

Rotary
 Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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President: **Bill Dwyer** Secretary: **Bonnie Williams** Treasurer: **Peter Holland**

No 6. 10 August 2026

Coming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, we meet at 6.30pm for 7pm

DATE / VENUE	17 August No Meeting	21 August RSL	24 August Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	No Meeting in lieu of Dinner at the RSL Friday 21 st August	Dinner at the RSL	Visit to GO ART followed by a talk at the Royal
CHAIRPERSON	N/A	N/A	Jane Challis
TOAST	N/A	N/A	Ian Chadwick
CASHIER / RAFFLE	N/A	N/A	Russell Chapman
GREETER	N/A	N/A	Leanne Chapman

If you cannot perform your duties, please arrange someone else to do so and advise
President Bill, Ann Holland, Catriona Jarman or Alison Hall.

All Members: Please respond to meeting invitations to allow for easier catering.

SAVE THESE DATES

30 August

Rotary Community Market

Mark Dossor

Our chair for the evening, Alison Hall, welcomed all in attendance, especially visiting Rotarians David and Marilyn Barton from Melville in Western Australia. Formal apologies were received from Greg Byers, Gary Doherty, Hugh and Cathy Lawrence, Craig Hoath, Ann and Peter Holland, Liam Jones, Fred Sartori and Janina Taylor.

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF BALLINA ON RICHMOND: BONNIE WILLIAMS



The Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond in NSW was chartered in 1986 and currently has 54 members. The Club turned fellowship into action through the adoption of their ‘Say No to Domestic Violence’ campaign. The Club also invests in fundraising and service projects, is supportive of local youth and provided relief to local residents during the 2022

floods. It is, however, the “Say No to Domestic Violence” initiative that has grown into a local, national and international movement resulting in major community impact and is the inspiration behind the Rotary Club of Seymour’s own current campaign.

DAVID AND MARILYN BARTON – THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELVILLE, WA



Having both recently returned from a Rotary summit in Thailand, David and Marilyn Barton from the Rotary Club of Melville in Western Australia introduced themselves to our Club:

Marilyn has been President of the Rotary Club of Melville for the past 2 years; she is also a Past District Governor. Her work as a psychologist has brought her to Seymour to visit the Puckapunyal health centre during the coming week.

David is a Past District Governor and current Membership Director of Rotary South Pacific. Whilst accompanying Marilyn, he has been busy participating in Rotary at Zone level.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BILL DWYER

President Bill reported on a successful week of Rotary which included the Mitchell Shire's BBQ on 30th July, and the Cluster meeting involving attendance from nearby Rotary Clubs combined with DG Paul Miegel's visit. He thanked all those involved in the meeting, in particular Jane and Kathy for organising the End Polio Now raffle, and congratulated Mark Dossor and Dave Palmer as PHF recipients.



FROM CLUB MEMBERS

- **President Bill** notified Club members that the administrative work is in progress to host a Youth Exchange student whom we may meet on 28th September.
- **Bonnie Williams** stated that the “Say No to Domestic Violence” campaign had commenced. In the lead up to the Global Day of Activism, weekly posters depicting different messages will be placed around Seymour and supportive businesses and community members will be wearing the purple T-Shirts each Monday.
- **Jane Challis** has acquired 10 large bags of cans from the Seymour Racing Club for recycling and fundraising. Her Public Image work with the “Say No to Domestic Violence” campaign has involved developing a media release for both the “Telegraph” and the Rotary radio show. Liam Jones has assisted with computer technology including the Facebook page. Please notify Jane if you are aware of any contacts to whom she can forward the campaign information.
- **Sam Manning** has organised a trip to visit the Grand Stupa in Bendigo on 13th September. The outing will include lunch and a mystery adventure.
- **Mark Dossor** is working on the next market which is to be held on Sunday 30th August. Further information will be provided closer to the date.
- **Ruth Byers** has organised the Rotary Trivia Night date for 17th October.

THE GREAT DEBATE

Chair Alison Hall introduced the evening's debate as being in memory of the Rotary District 9790 secondary school debate. She mentioned that the three selected topics had caused both consternation and arguments in Club members' households throughout the past week:

1. Listening to audio books is better than reading hard copy books

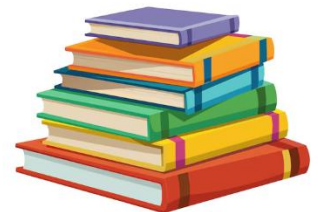
Affirmative - John Stares



- audio books can be listened to anywhere
- one's eyes don't get tired whilst listening to them thus eliminating the need for a nap
- the volume can be adjusted
- it is possible to do other things whilst listening e.g.: driving, although knife sharpening is not recommended!

Negative – Dave Palmer

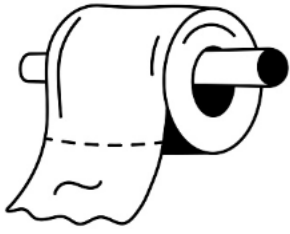
- a hard copy book has a visual allure and its own feel and smell which is deeply satisfying and not available with an audio book
- it is possible to have one's own interpretation of the story (including inflections, nuances and character interpretations) and not that of an audio reader's
- a hard copy book can read at one's own pace
- a book may be reread thus providing one with a sense of nostalgia



2. The correct way to hang a toilet roll is with the paper over and not under

Affirmative – Kathy Mills

Kathy provided both a visual demonstration and handout to support her argument. Her research displayed the original 1891 toilet roll patent showing the correct paper rolling direction as being over and not under. However, regardless of the hanging orientation, a toilet roll holder should be positioned 660mm -700mm from the floor and 200mm - 300mm in front of the toilet for easy access.

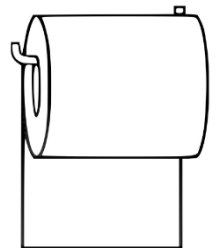


- the over rolling direction lowers germ transfer
- one is unlikely to scratch oneself against the wall
- it is neater in appearance and possible to make a nice tuck in the end sheet as seen in hotels
- it is easier to tear off sheets

Negative – Sam Manning

Sam provided a psychological profile of people who hang their toilet paper under and not over based on her several years of experience in assisting community residents. She stated that “success comes to those who reach just a little bit further”.

- “back hangers” are more likely to be refined, economical and patient
- finding a toilet paper seam leads to a sense of triumph and accomplishment when finished
- it is easy to limit the number of sheets used thus helping the environment
- overhanging can lead to a crumpled mess of toilet paper on the floor



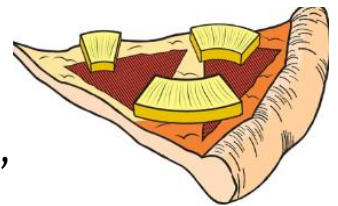
3. Pineapple is an appropriate topping for pizza

During the debate of this topic, Russell Chapman provide Club members with the history of pineapple on pizza. The Hawaiian pizza, as it is known, was invented by Sam Panopoulos (a Greek born immigrant living in Canada) in 1962. The name originated from the tin in which the pineapple came.

Affirmative – Mark Dossor

Mark delivered a well thought out and witty poem supporting the argument that pineapple on pizza is a suitable topping:

- he stated that pineapple is “sweet, savoury, juicy and bold, why settle for something not gold?”
- and concluded the poem with “ vote yes for pineapple on pizza, oh what a sight!”



(Thanks Mark – my favourite pizza! Ed.)

Negative – Russell Chapman



- pineapple disrupts the savoury and cheesy balance of a pizza
- pizza is not a fruit salad with a crust
- pineapple is too sweet and juicy and can make the pastry soggy
- pineapple contains bromelain which is a natural enzyme, but it can cause a tingling or burning sensation on the tongue
- most importantly, Italians do not agree with having pineapple as a pizza topping!



Club members were asked to vote with the successful debate winners being Dave Palmer, Sam Manning and Mark Dossor. All arguments, however, were entertaining.

“SAY NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE” CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED



The Rotary Club of Seymour officially launched its “Say No to Domestic Violence” campaign on 10th August. Members will wear purple shirts on Mondays to start conversations across the community. Participating businesses will display a fresh poster each week in the lead up to a walk, BBQ and evening event on 27th November.

RAFFLE WINNERS



**David and Marilyn Barton
from the RC of Melville, WA:
chocolates**



Kathy Mills: wine



**Bill Dwyer:
Joker Poker -
10 of Diamonds**

DINNER AT THE RSL – FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST



The Seymour RSL Sub-Branch will be hosting the Rotary Club of Seymour members for dinner on Friday 21st August which will coincide with Vietnam Veteran's week.

Meal orders will need to be placed by 7.00pm and RSL members recite the ode at 6.00pm.

Please notify Ann Holland of your intention to attend so that numbers can be finalised for catering purposes.