

Bulletin #10 2023-2024

President Greg Byers **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Duty Rota

If you cannot fulfill your duties please arrange someone else and inform Pres.

Date	18th September	25th September	2nd October
Guest Speaker	Michael Moloney How not to Stuff up Retirement.	Invisit Rotary Club of Alexandra Footy Night	Club Night Behind the Badge
Chair	Alison Hall	Kathy Mills	TBA
Greeter	Fred Sartori	Mark Dosser	All
Loyal Toast	Gary Doherty	Paulette Andrews	John Keefe
Cashier	John Keeffe	Jane Challis	Ron Haliki

Invocation ALL

For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through Rotary We Give Thanks

Started on time tonight with tonight's Chair, Alison Hall calling for the Invocation, after this Paulette gave us the toasts with the Rotary toast going to Rotarians in Marrakech.

Our guests tonight are Sarah D'Orria from Rambling Wine Tours, Chris Chadwick, Bill Dwyer for his 3rd visit and Honorary Rotarian Alison Ridley.

Standin President, Mark Dosser, was next with welcome to guests and reminding us that the market is 6 days away. The bright signs for the market are now out at all entrances to Seymour. Mark said he was to have a 30 minute Radio session timed to start at 1615hrs in the next couple of days.



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Back to our Chair who called for directors reports.

SEC. Reminding us she would like to know members response to the Regionalisation program. Please let her know your answer, yes or no, by Saturday afternoon. Thanks.

TREAS. No report. But did tell us about Saturday's sausage Sizzle. See report later.

Chaddie reported that Janina is not well and could we ring her to offer our support. Also Brian Tehan sent his regards and was not happy due to being unable to drive now.

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Our Guest Speaker tonight is Sarah D'Orria who founded Rambling Wine Tours.

Alison stated that she wanted to look at vocations that meet the Rotary's '4 way test' of Truth, fairness, good feelings and benefits. Is this one?

Firstly there was a short video interview which introduced Rambling Wine Tours.

Sarah started in Real Estate and by 2021, after covid lockdowns, people wanted to explore and Sarah was no exception so with some friends they explored the wineries. From here the idea of providing winery tours grew. Sarah started visiting both the big as well as the smaller boutique wineries to get the feel for her idea.

Sarah had left her job and commenced organising her business when lockdown #4 began just as she was launching her business. But she used the time to consolidate so she was more than ready to reopen for trips when the lockdown ended. Next the Floods didn't help and it took a while to convince visitors that the area around the wineries was still open.

Getting her bus ready was a headache as it needed accreditation before it could take passengers. This took longer than expected. Also it needs regular servicing to keep accreditation.

There are many beautiful wineries to visit in the Goulburn Valley, big and small. Sarah takes her small groups to any that they would like to visit. The visits are personal and friendly. There are half day tours where 3 wineries are visited and at 1 place there is a grazing board. On the all day tour 5 wineries are visited and lunch is included at a winery or restaurant.

Sarah says she enjoys the work and it is nice to meet different people. She is slowly expanding

with the help of Robbie her husband, who drives the bigger bus; and 2 other drivers who are very knowledgeable about the wineries.

While the future of the tourist industry is fragile, Sarah hopes to go into shuttle drives for weddings and conferences.

Then we had some questions. The answers providing the following info. Sarah said she picks up people from homes, stations and accommodation and dropping them back. There is no obligation for tourists to buy wine but if they do, there is room to carry it back.

Sarah is making some money and has already won some tourism awards.

Sarah says she currently uses an accountant but is learning and soon will be able to do the finances herself. The tours do not have to be solely about wine it can include ceramics and other crafts.





Rotary was asked to support the Youth Development Group, by cooking lunch at the competitions to be held at the Skate Park, in Chittick Park, on September 9, 2023.

Saturday 9th September dawned sunny but windy. Peter and I set off for Seymour to get ready to provide lunch to the competitors and watchers at the Skate Park, in Chittick Park.

At the shed we collected tables, signage and equipment to cook and serve the food provided to us by Council. A gazebo was attached to the back of the trailer and off we went.

After talking to the organiser, we set up the trailer, tables, gazebo and signage. Setting out the cooking implements, bowl for washing hands and connecting the gas; we waited for the right time to start cooking the sausages supplied. At around 11.00am Chaddie and Chris Bence arrived to make a team of 4. We did not forget to put out a bucket for donations and received \$17.00 from the group.

There were not many people around and not many competitors. Things were not looking good. At around 11.30 we fired up the BBQs and loaded on the snags and onions. Uh oh no gas, everything stopped cooking. After trying a few things to get going, it became clear that ALL gas burners on together was not going to cook the food. 2 burners on each were deemed okay and away we went, all ready for 12.00pm serving.

By this time, the sky had clouded over and the weather looked ominous. The food was free and soon the tasty snags with onion, wrapped in bread, were disappearing into people's hands. Not long after this it was raining and some people moved to their cars to await the cessation of the rain. Occasionally they would appear for another sausage.

It rained for about 50 minutes before the sky partially cleared. At this time the organisers decided to continue, but due to the low turnout the organisers decided that lunch would finish being served at 1.00pm.

The 4 of us cleared and cleaned up; but Chaddie was having trouble with his feet and twice tripped on the little BBQ. No injuries thankfully. Finally, we were packed up and heading back to the shed, where Chris, Peter and I unloaded all bits and pieces before locking up and going home. Thank you Ian and Chris.

Ann Pritchard.



Fines with the Sergeant (Ian) - As we have all been good people this week there were few fines.

Raffles: Gary had the chocs while Chris C the wine and Vivian tried for the Joker but!!!! It jackpots for another week.

Alison the Chair indicated there was a good musical coming up (Legally Blonde) and she would try to get some people to come and visit and talk about it.

Next week is Micheal Molony to talk about not stuffing up finances in retirement.

Mark thanked Sarah for coming and providing an interesting talk. (Does anyone want to do a tour now?) Also, he thanked the other guests for coming, then he thanked the members who did the Skate Park food.

Good night all.



Some of the wineries that RWT visit.

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