

Bulletin #17 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	6th November	13th November	20th November
Guest Speaker	THE ROYAL ROTARY BIRDCAGE	Junior Community Awards Presentation	Club Night AGM
Chair	Jane Challis	Fiona McCarthy	Greg Byers
Greeter	Chris Bence	Catriona Jarman	
Loyal Toast	Bill Dwyer	David Freeman	Hugh Lawrence
Cashier	Liam Jones	Richard Pennington	Peter Holland

Invocation ALL

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



Chair David Freeman commenced the meeting by asking all to stand for the Rotary Invocation. This was followed by the Rotary International toast given by Ron Halicki to the Downtown Rotary Club 29, Oklahoma City, USA. With 615 members and an additional 22 honorary ones, it is the largest Rotary Club in the world. Founded in

1910, it is also Oklahoma's oldest organisation and participates in numerous local and international community service projects.

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President Greg Byers introduced our Club guests for the evening, speakers Sam Hugill and Ben VanderZee from the SEED organisation, and for the last time, Mathew Fowler and Samantha Manning who were then inducted into the Rotary Club of Seymour as new members, being proposed by Ruth Byers.

Ruth provided a glowing overview of Mathew and Samantha who are both Community Support workers for Nexus, describing them as being passionate about their job, adored by their clients and a



pleasure to work with. Mathew will be placed on the Market Committee under the guidance of Mark Dossor and Samantha will be positioned on the Service Projects Committee with Jane Challis as her mentor.

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President Greg then called on Board and Club members for their reports. Ruth Byers reminded everyone

of the need for assistance with the sale of raffle tickets, the Trivia Night (18th November) and Shake the Can which is being held over the Cup weekend. Trevor Harmes requested sponsorship for 'Movember'; details can be found on Facebook, and Kathy Mills notified the Club that Janina Taylor is finding her post operative recovery difficult and would appreciate a few phone calls. Greg acknowledged the help provided at the bus company BBQ the previous week and also the significance of the Community Awards as received by Alan Walton, David Freeman, Kathy Mills and Catriona Jarman (on behalf of the Rotary Club) in response to the flood recovery effort.

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The Sustaining Economic Empowerment and Dignity (SEED) Project:

Speakers Sam Hugill and Ben VanderZee provided an overview of the SEED project with which they are involved. Based at Community House in Seymour, the SEED Hub aims to support women by growing their confidence, skills, and to explore personal goals. It also provides an opportunity to increase the financial well-being of women living in Seymour. As part of the Brotherhood of St Lawrence organisation, this pilot project has been running for the past 12 months and funding is available until June 2024. It was established following research into the needs of women in Australia and focus became centred on Seymour following statistical review; it is the only project of this kind in existence in Australia.

Workshops are available to women and the focus is in two steps ; 'Stepping Stones to your Pathway' which develops skills, strengths and self-awareness. This is followed by 'Changemakers – self advocacy and community involvement' and looks at the women's passion for individual projects.

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The Hub is available to women of all ages; childcare is provided if required. The friendly staff offer flexible support in both group and one to one mentoring situations. It is a setting in which connections amongst participants is fostered.

Promotional advertising is done through flyer distribution (at times in discreet places so that the women are able to privately record contact details) and marketing on Facebook. President Greg Byers suggested notices be placed on the Seymour buses which was met with great approval by the SEED representatives.

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Extract from the October Rotary Radio Show

World Polio Day is acknowledged on the 24th October each year. Rotary International has been involved in a worldwide polio vaccination program since the mid 1980s.

Polio is a paralysing and potentially fatal disease that still affects children, usually under the age of 5 years, in some parts of the world. It is incurable but vaccine preventable.

In 1985 Rotary launched the Polio Plus program aimed at tackling global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Since then, Rotary has contributed more than 1.5 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children in over 120 countries. Every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched two to one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Since the implementation of the Polio Plus program, there has been a 99.9% eradication of the disease. Today only a few cases remain in the world; these have been located to Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is important that Rotary remains vigilant in continuing with the vaccination program as Polio has the capacity to resurface amongst the world's population owing to its incurable nature and its ability for the virus to mutate.

Rotary's important work in eradicating Polio from the world stage will continue until the disease has been totally eradicated.

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Fines: Ian Chadwick hosted a detailed fines session targeting our new Club members Sam and Mat, Mark's new haircut, the Community Award recipients, Alison Hall's extensive advertising, the BBQ attendees (notably Greg, Eliot and Paulette), John Keeffe for his popularity amongst the Seymour community, Greg again for the shortcomings of the suit worn at the weekend wedding, Viv for not being aware of the cost of his own wine sales and Ruth (as cross fined by Greg) for her varied sense of direction.

Raffle Prizes: Bill Dwyer took home the chocolates and Cathy Gourbault-Lawrence, the bottle of red.

Next Week: 'The Rotary Birdcage' which will be a fun night in preparation for the next day's Melbourne Cup. Come dressed in your finest outfit as there are prizes to be won!

Up coming events;

Shake the Can—See Ruth's email and help when you can

Trivia night—Read Ruth's email and see if you can help out in some way.

And don't forget the November Market.

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