

Rotary
Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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Coming Meetings

Date/Venue	8 September Royal Hotel	15 September Royal Hotel	22 September Royal Hotel
	International Literacy Day Naurelle Palmer speaking on <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Vocation Visit to Gnarly Neighbours Presentation by founder Jayden Sheridan 6pm then to the Royal	Football Night Members of the Rotary Club of Alexandra are our guests
Chair	Jane Challis	Mat Fowler	Greg Byers
Toast	Trevor Wilson	Leanne Chapman	Catriona Jarman
Cashier	Catriona Jarman	Paulette Andrews	Russell Chapman
Greeter	Alan Walton	Tony Lee	Ron Halicki

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

Trivia Night 13 September Junior Games Hall, Seymour College, Loco St Seymour
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING
Vocation Visit

Prior to last Monday's meeting, we gathered at "Our Place" in Stewart St Seymour. This activity is located as part of the Seymour College complex with its own entrance and facilities. Founded by the Coleman Foundation, there are 9 "Our Places" in Victoria: Robinvale, Moonee Ponds, Seymour, Carlton, Corio region, Westall, Doveton, Frankston North and Morwell. All centres operate on the same principle: They provide access to services for vulnerable households. There is space available for any organisation offering community services. We were guided by Liz Tregenza and her staff Amanda McLean and Deb Kaak, who showed us around the facility.

The intention is that they provide a one stop shop for those who need some help to gain access to services they need. This includes Aboriginal people, refugees, and those using out of home care.



Seymour is in the top 10% of disadvantaged towns in Australia. The centre's aim is to influence change to this status by addressing disadvantage identified by Seymour College, Mitchell Shire Council, Kids First and Nexus. Among the resident community services are Seymour Family Child Care Centre, Baby College, New Parents Group, The Bridge, Young Parents' Group, Maternal and Child Health Centre. One significant action is the once a term gathering of community service providers so that each can become up to date with services

offered by others. This breaks down barriers between services. Established in 2019, Our Place provides a much needed service in our community. It is still funded by the founder philanthropic organisation, the Coleman Foundation.

Then it was off to the Royal for our normal meeting, where Liz was our guest speaker.

In opening the meeting, Chairman Dave Palmer noted that in his long membership of the club, this is the first time he has chaired a meeting.



Russell Chapman proposing the Toast

President Ruth thanked those involved in the previous day's Adopt-a-Road, which cleaned up the Pucka entrance to town. She reminded members of the need for a good turnout to help with the Trivia Night on 13 September.

The **International Rotary club toast** was proposed by Russell Chapman, who had chosen the Rotary Club of Sigatoka. This choice was based on the membership of that club in the 1980s by Past President of this club and past DG, the late Bill Holman. Located on Fiji's Coral Coast, the club has hosted many Rotarians on holiday in that beautiful part of the world.

Chartered in 1974, and with only 15 members, the club serves its community through many projects in education, health, youth development and disaster response. Its strength lies in its deep local ties and the ability to act quickly when needed.

Reports

Jane referred members to the *Telegraph* which had carried editorial content and advertising for the **Trivia Night**.

Fiona reported on the 2 students from the Flexible Learning Centre who will attend the **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) at Axedale. She also advised that our annual mock job interviews for students at Seymour College will be held on Tuesday 28 October.

Mark reminded us that the **Market** will resume on 21 September. He has 46 vendors signed up, and anticipates more by the day.

Family of Rotary: Viv told us that he had caught up with Bryan Tehan and Annette in Melbourne for lunch.

Community Service Chair Mat Fowler echoed Ruth's thanks to those who helped clean up yesterday.

John Barton spoke about the Special Music Education Event to be held on 16 September. John will demonstrate why Music Logic is different, how it works, and the remarkable progress of Music logic **students**.

Raffle winners this week were Leanne Chapman (the chockies) and David Freeman the wine after a redraw. Jo Wilson had the right ticket for the **Joker Poker**, but alas not the right card.



Leanne Chapman with the evidence



Joanne is not a winner (this time)

Our guest speaker Liz Tregenza went through her screen presentation, much as we had seen earlier. It was of benefit to those who had not been able to visit Our Place.

In the **Sergeant's Session**, Ruth fined Greg for a household blunder. He managed to break a small garden pot, and replaced it. But it wasn't the same colour!

Fiona managed to get Greg too. Whilst leaving a coffee shop in town she noticed Greg and Chaddy talking at a table. As she left, she saw Stuart Locke: What's Greg doing here, Stu asked. Isn't he supposed to be working?

Those not wearing name badges also were fined.

In closing the meeting, Ruth noted that Our Place is a great resource for the Seymour community; and noted that her Angels will meet at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 9 September at her home to prepare for the Trivia Night



Chairman Dave presenting gift to Liz Tregenza



Kindergarten at Our Place

International Literacy Day

It is widely reported that Australian students have poor literacy skills when compared to other countries. Is this a chicken and egg situation? Is the poor grammar and sentence construction we see and hear in the media each day a product of education, or does the media fall into being one of the causes?

Let's look at some examples which have crept into daily use.

"Australia are on a winning streak..." No, Australia is singular, and should have a singular verb.

"The Hume Highway is cut off at..." It is probably cut. If it's cut off you cannot reach it.

"Collingwood's 20 point defeat to..." What does that mean? Defeat of, defeat by..?

The difference between "damage" and "damages" is quite clear, and the words are not interchangeable.

Income tax refunds being referred to as Tax Returns. Totally different.

People "casting a ballot". No, they cast a vote in a ballot, probably on a ballot paper.

"Cold temperatures". Temperatures are high or low. Weather is hot or cold.

"Heavy rainfall"...rainfall is a measure of rain. We have heavy rain or high rainfall.

It seems to me that too many journalists think that using more or longer words is better than fewer.

"Coastline" when "coast" is more accurate is an example. "Titled" and "entitled" are quite different in meaning, yet the latter is frequently used to refer to the name of a book.

I'm sure that you can think of many more examples of demonstrated poor literary skills.

How do we fix it? Should we worry? I think that we should in the interests of accuracy. The meaning of any discourse should be clear. The English language has sufficient words to properly describe whatever it is you are seeking to express and thus avoid confusion.

Save the Dates

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 October	Mock Interviews	Fiona
28 November	Say No to Domestic Violence	Ruth

**Special Music Education Event
Music Logic Teaching System
6.30 pm Tuesday 16 September
VRI Hall
Enquiries John Barton 0425 778 051**

