

Bulletin #23 2023-2024

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

Next meeting is at Fred's Shed, 70 Redbank Street.

Duty Rota

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

Date	18th December	Next Meeting 7th January 2024 Vocation and Social Visit	15th January
Guest Speaker	Xmas at Fred's Shed	Social Meeting Kingleake flower and Berry farm	
Chair	Greg Byers	See information further into the	
Greeter	Jane Challis		
Loyal Toast	Alison Hall		
Cashier	John Keefe		

Invocation ALL

For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through

Sergeant Chaddie started the meeting by welcoming ALL Vips (members) before calling on the Chair Ruth who in turn called for the toast, given by Jane. Tonight her Rotary toast was for the Rotary Club of London. This Club was founded in 1911 and was the first outside of North America. Following on, another 108 Rotary Clubs were established in London. Meeting every Monday lunch time at the Chesterfield Mayfair Hotel, they are currently having their Xmas lunch.

The Rotary Club of London received the 2022-2023 Rotary Citation in helping Imagine Rotary in the lives of people all over the world.

We, then said the Invocation.



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Mark our stand in Pres. Gave Greg's apology as he is working. Mark also wanted us to know that he had attended a President elect forum the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd.

Reports were called.

The Sec. and Treas. Had no reports

Gary—Foundation; wanted us to see the direct debit form on the table and asked us to consider donating.

John—Special projects; Told us that preparations for Australia Day were coming along nicely but the Army was unable to supply a Flag party. To be followed up.

Mark—Market and membership; We were reminded that the Market is this weekend and he only has 5 helpers. Please could you offer a couple of hours Sunday morning to help set up vendors. Santa is arriving by CFA truck at around 10.30am. Please help us create good community feelings with the market.

Back to Gary. The Wishing Well is this week, being dedicated to the War Orphans of Ukraine; with donations so far raising \$1500 we are hoping by the end of December we will our target of \$3000. Rotary Seymour has decided to donate \$550 for each of the next 2 years to Wheelchairs for Kids.

Rotary Family— Fiona is doing well but would like phone calls to brighten up her days.

Ruth—Program; The Mooroopna raffle books should be with Ruth, there is one still out there—Could you have it? Everything has to be addressed before the 20th December; money sent, tickets returned etc. Your ticket stubs have to there to be drawn. Good Luck All.

A reminder to everyone that next week's Rotary meeting is **our Christmas Party at Fred Sartori's** residence. Thank you to those who have responded with their intention to attend or otherwise. However if you have yet to reply, numbers must be in by Wednesday 13th December, at the latest, for catering purposes. Please let either myself or Jane Challis know of your availability.

The cost for the evening will be \$25 per head; BYO drinks.

If you are able to assist with either the setting up, the meal preparations (cutting up meat) or are able to bring a salad, please contact Fred.

Partners are welcome and festive dress is a must.

Thank you Catriona Jarman Club Secretary

January 7th, Fowkes Family Farm, Kinglake

We will leave at 9.45am to head up to Kinglake for a 11.00am vocational tour of the flower farm.

Lunch at the Kinglake Pub will follow then we will head to Nina Lundes for a vocational visit to Blueberry Hill Farm.

Greg will drive a small bus up the hill so you can sit back and have a lovely relaxing day out. Please advise by January 2nd if you would like to attend.



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Introducing our new Club Polo!



Colour: Teal (Ocean Blue) with both Club and official Rotary logo embroidery
Fabric: Made up of 60% cotton and 40% true dry fabric
Features: Moisture wicking, antibacterial, de-odourised, UV protection, quick dry, breathable, easy care and easy fit
Sizes: Unisex sizes from extra small to 5 XL; also available in women's sizes
Sleeve Length: Long or short
Cost: \$45 for long sleeve and \$40 for short sleeve
Unisex sizes will be available to try on at next week's Christmas party.

Orders are to be placed with Ruth by the start of January so that the shirts are available in time for Australia Day. Payment is to be made when they are delivered to the Club.

See the email about the new polo from Catriona in regard to the sizing.

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Please see the Email Mark sent out about how Meetings are run.

In essence we need to be a little more formal with our meetings, and treat our guests as special people.

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Behind the Badge

Ann Pritchard

Born in the early 1950's Ann emigrated to Australia in 1959. After attending 4 primary and 1 secondary school she commenced training to be a nurse at The Alfred in 1971. Ann became a State Registered Nurse in 1974 and in 1980 completed her Midwifery to become a double certificated Nurse. Ann continued working as a nurse until 1985.



In 1974 Ann joined the newly formed State Emergency Service, a follow on from the Civil Defence. Whilst a volunteer Ann worked in Communications, mostly Radio and attended the Australian Counter Disaster College to do a course on Instructional Techniques. Ann assisted in several operations before finishing in 1983.

In 1974 Ann met her future husband, married in 1976 and had 3 girls, in 1982, 1985 and the last in 1991.

When the girls were in Kinder Ann became the Treasurer of the Kinder.

After the girls started school they wanted to join Girl Guides and not long after she became involved; firstly in Support then as a District Leader and finally as a Unit leader. In Guiding Ann learnt first aid, setting up camps, catering for camps, organising events and risk management. As a District leader Ann was involved with a Committee of Management of one of the venues as Chair of the Committee.

When the girls were older Ann was invited to work at a Takeaway shop at the local Shopping centre. Eventually Ann worked at a bigger café takeaway before retiring. For this work Ann learnt Food Handling and How to make Coffee.

Ann's other interests include sailing, flying Gliders, learning to drive Mini Mokes (and through the MOA Ann carried out the duties of Secretary), crafting and with Rural aid has carried out fencing, gardening, painting and catering.

Now Ann is volunteering with Rotary and enjoying the companionship; and is also a support volunteer with the CFA.



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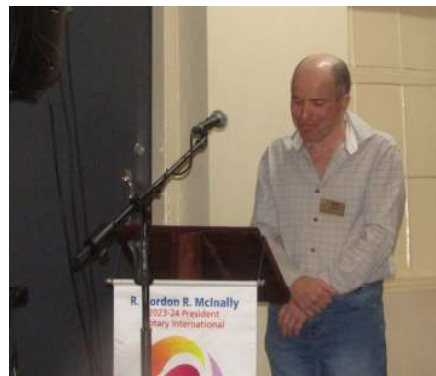
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Bill Dwyer

Bill was raised on the family dairy farm near Maffra, in 60s & 70s, where all 7 kids pitched in. Then it was a 3rd generation farm now it is 4 or 5th.

He was educated at Boisdale Consolidated then at St Patrick's, Sale. Bill studied Medicine at Melb Uni. Through Newman College where he made some lasting friendships. He enjoyed XC running and spent summer holidays on a fire-fighting crew at Heyfield. He skipped uni. in the year of the Franklin River Blockade in Tasmania.

When he completed university, he did his medical residency at Ballarat for 4 years then he went into initial GP practice in Alexandra for 2 years. Bill's 2nd marriage was to Sarah, now for 23 yrs. Bill has 3 kids from his 1st marriage, all in their 30s, with 1 grandchild.



Bill came to Seymour in 1998. He'd trained in Obstetrics at Ballarat, and in Anaesthetics in the UK prior to coming to Seymour, and joined those services on arrival. In about 2006, he took a sojourn from Seymour, to try out with the RFDS in WA.

Bill was stationed mainly in Derby & Meekatharra. Primarily the work was medical retrieval, it was often routine, sometimes acute. We would pick up patients usually from a remote clinic or district hospital, and take them to the Royal Perth Hospital. Aboriginals made up a large part of the patient base. Acute cases were generally related to trauma or severe infection. It was a challenging role, occasionally for the situation faced, always for the heavy on-call and long flying hours. It was highly rewarding in many parts, but on balance Bill felt that it wasn't for him. Bill was with them for about 10 months then returned to Seymour.

At the time the Seymour obstetric service had stopped, but there was interest in restarting it. That happened, and it ran for about 5 years. It was a shoestring outfit in terms of doctor numbers, but country services usually are. It was a very satisfying time. With 2 departures from the roster, one anaesthetic and 1 obstetric, it became clearly unsustainable and closed.

Bill continued with anaesthetics for the next few years. His main interest in anaesthetics had been the obstetric side of it—the caesareans etc. I missed this, and felt jaded with the routine anaesthetic work. I stopped about 4 years ago.

Bill's current work routine is normal clinic work and hospital rounds, which he enjoys. He does skin cancer surgery, which he finds very satisfying. Quite a bit of his clinic work is supervision and exam preparation for the younger doctors, and he enjoys that role.



Away from work, Sarah and Bill enjoy swimming, gardening, reading, family and friends. They very much enjoy living in Seymour.

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Raffle tonight—Bill had the Chocs and Alison the wine

Pres. Elect reminded us of help being required for the Market , thanked the Chair, thanked us for attending and bade us a good night.



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