



## Bulletin #40, 29th April, 2024

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

Next meeting is at Rotary Club of Yea. See Below

### Duty Rota

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

| Date                 | Thur. 9th May      | 13th May                    | 20th May                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Guest Speaker</b> | Visit to RC of Yea | Presentation by Mark Dossor | No Meeting see 18th May below |
| <b>Chair</b>         |                    | Mark Dossor                 |                               |
| <b>Greeter</b>       |                    | Fiona MCarthy               |                               |
| <b>Loyal Toast</b>   |                    | Ruth Byers                  |                               |
| <b>Cashier</b>       |                    | Chris Bence                 |                               |

Invocation ALL

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

Tonight we visited Wine X Sam and had a Tour of the facility. See Report.

Following that we retired to the Royal Hotel for Dinner.

Our Chair tonight, Ann, got us going with the Invocation and David provided the toast. Our international toast went to the Rotary Club of Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland. They raise funds with a Golf Day, encourage Youth with a Virtual Marathon; a technology event for schools and do Shake the Can at local supermarkets.

Recently they celebrated their 80th Anniversary and during this time they granted the actor Liam Neeson an Honorary Membership for his distinguished career in the film industry and for being a goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF. (He was a local resident.)



| Upcoming Events |             |                  |                  |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Month</i>    | <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i>     | <i>Organiser</i> |
| May             | 9           | Visit RC of Yea  | Ruth Byers       |
|                 | 18          | 70th Anniversary | Catriona Jarman  |
|                 | 19          | Community Market | Mark Dossor      |
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| June            | 16          | Community Market | Mark Dossor      |
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### Visit to Yea

Yea RC meet at the Yea Golf Club clubhouse, Racecourse Rd Yea. RHS of Racecourse Rd and well signposted.

Time 6.30pm for 7pm and usually finish by 8.30pm or earlier.

Incorporated into the evening will be a few games to bring a bit of competition to the evening and also to have a bit of fun.

There will be some time for Seymour to report on Club activities and any special projects that you would like to share with our members.

The cost of the 2 course meal is \$30. Could you advise of numbers attending and any dietary requirements by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April and also whether you would like to take the bus, which departs from near IGA at 1815 Thursday night.

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Ann asked if there were any reports, but none this week; however Mark wanted to tell about the monies raised at the last market principally that the AG Soc. raised \$750 at the gate.

John wanted to tell us that we should encourage people on the gate to talk to the visitors in the hope of raising more cash. And also for us as Market organisers, we should be friendly and cheerful to the vendors to encourage them to keep coming back. Because it's a fun and friendly place and it assists in getting shoppers to visit if it has good vendors who are happy..

Ruth told us of the upcoming events; like the visit to Yea and our 70th birthday celebrations.



Anniversary Lunch 18th May 2024



Members and Families are invited to our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which is less than 3 weeks away.

The details are:

VENUE - Bar Landy Room, Seymour Racecourse, Kobyboyn Rd

TIME- 12 Noon

DRESS - Neat Casual

COST - \$45 Per person for 2 courses (Drinks at Bar Prices)

Please let me know by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May if you are an apology or plan to attend.



Contact us at PO Box 80, Seymour. 3661, or Seymour@rotary9790.org.au

or call the Secretary (Catriona) on 0419372481

## Visit to WineXSam



Members arrived at this wine making facility for 1800. Most of us knew Sam the owner so it was an informal affair.

We started the tour seeing the Hopper in which the grapes are tipped on arrival at the facility; from there they are transferred to the machine that removes the stalks then the grapes are crushed before being fermented with the appropriate yeast.



After this step the wine is then moved to either Stainless steel storage bins, some made by Furphy or oak casks that use American oak as well as European and Australian, where they are allowed to settle and become clear and develop their individual characteristics. There is no set time for this process.



The vintage is different each year so the characteristics of each wine are different each year. Some times blending of wines is required to achieve a required "taste" that is noted for a style of wine.

Sam sells his wine to the USA, the UK and around Australia. His 'brands' include; The Victorian. The Butterfly Effect and Stardust and Muscle.

While on the tour we were able to taste some 'raw' wine which showed how the storage process clears the wine and mellows out the characteristics. Also we were able to note the effect of the wine, particularly the reds, when stored in the oak casks.

Sam had some very old casks that had interesting histories. This tour was very interesting and we could have stayed longer to learn more about wine making but we had to go onto the Royal.



No Sergeant's session tonight for we have good Rotarians this week.

Lastly our Chair called for the Raffle - Chris and Bill were our winners tonight.

The Chair, Ann thanked those that visited Sam's, our guests for coming, reminded us to pay our bills and wished us safe travels. Good night till we meet again.