



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR

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BULLETIN #3 – WEEK COMMENCING 24th 2023

DATE VENUE	31 st July ROYAL HOTEL	Sunday 6 th August	14 th August ROYAL HOTEL
GUEST SPEAKER /EVENT	WENDY KELLY ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY	SEE DETAILS BELOW	DEBBIE OLIVER PRINCIPAL SEYMOUR COLLEGE
CHAIRPERSON	CATHY GOURBAULT LAWRENCE		SUE GOETTE
LOYAL TOAST	MARY GREENSHIELDS		ALAN WALTON
CASHIER / RAFFLE	FIONA MC CARTHY		CHRIS BENCE
GREETER	PAULETTE ANDREWS		ALISON HALL

IF YOU CANNOT FULLFIL YOUR DUTIES PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE ELSE AND ADVISE PRESIDENT GREG

Sunday 6th July – Replacing Monday night's meeting will be a working bee at the Shed including a BBQ lunch. Further details will be provided.



A very special event is planned for Sunday 20th August when we will visit the Base Recording Studio in Melbourne. Phil Threlfall, an ARIA winning producer, the owner of the studio, will show us through his facility. Phil has worked with likes of Jimmy Barnes and Tina Arena. We will take the trip by train, which Ruth will coordinate, have lunch and return. Let's make sure we support this wonderful opportunity. Further information to follow.

Our Sergeant At Arms **Ian Chadwick** brought our meeting to order and introduced our stand in Chairman and Acting President [in the absence of Greg Byers] PP **Mark Dossor**. We all provided out invocation :

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks.

PP **Gary Doherty** provided our toast to Australia and the King

PP **Ruth Byers** reported on our upcoming program – see above for details.

It was noted that unfortunately Alan Walton's grandson was facing significant health issues while Janina Taylor was recovering from a recent operation. Best wishes were passed on to both.



Mark Dossor reported that there was just 56 days to go till our first market on 17 September 17. Information would be provided as we progressed but stated that we would not be providing a BBQ on the day as it is more important that we support our vendors and allow them to make some money. Also we would not

be manning the entry gates. This function would be offered to local community groups to collect our donation entry fee. These funds would go through our system but would be directed to that community group. In both cases this will reduce the manpower needs on our club.

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PP Ron Halicki provided us with chronological history of his life going right back to his birth at the Broadford Hospital. Ronald, known as Ron or Ronnie, was one of 6 kids who attended the International School in Kilmore before progressing to Broadford High then completing a Science degree in Bendigo. It would appear that Ron spent more at the pub than attending uni, where he met IJ. Returning to Broadford on holidays Ron work on the Hume Freeway constructio . A full time factory job in Seymour did not suit Ron's outdoor lifestyle and chance conversation led Ron into the Fire Brigade where his career began. Ron married IJ in 1981, buying their first home in Melton before buying their farm in Highlands / Caveat to raise sheep for wool before progressing to meat sheep. Ron retired from the Fire Brigade in 2018 but finding he needed more to do he took a job as Driving Trainer / Assessor at Puckapunyal.

Our new member Chris Bence provided his Behind The Badge beginning with his father's history as farmer in Werribee before moving to Northern Victoria. A football accident, and a stint in hospital, led him to meeting his future wife, a matron at the hospital. While Chris' last 10 years has been in emergency management with V Line his back-story is a long history as a policeman. Stationed in what he called the 'wild west' areas of Broadmeadows and Northcote in the 1980's Chris spoke of harrowing times and the resultant pressure, on his family, that his roles as a detective and the manager of the drug squad resulted in. His policing roles led him to his current area of expertise, emergency management. Chris was a member of the Rotary Club of Rosanna before relocating to Nagambie and recommencing his Rotary journey with us.





Unfortunately a lack of time did not allow for Alison Hall to present on 'South Sea' Pearls.

This presentation will be provided at a later date.



Ron Halicki won a raffle prize and the opportunity to draw the Joker, sadly he didn't win it, while Catriona won the bottle of wine.



And so does Seymour