

Bulletin #44, 27th 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	3rd June	10th June	17th June
Guest Speaker	Bob from Caffeine Bistro His business and the Entertainment Centre	Royal Birthday weekend No Meeting	
Chair	John Keefe		
Greeter	David Freeman		
Loyal Toast	Fiona MCarthy		
Cashier	Gary Doherty		

Invocation ALL

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

Coming to order we all said the Invocation following which Catriona gave us the Toasts.

The month of June, which is fast approaching, is Rotary International fellowship month the aim of which is to recognise the importance of good will amongst Rotarians with similar interests.

As you are aware, our Rotary Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary on the 18th May which coincidentally was World Whisky Day. In 2016, Rotary International officially sanctioned the Rotary Whisky Drinking Rotarians And Members fellowship, the acronym appropriately being DRAM. The aim of this fellowship is for Rotarians and their partners who enjoy drinking whisky to learn and share information about whisky from all parts of the world. There are currently 350 members in 29 countries who belong to the Whisky DRAM fellowship. My interest in this topic lies with my brother-in law who is an architect living in Hobart and who is responsible for the design of a Whisky bar called 'Evolve' - I recently participated in some whisky tasting whilst visiting there last month.



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Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
June	16	Community Market	Mark Dossor
	29	Change Over Luncheon	
July	21	Community Market	Mark Dossor
August	18	Community Market	Mark Dossor

The Rotary Club of Christchurch has become active in the whisky DRAM fellowship by organising a celebration of tastings at a whisky outlet called 'Whisky Galore', home to 750 whiskies from around the world including Australia. All proceeds from the event have been donated to Christchurch's 'Clear Water Initiatives' which are aimed at improving the ecological health, indigenous biodiversity and amenity value of the waterways.

The Rotary Club of Christchurch was chartered in 1922 and holds Tuesday lunch meetings which are interspersed with evening meetings at a local bar – their members certainly appear to enjoy a regular imbibe!

Please join me in toasting the Rotary Club of Christchurch, New Zealand and also the Rotary Whisky DRAM fellowship under the auspices of Rotary International's fellowship program.



The Rotary Club of Christchurch and the Rotary International's DRAM fellowship.

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We had 1 guest Elliot Jarman; welcome to you.

Sec. Invites to the Changeover will be out soon. Invites to the Changeovers for other Clubs can be checked in your emails.

Treas. Thanks to Ann for looking after the Market accounts while I was away.

Be advised that invoices for membership dues will be sent out soon. There is a slight increase of \$20 to cover increased costs. You may pay for 6 or 12 months. Your invoice will be for \$280. For those that pay 6 monthly, invoices for the remainder of the dues will be sent out in December.

Mark Also my thanks to Ann for keeping the Market funds rolling along.

This month, there was just a little over \$700 to the Car Club from the gate and after expenses we took in about \$1800 from the vendors

As advertised over the months we will still start at 0900hrs and finish at 1300hrs. Next year we will review and maybe not have a market for the J months. (Jan, Jun and Jul).

Fiona There are many students going for Junior Community Awards and all appears to be going well for them.

Jane A report about our 70th Anniversary has been presented to the Newspaper and we hope to see it printed in this week's paper out Wednesday.

Paulette has heard many good reports about the music played during the Market this month and hopes they will be back another time.

There were no other reports.



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The picture above is the bear skeleton from the whiskey bar in NZ. From Catriona.

On Saturday 25th May, Mark managed a small stand in amongst 15 other local community groups at the Volunteers Expo in Seymour, facilitated by The Mitchell Shire Council. It was aimed to promote the availability of volunteer organisations in our town.



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Tonight we had a presentation from Fred Sartori on EVs.

There are 2 major EV retailers in Australia—BYD from China at \$48K to \$51K with an 8 year battery warranty; and Tesla from the USA for \$59k to \$61k also with an 8 year battery warranty. Tesla's VX4 comes with an 8year or 165K kilometre battery warranty.

To replace the batteries in these cars is not cheap;-

BDY \$16k

Tesla \$20k to \$22k

Toyota will cost you \$64K to \$80K to buy but \$55.5k to replace batteries And - should you wish to trade in your 6 year old EV well!!! there is no money for them.

If you think that you are saving money perhaps you should think again.

Tesla will give you 600km per charge and BYD 345 to 400km. To charge at home will cost about \$13 and using a DC charger will be \$20 but may take 8 or more hours. Due to the quick uptake of EVs commercial charging stations are not easy to find and usually have queues.

Another problem is that there are not enough trained Mechanics to service these vehicles. In Britain around 13% of mechanics can do service on EVs. In Australia the situation is worse and there are very few new Mechanics coming out of the trade school. In the USA if you damage your Tesla there are few people to fix them and repairs are very expensive so EVs tend to be written off; this can also occur in Australia. Due to the high cost of repairs or cars being written off Hertz Car Rentals are removing EVs from their range

It is possible that in the short term EVs will be taken up less and less, until technology can catch up with care and maintenance for these cars, especially for Australian roads.. Tesla in the US is laying off workers in the production factories because of the slower than expected take up.

Copper is a very important requirement in EVs especially in the charging side of the vehicle. At \$10k a ton this makes them ideal targets for thieves.

Hybrid vehicles do not present with that many problems, for instance, to replace the batteries in a Toyota Hybrid will cost you \$2K to \$5k. So people, should you want an EV then at the moment a Hybrid vehicle may be the better option.

As extra information Chaddie mentioned that P-plate drives cannot drive an EV.

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Our Sergeant, Chaddie, held a fine session this week. There were several and varied fines and we had lots of laughs along the way.



The Raffle tonight was for 2 bottles of wine. Janine took the Red wine and Alan the Bubbles.

Mark thanked us for coming and asked us to Drive safely on our way home.





*President Greg Byers and President
Elect Mark Dossor
together with Members of the Rotary Club of Seymour
invite you to join us at our*

Annual Changeover Luncheon

Partners and Guests are welcome to attend

Date: Saturday 29th June, 2024

Venue: Bar Landy Room, Seymour Racecourse, Kobyboyn Road

Time: 12 Noon

Dress: Neat Casual

*Cost: \$45.00 per person for a 2 course luncheon;
Drinks available at bar prices*

*RSVP: Club Secretary Catriona Jarman by Friday 14th June, 2024
M: 0419 372 481 or Email: catj@live.com.au*

Please provide dietary requirements at the time of booking.

*Prepayment may be made via direct transfer:
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