



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR

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BULLETIN #4 – WEEK COMMENCING 31st AUGUST 2023

DATE VENUE	Sunday 6 th August	Monday 14 th August ROYAL HOTEL	Sunday 20 st August
GUEST SPEAKER /EVENT	SEE DETAILS BELOW	DEBBIE OLIVER PRINCIPAL SEYMOUR COLLEGE	SEE DETAILS BELOW
CHAIRPERSON		SUE GOETTE	
LOYAL TOAST		ALAN WALTON	
CASHIER / RAFFLE		CHRIS BENCE	
GREETER		ALISON HALL	

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

Sunday 6th August – Replacing Monday night's meeting [7th August] there will be a working bee at the Shed including a BBQ lunch. Be at the shed at 10.30am. Numbers are required by Friday August 4th so that the BBQ lunch can be catered for accurately. Jane will take these confirmations.

Replacing our Monday 21st meeting, is a very special event on Sunday 20th August when we will visit the Base Recording Studio 7, Yarra Place South Yarra. 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, Tina Arena and many others. We will take the trip by train, leaving at 9.16am from Seymour Station, meeting for lunch at midday, which Ruth will coordinate, and return. Let's make sure we support this wonderful opportunity. Partners and friends are encouraged to join us. Confirmation numbers are required by August 10 so that a lunch booking can be made.

Our Sergeant At Arms **Ian Chadwick** brought our meeting to order and introduced our honorary member **Cathy Gourbault - Lawrence**. We all provided out invocation :

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

PP Mary Greenshields provided our toast to Australia the King and the U.K Rotary Club of Morecombe - Heysham a part of Rotary District 1190.



Having waiting 8 years to chair a meeting **Chairman Cathy** welcomed our guests from NEXUS, our guest speaker, Wendy Kelly, Samantha Manning and Mathew Fowler and introduced **President Greg Byers**. **Greg** asked that our future Chairman be careful to watch meeting timing. Potentially a lot of work is put into presentations and we do not want presentations to be cut short or even postponed. If you are logged to present for 3 minutes – 3 minutes please!

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



PP Mark Dossor reported that there was just 48 days to go till our first market on 17 September 17. While it is anticipated that less manpower will be required than we all may think it is important that all job function on our market days have backup so please make yourself available for the first market where you will be allocated a task. It was noted that the market would only be 11 times per year for a total of

around 66 hours per year, not a great demand on our time. It was always our intention to have a wishing well to raise community specific funds, Dave Mills has kindly offered to build it and it is progressing well. Gary, John and Mark will commence our venue layout plan on August 13th. It is noted that all vendor recruitment methods had borne results, website promotion, word of mouth, flyer distribution and Facebook. All methods should be continued. While a greater variety of stallholders was still required **41 Vendors had registered to participate** and while there were some costs to be allocated **\$1700 had been raised so far**. A full range of local markets are available in the next 4 weeks so if you are visiting a market please continue the promotion and **Talk, Talk, Talk** to our community.



Our guest speaker tonight is the Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at NEXUS, Wendy Kelly. Wendy spoke of promoting and developing a more inclusive and diverse community and that people power was the driver. Advocacy groups have been developed to ensure that all groups were in a position to advocate for themselves because it was important that their point of view, ideas and recommendations were adopted. We should not assume that we understand the needs of diverse groups, ask them what is important! Business accessibility was considered a priority and consultation was ongoing in the Shire and beyond to ensure that the likes of carparking and access to businesses were convenient and easy. There were ‘minimum standards’ set for most situations but Wendy suggested that ‘best practice’ should be the objective in all circumstances. A reconciliation plan was being devised for First Nations and LGBTQ inclusion was a priority. Inclusivity in sports was being expanded with programs including Aussie Rules, soccer and skateboarding already taking place. Local sporting clubs were being encouraged to be involved. A major part of long term plans was partnering with others to achieve results.



Our Joker Poker jackpotted again tonight, there is over \$550 in the kitty, when **Greg Byers** failed to draw the winner – how sad! **Tony Lee** won the bikkies in the raffle and **Catriona Jarman** walked away with another bottle of wine.

Our Sargeant Ian got underway by fining Dave Freeman, Big Dave and Little Dave for a wave in the carpark [not sure why?] All the AFL losers from the weekend put money in the box, while Ruth got whacked after Greg cleaned the spa and she didn't use it. Tony Lee was back tonight so payed the penalty then Greg was fined for not knowing he had grandchildren in Brisbane while Tony Lee was fined for birthday.



And so does Seymour