

Bulletin #43. 18 May, 2024

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

Next meeting is at The Royal Hotel at 1830 for 1700hrs.

Duty Rota

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

Date	27th May	3rd June	10th June
Guest Speaker	Debate Fred Sartori Future of EVs	Bob from Caffeine Bistro His business and the Entertainment Cen-	Royal Birthday weekend No Meeting
Chair	Mark Dosser	John Keefe	
Greeter	Alan Walton	David Freeman	
Loyal Toast	Catriona Jarman	Fiona Mcarthy	
Cashier	Bill Dwyer	Gary Doherty	

Invocation ALL

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



After being called to order, Our President, Greg welcomed all to the 70th Anniversary Luncheon specially our guests and noted those who sent an apology. He then called upon Gary D. for the Toast to King and Country.

A brief history - in 1954 The Rotary Club of Euroa sponsored the foundation of the Rotary Club of Seymour and in our time we have sponsored 2 Clubs the Rotary Club of Alexandra and the Rotary Club of Broadford-Kilmore. All of which have sent representatives today.

We were advised that there were raffle tickets on the table to buy at our leisure, over the meal.

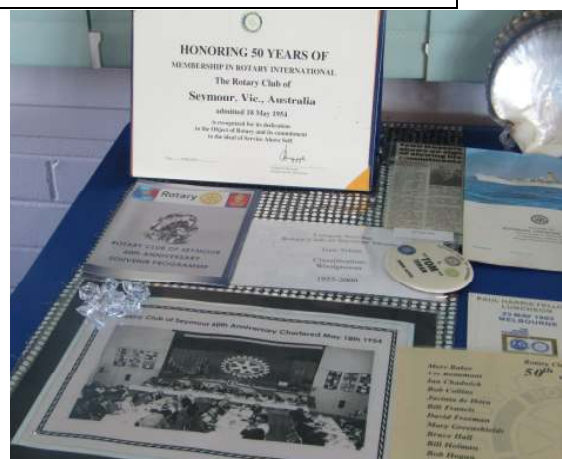


Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
June	16	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	29	Change Over Meal	
July	21	Community Market	Mark Dossor

John Keeffe spoke of history and gave us a brief look at the recent history of the RC Seymour.

Henry Ford is alleged to have said “History is Bunk”. Others have said words to the effect “If you don’t know where you’ve come from, you can’t know where you are going”. Following these opening comments, John Keeffe went on to confirm the importance of history to communities such as ours.

At this, our 70th Anniversary function, John did not reiterate the older history of the club, which had been covered at previous anniversaries. Rather he addressed recent history, other than remarks recognising that the club had provided 2 District Governors in Leo Gorman (1986-87) and Bill Holman (2003-04). He then went on to speak briefly about Charter President CJR (Jack) Ansett. President Jack was instrumental in having 100% of the club’s members contribute to Foundation at Charter...a world first, which probably has not been met by any other club. John suggested that the audience may care to read the story board at the entrance to Bunnings’ Seymour shop, which touches on the history of the site which was formerly the Ansett Knitting mills.



Speaking to the present, John noted that “Service Above Self” is part of the Rotary credo., pointing out that members not only raise money to fund worthy causes, but as the occasion calls for it, they get out and get their hands dirty.

He then went on to itemise the Service Projects undertaken by members in the recent past:

Adopt a Road, tidying up the 3 entrances to Seymour

The photo competition to promote Seymour, with the entries published on a DVD

Provision of road closure services for several years for Tastes of the Goulburn and for the Anzac Day ceremony in Anzac Ave

Cleaning and maintenance of Rotary Park until the Council took on this task

Plaques on historic buildings to celebrate Rotary’s centenary in 2005

Since 2013, responsible for Seymour’s Australia Day celebrations in Seymour

Police Awards

Pride in Workmanship

Covid lockdown grocery delivery service for IGA customers

Youth Exchange, debating, junior community awards, mock employment interviews for local schools

Following the 2022 flood, distribution of debit cards valued at \$500

Not recently, but still notable, the delivery of hay and stock feed, as well as household items, to drought stricken Tenterfield, followed by coach travel to Melbourne and return for 30 children.

As for fundraising the club has developed many and varied events.

In the early 2000’s the club conducted annual Stud Tours, with thoroughbred enthusiast travelling by train to Seymour, and then by coach to several of the horse studs in the district.

Other activities include

Pokie Trips, with Seymour residents taken to social and sporting clubs along the Murray to enjoy a day out with lunch

Raffles conducted at major events in conjunction with Rotary Club of Mooroopna

Staffing the gates at the annual Seymour Show

Collections 3 times each year at the Tallarook Service Centres (Shake the Can)



Golf day at Seymour Golf Course
Trivia Night and Silent Auction
Seymour Market
Collection and sale of old lead acid batteries

In conclusion, John pointed out that the town entry signs within the Shire carried the Rotary logo, as Rotary was instrumental in having them placed.

Next Mark Dossor spoke.

Good afternoon everybody my name is Mark. It is a joy for me to provide this short but very important presentation.



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. He teamed with 4 of his business associates who rotated their gatherings to each other's business premises. Hence the name Rotary.

Since 1957, in his honour, Paul Harris Fellows have been recognised to express appreciation for contributions to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation, the largest philanthropic organisation in the world. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. These projects are funded, implemented, and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe.

The Paul Harris Fellow program recognises individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris is a Rotary legend but we have 3 of our own.

Several weeks ago a normal weekly meeting was put aside to celebrate 3 legends of our club and advise them of their award as Paul Harris Fellows. Today we formally present them.

All are previous Paul Harris Fellow recipients and have been exceptional servants of our club and more generally the Rotary movement.

At this point I would like to acknowledge past president Gary Doherty for providing the accumulated points to present these recognitions – thank you Gary.

Could I please ask John Keeffe OAM to come forward – John joined our club on 1 March 2003, before that he had been a member at the Rotary Club of Balwyn. He has held the positions of Club President, Treasurer, Foundation and Service projects chair and is a Paul Harris recipient now 4 times.

David Freeman please come forward. David joined our club on 2 September 1997. He has held the positions of President, secretary, treasurer and foundation chair. Dave is a Paul Harris recipient now 7 times with most coming from personal contributions.



Alan Walton please come forward

Alan joined our club on June 23 1998 and has been a profound contributor to Rotary ideals and consistent contributor to the Rotary foundation. He is now the holder of 4 Paul Harris Fellowships.

One of the great joys I have had as a Rotary Club member is the wonderful people you come to know. Each of these gentlemen have unique and different personalities. None are outlandish in their approach. They are quite achievers, they just go about their work with dedication and a controlled enthusiasm. Each have been supported by their constants Jill, Norma and Eileen, thank you ladies, but the one thing that brings them together is that they are just 'damn good people' and I am the lucky one for knowing them!

Next Phil Clancy spoke on remembering the help he was given in the past by the RC Seymour and how when being a AG his understanding of the Rotary Foundation was enhanced by Leo Gorman of Seymour.

President told of one of the long serving members of Seymour and one in particular who's relation Ian Whiteman was invited to cut the Cake.



On behalf of the District Governor Neta, AG Sharon Foxx presented a Plaque commemorating Seymour's 70 years.



Later after the main course we had a little Quiz devised by Ruth and Catriona. This was based on the history of the club. Answers could be found around the room from displayed Club paraphernalia. A copy of the quiz is included at the end of this issue, with the correct answers in red.

After that and some more food, the raffle was drawn. Many attendees benefited from the draw. The cake was cut up and presented to each person to eat or take home.

Pres. Greg thanked all for attending and hoped we had enjoyed ourselves. He gave a special thank you to our guests. We were welcome to stay around and catch up if desired for a little longer.





Rotary Club of Seymour 70th Anniversary Quiz; 18th May 2024

The Rotary Club of Euroa sponsored the Rotary Club of Seymour's Charter. Who was their Club's President at the time?

- a) **Harry Jacka** b) Geoff Webster c) Alex Nicholson
d) Michael Tehan

How many members of the Seymour community were inducted as Charter Rotarians?

- a) 16 b) **22** c) 25 d) 28

When did the actual 1954 presentation of the Club's Charter occur?

- a) 8th July b) 16th August c) 23rd September d) **1st October**

Where did the presentation of the Charter take place?

- a) Seymour High School Hall b) The Royal Hotel c) **The Shire Hall**
d) The Seymour Historical Society Building

5. In which decade did the Rotary Club of Seymour become included in District 9790?

- a) 1950s b) 1960s c) **1970s** d) 1980s

6. The Rotary Club's first President was Jack Ansett. Which commercial industry did he own in Seymour?

- a) **Knitting Mills** b) Racing Stables c) Winery d) Hotel

What amount (in American dollars) was the Club's first financial outlay to Rotary International?

- a) \$110 b) \$165 c) **\$220** d) \$330

8. On which date in 1966 did the Rotary Club of Seymour charter the Rotary Club Alexandra?

- a) 25th August b) 25th October c) **25th November** d) 25th December

9. Who was the Rotary Club of Seymour's first female member?

- a) Lynne Munari b) Alison Ridley c) Fiona Stevens d) **Mary Rose Mulvaney**

10. Tom Tehan (classification 'Woolgrower') was the Rotary Club of Seymour's longest serving member. For how many years was he involved in the Club?

- a) 52 years b) **54 years** c) 57 years d) 61 years