



Bulletin #46, 17th June 2024

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

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel and is the last night for 2023-2024. Meet at 1830 for 1900hour start.

Duty Rota

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

Date	24th June	2024-2025 1st July	8th July
Guest Speaker	Surprise Night	TBA	TBA
Chair	Jane Challis		
Greeter	Dave Freeman		
Loyal Toast	Mark Dosser		
Cashier	Catriona Jarman		

Invocation ALL

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

Ian C called us to order then introduced our Chair Peter H. He called for the Invocation followed by the Toasts by Jane C - King and Country and to the Rotary District 9097.



Next came our Pres. Greg who described this as his last regular meeting for his year and Thanked every one for coming along tonight. Greg mentioned the Market and what a good chance it was for fellowship and talking to Rotarians about things other than Rotary. He indicated that the Changeover luncheon was very soon(29th June).

Chair Peter called for reports:

Sec. - Thanked everyone for assistance through the year.

Treas. - Let all know that the club is still solvent and reminded us that we

should use a name or something to identify where a deposit into the bank comes from not just what it is for

Jane - see report.

The Lights are on at Marysville

On Thursday 6th June Kathy Mills and Jane Challis travelled to Marysville for the official "Turning on of the Lights."

In 2022, the District Conference was held at Marysville and was well supported and enjoyed by our members using the accommodation at the caravan park and other venues. After the Saturday night of celebration, the group staying at the caravan park walked back through the very dark park and unfortunately Jane fell over a low concrete wall and broke her wrist.

Past District Governor Anne Reid wanted to contribute back to the Marysville community for supporting Rotary and enabling the conference to go ahead using all the community facilities available. Sadly, Anne has passed away, but she wanted funds from the Rotary Conference to go towards improving the lighting and safety for the community at the park.

Phil Clancy and other Conference committee members met with the shire council and planning began for lights to be installed at the Marysville Park.



The event on Thursday acknowledged Past District Governor Anne Reid's last wish and is really a tribute to Anne. Phil Clancy and Councillor Sandice McAulay spoke at the event with Mayor Damien Gallagher, CEO Olivia Bonazzi, Marysville Lions Club members and other guests in attendance,

The lights were paid with \$5000 from Rotary (funds left over from Anne Reid's year) and \$17,000 from a Federal Grant.

The three lights run on solar power and run for 5 hours at full power then drop to 20% until triggered by motion. They will drop back to 20% after 30 seconds of no movement. This will allow the power to last through the night.

It is wonderful to see that the council acted on the incident that occurred with Jane taking it through to the event of turning on the lights. Once notified of the accident they, the Shire, immediately showed sincere concern and began the process to rectify the problem to avoid it happening again.

John - **Northern Mitchell Local Safety Committee**

At its meeting last Tuesday, the Northern Mitchell Local Safety Committee considered a report from the sergeant in charge at Seymour Police, Sen Sgt Clayton Munro. Interesting matters are:

Wallan Police Station will soon move to 24 hour operation

Seymour Police Station will soon have 12 more members

There has been an increase in property damage, but most is minor

Theft from cars and number plate theft is still occurring

Theft of cars is up, but most stolen vehicles turn up having been used simply as a conveyance

Assaults have slightly increased

Drug offences have increased, but more offenders are being caught

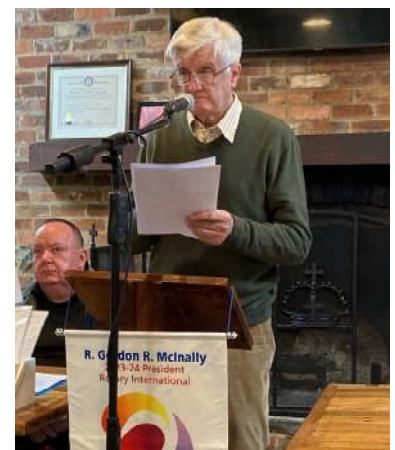
Weapon offences are down

Overall, crime is up a little, but Seymour is going well compared to others

RBT over the long weekend tested 2500 drivers, with 140 over the limit

On community safety, there are moves to require safety baskets in the openings on septic tanks.

John Keeffe



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

Next came our guest speaker President Elect Mark to outline his ideas for the coming new year.



With President Greg's agreement tonight, I would like to give you an overview of our people plans for next year.

I think we are a rather mature club and our activities are in the main well develop. Accepting that opportunities will arise the vast majority of our efforts are locked in.

Our fundraising activities are firmly locked in place :

Monthly Market

Trivia Night

Golf Day

Shake the Can and reestablished battery collection.

In advance I apologise if I repeat any of this information during our changeover in a couple of weeks but this is for internal discussion.

Firstly, I have always felt that our board numbers are a little top heavy. Effectively our recent past has provided a board number of 10, virtually 1/3 of our membership numbers.

I stress that this is not a standard that is locked in forever but this coming year we will reduce our board numbers to 8 and will be as follows:

The board position of Administration will be absorbed by me as President and will be explained a little later. The position of Public Relations which has been headed up by Jane Challis in recent years will no longer be a board position. This responsibility will be absorbed under the Administration umbrella.

Now while I obviously cannot talk for our President designate, for the 2025/6 period I would like to encourage everyone one of you to put your hand up for a position in that year as I do believe that there will be several people who will wish to walk back from a board position during that year.

At this point I would like to thanks both Gary Doherty, Jane Challis and John Keeffe for their relentless work in their portfolios in recent years as they will not be board participants next year.

I have not spoken to some of the names I will mention, I hope you are comfortable with your assignments.

Effectively we have only one personnel change this coming year, Chris Bence will take the portfolio of Foundation / International with support from Hugh Lawrence.

So, our board will consist of Chris and -

SECRETARY - Catriona Jarman, Catriona will be supported by Kathy Mills

TREASURER - Peter Holland, Peter will be supported by Ann Pritchard

VOCATION - Alison Hall, with support from Mathew Fowler

YOUTH - Fiona McCarthy, with support from Jane Challis

MEMBERSHIP - Ruth Byers, with support from Samantha Manning



COMMUNITY PROJECTS / SERVICE - Greg Byers, supported by Trevor Harmes and Fred Sartori

For many years we have attempted to hold what we have called “committee meetings” where the “committees” for each portfolio would come together to discuss and plan the portfolios activities . This has never worked for many reasons. As mentioned earlier our activities are mature and it is essentially individuals who run events, not particularly the board member as such. With this in mind I would like to speak about the two responsibilities impacted.

First, Administration, which I, as President will assume responsibility for.

SERGEANT – Gary Doherty / CORPORAL – Mathew Taylor

FAMILY OF ROTARY – John Keeffe

PROGRAM – Kathy Mills will manage with involvement from Paulette Andrews; however, this is a membership driven responsibility. If you have an idea for our program please speak to Kathy.

BULLETIN – Ann Pritchard, again input from all members should be forthcoming especially in regards to reports. If you have reported to a club meeting please provide Ann with an emailed copy of that report for the bulletin.

ATTENDANCE / CATERING – Jane Challis

WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA – Jane Challis, Liam Jones and Ruth Byers

INSURANCE / COMPLIANCE – John Keeffe

Secondly Community Service / Projects :

COMMUNITY SERVICE – opportunities will be responded to and assigned as they arise.

MONTHLY MARKET – Mark Dossor, Gary Doherty, Greg Byers, John Keeffe and Mathew Fowler

TRIVIA NIGHT – Ruth Byers, Mathew Taylor and Sharon Anderson – Warne

POLICE AWARDS – Greg Byers and Ian Chadwick

ADOPT A ROAD – David Freeman, David Palmer and Tony Lee

SHOW GATES – Ruth Byers and Viv Beaumont

AUSTRALIA DAY – Greg Byers, John Keeffe, Catriona Jarman, Richard Pennington and Bill Dwyer

SHED / ASSET MANAGEMENT – John Keeffe, Tony Woodhouse and Alan Walton

GOLF DAY – Peter Holland and Ann Pritchard

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – Alison Hall and Janina Taylor

SKAKE THE CAN – John Keeffe

BATTERY COLLECTION is a function that I must get back under control. I am committed to do so.

Just a few other things in closing:

I have asked Jane and Ann to start including apologies in our weekly bulletin. Only actual apologies will be recorded not simply those who do not attend.

Joker Poker will return to our weekly meeting along with our normal raffle and our raffle price, \$2 each 3 for \$5

There will be 3 Club Assemblies during the year but will take on a slightly different format. This will be detailed at the time.

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or call the Secretary (Catriona) on 0419372481



Minutes of our board meetings will be forwarded to members. This has not happened for a few years. In additions relevant decisions made at our board meetings will be reported to club meetings at the following weekly meeting. This reporting will be my responsibility.

Finally, it is our club's responsibility to make itself stronger so please I encourage you to speak to me on any matter that will contribute to this goal.

Mark Dosser

Mark - Market

Thanked us for our support and reiterated that it was a good place to socialise with Rotarians and the general community.



Sergeants Session.

This was Chaddie's 2nd last session. There were many and varied fines along with the usual laughter. Thank you Ian.

Raffle tonight - Ann P won the wine and Bill D had the chocs.

Pres. Greg. Thanked Mark for his outline for the year ahead and said it was nice to look ahead at what things you want to achieve. He thanked Jane for the report on the lights for the park in Marysville.

Thank you all. Good night.

Note: For any interested People

There is an information session on the Community Well-being Hub and Information Centre to be held at the Recovery Centre, Guild Street, Seymour on Wednesday 19th June at 7.00pm



