

Bulletin #35, 18th March, 2024

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

Next meeting is at

Duty Rota

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

Date	25th March	1st April	8th April
Guest Speaker	Living Legends	Easter Monday No Meeting	Kat Fleming Fitness instructor
Chair	Ruth Byers	NA	Alison Hall
Greeter	Alan Walton		David Freeman
Loyal Toast	Richard Pennington		Ann Pritchard
Cashier	Mark Dossor		Fiona McCarthy

Invocation ALL

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

After our very interesting and enjoyable visit to the Seymour racing Club, we returned to the Royal Hotel for dinner and our meeting. Chris and Mardi joined us.

The meeting was chaired very capably by Bill Dwyer. He opened the meeting with us saying the Invocation. Paulette then presented her loyal toast to the Rotary Club of Ballarat



Paulette chose to toast the Rotary Club of Ballarat in recognition of the very challenging times the community of Ballarat have been experiencing recently. The murder of Samantha Murphy, bushfires, the collapse of the Ballarat Gold Mine with the death of miner Kurt Hourigan. Our clubs' thoughts go to them all.

President 23/24 Samantha McIntosh

Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
March	24	District Assembly	
	29 - 1st April	Shake the can	TBC
April	4	Provide dinner to SES for Exercise	Peter Holland
	21	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	19-21	District Conference	
	22	Membership Night	Mark Dossor
May	18	70th Anniversary	TBA
	19	Community Market	Mark Dossor

Est 1925 “The promotion of Ballarat and the ongoing welfare of its citizens are of the utmost importance to our club”.

The club meets at the Ballarat Golf Club on Thursday at 1pm.

Projects include:

- Milk drive for the Soup Bus
- Phoenix Force Blue project
- Youth science forum
- Winston Loveland music award
- Celebrating Women's Success Events



Reports were called for:

President, Secretary and Treasurer were apologies for the meeting.

Mark gave a report on the Market that was held on Sunday. He thanked those who assisted before and on the day and said the day was a success with most vendors wanting to return next month April 21.

He encouraged us all to consider people in our community to invite to our **Membership Night** on April 22nd and notify him of names before March 27th. This significant event will be held at the Bowls Club 6-8pm with finger food provided. Members cost \$20 for food, drinks for everyone at bar prices.

Guest Speaker: Chris Martin

Chris reflected briefly about his background and his very new, full-time role as CEO of the Seymour Racing Club.

He spoke of his steep learning curve for the business and administration of racing and some of the challenging background involved in getting racing back at Seymour.

Goals mentioned were growing membership, corporate sponsorship, developing the facilities with confidence in the track to race consistently and safely. He also mentioned trying to get more race meetings at Seymour and the community using the facilities for events such as weddings, parties, funerals and other celebrations.

Visit to Seymour Racecourse

Upon arrival to the Seymour Racing Club we were greeted by Chris Martin CEO and Mardi Jarvis Chairperson. Both are relatively new to the positions. Chris began our tour with a look at the horse stalls which are used daily for track work. Currently the facilities are utilised by around 30 registered trainers who have roughly 80 horses a day in work on the track. Previously trainers were not charged for the use of the track and facilities. The committee has now implemented a \$3.30 a day usage fee. Daily track work sees most of the horses go out and do two laps of the track before returning to the pool for a quick swim(walk through).

We were then lead to the mounting yard and race track where we were given the opportunity to walk the track, getting a feel of the lush and spongy grass which was surprisingly long. Chris explained they have four tracks. Having two grassed turf tracks and two sand tracks. The main track is 23 metres wide and has a length of 1820 metres. This can support a maximum of 14 horses in the field for each race.

In 2015 the race industry decided that the Seymour track needed to be a winter track so the track was widened. Two years ago it was dug up and a new profile was put in.

Race day owners get free food and drink.

Renovations from the floods have just completed, in the owners lounge.

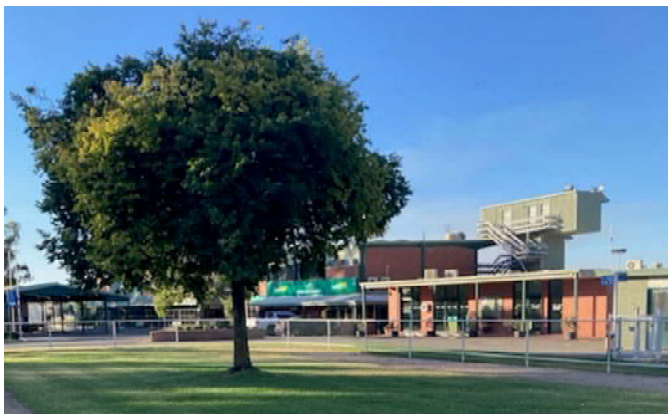
Track work supervisor is getting a new building, many buildings have been demolished since Chris and Mardi took over.

There are no member areas any more, this gives race goers access to most areas without segregation.

The committee is looking at reinstating the Puckapunyal Cup.

The club hires out their function room (Bar Landy Room) which holds 120 max people.

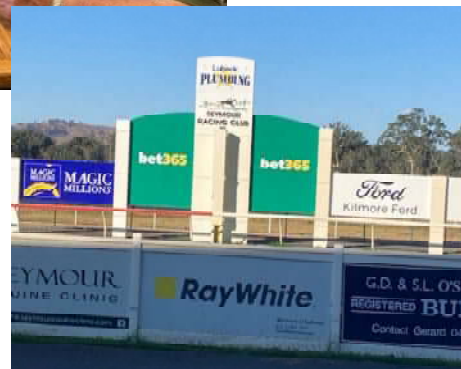
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The raffle was drawn, and the lucky winners were Mardi Jarvis the wine and Jane the chocolates.
No Sergeants session this week due to Ian Chadwick being away.
After fun, food and fellowship Chair Bill closed the meeting at 8.15.



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