



Bulletin #41, 9th May 2024

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

Next meeting is at Royal Hotel at 1830 for 1900

Duty Rota

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

Date	13th May	20th May	27th May
Guest Speaker	Presentation by Mark Dossor	No Meeting see 18th May below	To be confirmed
Chair	Mark Dossor		
Greeter	Fiona Mcarthy		
Loyal Toast	Ruth Byers		
Cashier	Chris Bence		

Invocation ALL

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



Anniversary Lunch 18th May 2024

Members and Families are invited to our 70th Anniversary Celebration which is less than 1 week away.

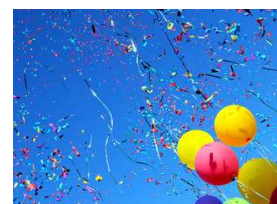
The details are:

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 2nd May if you are an apology or plan to attend.

PAYMENT - can be made directly to the Account or cash or card on the day

Account name: Rotary Club of Seymour Inc. BSB: 063 545 Account Number: 0080 0108

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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
June	16	Community Market	Mark Dossor



Our adventure to visit the Rotary Club of Yea started at 6.15pm when the bus driven by Chris Bence left the Seymour IGA carpark. In attendance was Paulette, Greg and Ruth, Bill, Mathew (the trusty navigator and all round driver's assistance), David and Eileen, Trevor, Catriona, Tony Lee, Kathy, Alan and Tony Woodhouse. (14 including the driver) Ron Halicki met us over there. 15 in total attended.

Once we arrived and were greeted warmly we organised payment for our dinner, got our drinks and sat down ready for the evening's entertainment.

Rodney Reid did the Rotary prayer/invocation and then toasted King and Country.

Tony Jacobs the President of the Rotary Club of Yea welcomed us stating that it was more than a friendly visit with 15 of us there it was more like a friendly invasion.

The Rotary Club of Yea meet at the Yea Golf Club, this helps the golf club to keep running, they also have local community groups do the catering as a fundraiser for their organisations. The meals for our occasion came out pretty quickly with the caterers being the Sacred Heart Primary School. The groups cook, serve and clean up after the event. The smiles on the young ones serving us was just lovely and they were so eager to assist and ensure we were well fed. I have a picture of the kitchen team from Sacred Heart attached. Dinner was roast beef with baked potatoes and cauliflower and broccoli in white sauce with a lovely jus (gravy). Dessert was bread and butter pudding with custard. Everything was very yummy.

Tony Jacobs got up again after dinner and thanked the Sacred Heart Primary School parents and students. He then went on to say that they have 37 members but that will be dropping to 35 members due to people moving away. They do networking for new members, their goal for 2023 was 6 new members and they got 5, for 2024 the goal is 4 and they currently have 1. They passed a motion on the night to increase their honorary members to 12 or 25% of their ordinary members. Their members are made up of :- Ordinary, Honorary and Associate Members.

The clubs major events raising around \$80,000 each year are:- Garden Expo, Cycle Dindi, Open Gardens and the Art Show. On top of this as mentioned the catering for meetings is done by the local schools and community organisations and they receive payment for this to the tune of around \$40,000 going back into the community. The Raffle money goes into the SunShine account and this is for the President to use at his discretion.

Next Julie Lynch the Secretary of the club spoke about one of the additional projects they do with is in memory of Ruth Konig a long standing member of the club who passed away in 2016. At each District Conference there has been a Ruth Konig Walk raising funds for a pet project of Ruths called Day Spring in I believe Africa. The funds for the



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walk went to this cause up to 2023 when the grant was then closed. This year the club has been able to change the direction of the funds raised to the Ruth Konig Memorial Scholarship. Local year 12 students are able to put in an application for the scholarship, they are then interviewed with the intention of one being selected to receive a scholarship of \$2000 for three years to assist them to get on their feet be they going to university, Tafe or an apprenticeship. It is there to give them a helping hand to get started and assist with some of the financial barriers experienced with going from a small town to the big smoke. In 2023 the club ended up selecting 2 students to benefit and they have done the same in 2024 therefore the club is now supporting 4 students at \$2000 each for three years. The Ruth Konig Walk had 40 registered walkers at the Conference (not all actually walked but they paid the fee). The Walk has raised \$750 already this year.

Tony Jacobs spoke again and said that their club is very centred on Youth sponsoring exchange students and supporting RYLA and RIPEN. He then introduced Tippy Anderson.



Tippy Anderson is the International Service Director and she has a Mini project that she is working on in Thailand called the "English Corner". The Club raises funds through Thai Food Nights and those funds are used to create :English Corners in schools so that the children can read English books, puzzles and games to assist them in learning English. English Corner #1 cost \$1450, English Corner #2 cost \$1750 and Tippy is currently working on English Corner #3 with the first support payment of \$500 paid with the expectation of the total cost being \$1400.

Our President Greg spoke stating that our biggest thing at the moment was the re-invention of the Monthly Rotary Market which is lifting the profile of the club. He also mentioned that local community groups take turns in manning the gates to raise funds for their cause..



After this a few games were played, one was break into groups and the person to get the dollar coin closest to the bottle of wine wins the bottle. Ron Halicki won in our group. Then we all had to lift our seats and see who had won the door prize. Ron Halicki won a box of chocolates for this. Lastly was the raffle and the meat tray voucher was won by our very own Tony Lee. Other prizes were won by the Yea Club members but I didn't catch their names.

Then we were back off and onto the bus for a very wet trip home. Chris Bence was an absolute champion driving the bus in the terrible conditions but he was assisted by his trusty sidekick Mathew.



This item was only sent to me in the last 2-3 weeks so:

Project LEMUR Update -

David D'Silva and I are still working hard with the team in Madagascar. I have recently requested that Foodbank and the Lions Club in Madagascar sign an MOU since we already have one with the Rotaract Club. Foodbank & Lions Club have recently shown interest in joining the project. They will assist us by transporting and distributing food for 150 poverty stricken students and other items we will source for the school.

We have been waiting for almost two months for them to sign the document. Unfortunately everything in Africa seems to take longer than anywhere else.

We were hoping to transfer about \$10k to the Rotaract Club by Easter but since we are still waiting for the document, we made the decision to delay until all parties agree to their commitments and obligations. The school year in Madagascar is just about over for the year and will recommence at the end of September. We might have to wait until August to buy the goods we agreed to source for them. We have recently visited the Rotary Club of Bendigo, Sandhurst and they have promised me to cover the cost of the water filtration.

From our end everything is organized and ready to go, however things in Africa take time. It can be somewhat frustrating but we just have to tolerate it since we cannot be there to manage the project ourselves.

For those individuals who wish to donate please use the following link. All monies are Tax deductible.

Please donate - <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/2-2022-23>

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