



Bulletin #37, 15th April, 2024

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

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel 1830 for 1900hrs'

Duty Rota

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

Date	22nd April	29th April	8th May
Guest Speaker	Normal night BTB Sam Trip talk by Ruth and Greg.	Visit to Wine X Sam	Visit to RC of Yea
Chair	Mark Dossor	Ann Pritchard	
Greeter	Chris Bence	Peter Holland	
Loyal Toast	John Keeffe	David Freeman	
Cashier	Ruth Byers	Catriona Jarman	

Invocation ALL

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



David commenced the evening with the Invocation followed by Peter with the Toasts. Tonight we toasted the RC of Norfolk Island. It is part of district 9910, while only a small Club, possible 23 members, it has produced 3 District Governors. They meet fortnightly, alternating between Wednesday breakfast and Thursday dinner. Projects include Picnic areas, working bees at the school and fundraising and a food stall at the Ag. Show.

Stand in Pres. then welcomed us all and our 3 guests from RC of Southern Mitchell.

Please Note: Membership night has been Postponed for the time being. Please attend at Royal Hotel.

Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
April	21	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	19-21	District Conference	
	22	Membership Night	Postponed
May	8	Visit RC of Yea	Ruth Byers
	13	Possible visit to Tallarook station	TBC
	18	70th Anniversary	Catriona Jarman
	19	Community Market	Mark Dossor
June	16	Community Market	Mark Dossor

David called for Reports

There were not many due to members being away.

Treasurer's report. All goes well - bank accounts have money in them. Peter was also able to sell off the last Tyrepower voucher. Thank you Trevor.

Vocation— Alison H. This year's Pride of Workmanship Awards would be chosen in a vote by members from those worthy people who have talked to us over the year. The Awards will be presented at the Changeover dinner.

John— Community Service. Is filled with a sense of frustration due to the shortage of volunteers in the Community. He feels that part of the problem is the amount of RED TAPE that seems to follow every task undertaken by volunteers. For example to get a tip pass for when we clean up the entrances to Seymour we have a large amount of paperwork to fill with apparently worthless information that bears little relevance to the job of going to the tip.

Also years ago to Join the CFA it was turn up to training one night and talk to the Captain, meet the others, hop on the truck and work with some hoses. Now it takes about 3 months to join. Firstly register then get some training then go on the trucks.

Other volunteers need WWC checks, Police Checks, Safe handling of food certificate or something else before you can volunteer. No wonder no-one wants to volunteer.

John then thanked us for listening to his gripes.

Mark - Reminded us of the market on 21st and stated that we have a couple of interesting new vendors. To date the markets have taken over \$15,000

Membership - of the 16 invited only 2 have responded to say they were unable to come. If there are no more responses the meeting will become something else.

Please continue to tell people about the Market so it can grow.



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Our speaker tonight is Paul from Southern Mitchell.

He has come to give us an update on Project Lemur. This project started 18 months ago to provide food to children at a school in southern Madagascar.

Things did not go to plan and changes had to be made. Funding was a problem but has now been sorted. Food bank and Lions International have joined forces to provide the food for the children and suggested that Rotary look at providing educational items.

Part of the funding problem was that transfers of money had to be in US dollars and therefore some funds were lost in the transfer to the Rotary club in Madagascar. So instead of raising \$20,000 the Project needs \$35,000—to date just over \$32,000 has been raised. Also the co-operation of a Rotary Club in France was obtained and the Project can proceed as planned.



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Raffles— John got the chocs and Kathy the wine.

Mark then thanked Paul from Southern Mitchell for his talk, every one for coming and reminded us to pay as we depart.

Good Night.



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