jane Challis	Russell Chapman	Trevor Wilson
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Ken Butcher	Jo Wilson	Catriona Jarman
GREETER	Garry Doherty	Alan Walton	Mathew Fowler

**IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR DUTIES PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE ELSE AND ADVISE
PRESIDENT RUTH or ALISON HALL.**

Adopt a Road

Our next club activity will be Adopt a Road on the GV highway on 31 August.
Meet at the weighbridge at 9.30. The club will provide garbage bags, gloves and "picker uppers" for your use. Matthew Fowler is organising. When parking at the site, please remember that trucks need access to and from.

Trivia Night

13 September

Junior Games Hall, Seymour College, Loco St Seymour

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Apologies were noted from Viv Beaumont, Greg Byers, Gary Doherty, Cathy Gorbault-Lawrence, Mary Greenshields, Trevor Harmes, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, Liam Jones, Shane Judd, Hugh Lawrence, Fred Sartori, and Janina Taylor.

Chairman for the Day **Kathy Mills** opened the meeting and introduced President Ruth, who welcomed our guests from the **Seymour Sharks Swimming Club** and **Seymour Scouts**, as well as **Chris Bence**.

David Freeman proposed the toast to an international Rotary club, this time the Rotary Club of Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The club was chartered in 1925, 20 years after Rotary was formed in Chicago. The club provides 2 private ambulances in France in the town of its twin club, RC of Chateau du Loire, and 2 mini buses for St John's on the island. Its high profile fundraiser is the annual Party on the Green. (One of David's audience was heard to note that on most occasions when David is called upon, the Isle of Wight usually gets a mention!)

The order of the day was varied to allow our speakers to present and to then leave to attend their respective organisation's meetings.

First Melissa from the **Sharks** (which includes the Seymour Amateur Swimming Club) told us a little of the club's history. In 1953, the first pool was constructed in Goulburn Park, this one with a sand bottom, and filled from the river. The concrete floor was installed in 1970, some 4 years after the Memorial Pool opened in 1966.

Megan joined the club in 1992 as a 5 year old, when the younger groups were named Tadpole and Jellyfish.

The club has 30 members, a number which has been steady for 18 months or so.

In thanking the club for its donation, she noted that the club is also supported by the local business community.



Ruth and Kathy with Stuart Ferguson



Ruth with Seymour Sharks Megan and Melissa

Next **Stuart Ferguson** told us about our local Scout troop, which currently has a membership of 44: Joeys (5-8) 7, Cubs (8-11) 9, Scouts (11-14), Venturers (14-17) and Rovers (18-25). The numbers of younger scouts is increasing. The troop sent 7 Scouts to the recent Jamboree. Stuart and his group seek to support single parents and others who have difficulty paying the fees and costs. They do this by providing uniforms and paying some fees with the objective of giving the kids a chance to participate in the activity. Stuart thanked the club for its financial support.

Reports

Fiona reported that the next RYPEN camp will be held on 6 and 7 September. She has one starter so far, from the Flexible Learning Centre.

Samantha spoke about the planned winery day on Sunday 12 October, when we'll go to Mitchelton and Tahbilk. Lunch at the café or BYO picnic, tour Mitchelton facilities, then to Tahbilk for a tour of the winery and an eco-cruise on the lagoon. More details to come, but save the date. Alison our **Program chair** advised that at our meeting on 29 September the Mayor will be the guest speaker. Any questions for the Mayor? E mail them to Alison so that we can avoid duplication.

As for the **Market**, Mark told us of the meeting at Kings Park last Saturday when some planning was undertaken. He has 3 more vendors registered as of today.

Joanne told us that it is important that we confirm a review of the Club's Facebook page. If you do not know how to do this, we'll have instructions in the next *Bulletin*. If you can do it, please do.

Matt reminded us that the next **Adopt a Road** is on Sunday 31 August. It will help him in planning if you can advise him of your availability as soon as possible.

John spoke about the **Emergency Event** guides on each table and urged members to take one home. They are the product of the Seymour Safer Communities Working Group, a Mitchell Shire Council initiative. The group has sought to ensure that lessons learned from recent emergencies of bushfire and flood can be used to ease problems next time.

Raffle time, and Table 51 had the game sewn up. Alan won the wine, and Dave Palmer the chocs. For the Joker, Bill had the winning ticket, but not the winning card.

And so to the **Sergeant's Session**, conducted by Mark. He noted that he is but \$4 ahead of co-Sergeant Greg in collections, so be aware. He plans to stay ahead. Victims this week included Dave Palmer who had a part in the movie "Strange Creatures", but somehow missed the final cut. Then Ron Halicki, who has been missing for a few weeks while he built a big shed at home. Others included Bill for the Joker poker, Kathy for a new jumper, David Freeman for the Isle of Wight again, and Ruth for her reference to 12 year olds as "kidlets". Then David Freeman sought to raise money to purchase tissues for the Collingwood supporters.

President Ruth then took the floor, congratulating our birthday boys Ron Halicki (69 on Thursday) and Tony Woodhouse for his birthday on Sunday.

Ruth went on to tell us more about the "Say No to Domestic Violence" campaign. This was started by the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond and is supported by Rotary. In participating, our club will conduct a walk on Friday 28 November, part of the 16 Days of Activism. Read more about this cause in "Rotary Down Under" of July/August.

Ruth reminded us that Rotary is not just a fundraising organization, but is actively participating in keeping families safe.

In closing, our President reminded us that it is important (and courteous) to respond to Ann's email regarding your attendance at meetings.

Public Image Webinar

District 9790 will conduct a webinar on Thursday 28 August. It is one of a series intended to enhance our capacity to tell the Rotary story to a range of audiences largely through electronic media.

Members can register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VNWTugnXSSW9bmN638oUiA>

Thursday 28 August 7pm sharp via ZOOM. Further information from Bill Dwyer.

A little bit of history.....

In 2004 the club decided to commemorate Rotary's centenary in 2005 by improving access to historical information around Seymour.

This was to be achieved by placing metal vitreous enamel signs on relevant buildings in the town.

We sought the help of the Seymour and District Historical Society, which provided the information for the text.

For several reasons, the first group was not ready for attachment until 2008.

The first plaque was attached to the Old Post office in Emily Street. At the time the premises were used as a Gallery and a Restaurant, operated by Louise Barling and Gary. In the accompanying photograph we see Gary assisting John. However the first was actually attached by member Grahame Macpherson, who was the owner of Seymour Truck Parts and Mac's Diesel. Grahame went on to place all the other plaques. There were plans to instal more, but this was not done due to no grant funds being available. Perhaps a future project?

Do you know how many there are? Can you name the buildings to which they are attached?

Have a go. There are prizes for the correct number and the list of buildings. Competition closes 7 September. Answers to John Keeffe.

Save the Dates

31 August	Adopt a Road
13 September	Trivia Night
21 September	Market at Kings Park
12 October	Winery tour
28 November	Say No to Domestic Violence

Mathew
Ruth
Mark
Samantha
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