

Rotary
Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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President : **Ruth Byers** Secretary : **Bill Dwyer** Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

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Coming Meetings

Date/Venue	1 September Royal Hotel	8 September Royal Hotel	15 September
	Vocation Visit to "Our Place" 6-6.30 Presentation by Liz Tregenza and Deb Kaak See note below	International Literacy Day Naurelle Palmer speaking on <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Vocation Visit to Gnarly Neighbours Presentation by founder Jayden Sheridan
Chair	Dave Palmer	Jane Challis	Mat Fowler
Toast	Russell Chapman	Trevor Wilson	Leanne Chapman
Cashier	Jo Wilson	Catriona Jarman	Paulette Andrews
Greeter	Mathew Fowler	Alan Walton	Tony Lee

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

Monday's meeting is at "Our Place", part of the Seymour College complex in Stewart St Seymour.
Entry is by gate and door at the top of the bus bays in Stewart St. It is well signposted. You do not have
to report to reception. A Rotary sign will be placed near the entrance.

Adopt a Road

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

Trivia Night

13 September

Junior Games Hall, Seymour College, Loco St Seymour

Thursday 28 August 26, 2025

Bill Dwyer has forwarded information to all members on the Public Image Webinar to be
held this Thursday. It's titled *Rotary Storytelling 101*, and seeks to help us expand our
presence in the public arena. Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VNWTugnxSSW9bmN638oUiA>

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last Monday's meeting was well attended by members and guests. It was chaired by former member Chris Bence, who was welcomed back by all.

Apologies were received from Paulette Andrews, Viv Beaumont, Peter and Ann Holland, Fiona McCarthy, Kathy Mills and Fred Sartori.

Guests included Chris Chadwick, John Barton and John Stry, as well as presenters from Seymour Performers' Workshop/Seymour Community Choir led by Peter Read and Caitlyn Trotter. Jane Challis proposed the toast to an international club, her choice being the Rotary Club of Bath in the UK. This club has over 70 members, and meets weekly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday lunchtime and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening. It engages in a wide range of community activities including the Bath Festival of Motoring, Charity Fireworks Display, Environmental Projects, the Community Service Fund, and the Archie Project an intergenerational dementia awareness project.

Our guest speaker Peter Read brought the choir to the front and we were entertained by 3 songs, the first being a great rendition of that old favourite "Stand by Me". The performance finished with a round of "Catch a Falling Star" with audience participation. Peter told us that the choir had been together for less than a year and whilst principally of ladies, it does have 2 men as members.



President Ruth congratulated the choir, and thanked members for the performance.

She went on to announce that Mitchell Shire Council has allocated the 2026 Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and the Community Awards to Seymour ie to us!

Jane Challis reported on movement in the Public Image area, telling us that she is working with the *Telegraph* on promoting the Trivia Night.

Both Ruth and Jane urged members to do what they can to boost attendance at this, one of our major fundraisers. Don't forget we need people to set up on Saturday and pack up on Sunday. Mat Fowler reminded us again of the Adopt-a-Road next Sunday, with volunteers still required; and Sam told us more about the Winery Tour in October.

Next we heard from our alternate Sergeant, Greg Byers. Greg was quick off the mark, fining Chairman Chris for not being a Rotarian; dog owners because it is Dog Lovers' Day; John Keeffe for multi editions of the *Bulletin*; Tony Lee for driving around with his car audio playing "Jump in my Car"; Catriona for having the floodlights on at home at 11.15 am; Jane for not greeting him at the library; all Adelaide, Geelong and West Coast supporters.

In turn, Greg was cross fined by Bonnie for his stalking behaviour with Catriona and Jane; and Mathew fined himself for following the wrong car around Kings Park.



In handing over the meeting to Peter Read, Chairman Chris thanked Peter and the choir, noting that the world would be a better place if more people sang. In turn, Peter thanked the club for the invitation and the warm welcome extended to all.

Seymour Performers Workshop started in 2003. He described SPW as a grassroots community performing organisation which came out of a vibrant community. It occasionally produces one-act plays, and invites performers to come into our community. It gives kids, the performers of the future, the opportunity to find themselves, opening access to those who may not want to participate in sport, but like to perform. They make the effort, working with others, and are growing into "good Aussies". Specifically, it shows that singing helps to develop kindness and interaction with others.

At the end of the day, Peter said, our job is to tell stories, and people having a voice is

really important.

SPW does not have a home. It is in the throes of discussion about obtaining one.

What can Rotary do to help? Rotarians can talk about Seymour Performers Workshop and the Community Choir, and about what they do. Finally, we can encourage people to attend their shows.

Next on the program was the raffle. Ruth took the chockies, Tony Lee the wine. Joker Poker went to Bonnie, who missed out on the Joker so it jackpots once more.

In closing the meeting, President Ruth again thanked the members of the choir, and Peter for his talk.

Holmes and Watson Go Camping

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. In the middle of the night, Holmes woke Watson and said "Watson...look up and tell me what you see". Watson replied "I see millions and millions of stars"

Holmes said "And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson responded " *Astronomically* it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and we are small and insignificant

Horologically it tells me that it's about 3am

Meteorologically it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you, Holmes"

Holmes said : it tells me that somebody stole our tent!"

Quote of the Day

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream (C S Lewis)



How are you doing chasing down the blue historical plaques which the club placed celebrating Rotary's centenary?

Save the Dates

31 August	Adopt a Road	Mathew
13 September	Trivia Night	Ruth
14 September	Trivia pack up	Ruth
21 September	Market at Kings Park	Mark
3-4 October	Seymour Show gate	Mark
12 October	Winery tour	Samantha
28 November	Say No to Domestic Violence	Ruth

Community Car Raffle 2025 raising funds for your charity of choice.



What is your other charity?

What is your partner's charity?

The local cemetery trust, pregnancy support, croquet club, world vision, land care group, fishing club, whatever your non-Rotary charity is, the Rotary Club of Mooroopna invites **charity organisations** to use our car raffle as **your fund raiser.** Not for profit organisations are welcome to apply. Of course Rotary Clubs from anywhere in Victoria or NSW are also welcome to apply

First Prize: An automatic KIA Stonic Sports valued at \$30800. On-road costs included.

Prizes 2,3 and 4: \$1000 vouchers winners' choice for either groceries or hardware.

Proceeds 60/40: The on-selling organisations receive 60% of the proceeds and Mooroopna Rotary Club receives 40% of the proceeds. Mooroopna will fund the entire prize pool and all other costs. Zero risk for your charity.

Ticket price: \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 **Ticket sales:** From September 1st to December 20th for on-sellers.

Raffle draw: December 31.

You will be selling physical tickets in books of 25. There is no requirement to sell all the tickets you request. Unsold tickets can be returned.

To register interest please contact Richard Speedy at rspeedy@rot.net.au

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