

Rotary
 Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

Contact us at PO Box 80 Seymour 3661, or www.rotary-site.org or call Secretary Bill on 0419 372 481

President: **Ruth Byers** Secretary: **Bill Dwyer** Treasurer: **Peter Holland**

No 26. 12 January 2026

Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	19 November Royal Hotel	26 January King's Park	2 February Seymour Bowling Club
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	'Behind the Badge' Jo Wilson Russell Chapman Australia Day Planning	Australia Day No evening meeting	Bowls Night With Lions, SES and CFA 2 Course Buffet Dinner (\$25 per person)
CHAIRPERSON	Mathew Fowler		
TOAST	Bonnie Williams		
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Samantha Manning		
GREETER	Dave Palmer		

If you cannot carry out your duties, please arrange someone else to do so and advise
 President Ruth and Alison Hall.

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

SAVE THE DATES

26 January	AM	Australia Day Celebrations	Greg, Ruth, Mark, Jane, Mat & Catriona
15 February	AM	Market	Mark
22 February	AM	Golf Day	Peter

New Year's Meeting at Fred's Shed



Our first Rotary meeting for 2026 kicked off as we met over a buffet dinner consisting of chicken, lamb and salads, and delicious desserts on 12th January at Fred's Shed. The atmosphere was convivial as we caught up with each other after the Christmas break. Formal apologies were received from Greg Byers, Ron Halicki, Mark Dossor and Peter and Ann Holland.

A great deal of discussion centered around those affected by the previous week's fires. Rotarian Ron Halicki and our Rotary Community Leader, Sharon Fox, from Alexandra had been impacted. President Ruth Byers thanked those who had made offers of assistance, notably Hugh Lawrence's provision of towels and blankets via donations received at the Nagambie Mechanics Institute, and Peter Holland who had passed on the message of availability of paddocks for livestock agistment near Doreen.

Ruth reported that there had been a good response from the local community including the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell. Generous donations of goods have been received by Gnarly Neighbours, which are currently being stored both at their headquarters and in the green shed at King's Park. The relief centre in Seymour has been reported to be well organized in providing required assistance. District 9790 have set up a Disaster Aid account, the details of which will soon be forwarded to Club members for financial contributions.

Ruth felt that current assistance from Club Members could be made by helping the RSL to prep and serve meals from Tuesday to Sunday this week between 4.30-9.00pm. (Contact RSL's Mat if you are available), sorting donations at the SHARE (Serving Humanity and Repurposing Equipment) shed in Broadford or, in time, working with Blaze Aid in fencing repair, as long term continued support will be needed.

The Club's next major event will be Australia Day (Jan. 26) and flyers were handed out for display in town businesses. Manpower will be required between 6am to 1pm – contact Ruth if you are available. Further planning will occur at next week's Monday night meeting.

The evening concluded with a visual Trivia game organized by Fred. The winners after the final playoff were Paulette (1st prize – wine set), Eliot (2nd prize – chocolates and glass decanter) and Catriona (third prize – shortbread).

The Rotary Club meets next Monday 19th January back at our usual venue, The Royal Hotel, for the second meeting of 2026.



Our hosts Fred and Leonie



Winners – Paulette, Eliot and Catriona



Club members enjoying
the evening



Australia Day In Seymour



**MONDAY
26 JAN**

Come and join us!

Fun Country Market

8am - 1pm at Kings Park Seymour



**GREAT
AUSSIE
FOOD**

8am - 10am Australia Day Brekkie

Gold Coin Donation

10am to 12.30pm Rotary BBQ



**PROGRAM
OF EVENTS**

9.30 am - Flag Raising Ceremony

9.45 am - Australia Day Ambassador

10.00 am - Police Awards

10.15 am - Mayoral Address

10.30 am - Mitchell Shire Community Awards

Australian Naturalisation Ceremony



**MORE
FAMILY
FUN**

Entertainment & Activities

Music by the Mitchell Shire Concert Band

Seymour & District Car Club • Face Painting

Drawing & colouring • AFL Handball

Thong Throwing • Mintie Tearing

Community displays

Proudly
presented by:





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ART 2026 SHOW



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

JOIN US ON OPENING NIGHT -

AT SHIRE HALL, HIGH ST. YEAP

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2026

7.30pm - 9.30pm and

UNITE FOR GOOD

ENJOY REFRESHMENTS and
NIBBLES - EXHIBITS and
PAINTINGS ARE FOR SALE.

OPENING NIGHT DRESS THEME
WEAR FLOWERS OR
SOMETHING FLORAL

ART SHOW DAILY OPENING TIMES
FRI 23rd; SAT 24th; SUN 25th
10.00 am to 5.00 pm
LAST DAY MON 26th 10 am to 2 pm
Entry \$5 - Children free

TO ASSIST WITH CATERING
BOOK ON Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/DGVVG>

BY 16 JANUARY 2026 FOR A
DISCOUNTED

Early Bird Entry \$25



OR

PLEASE BOOK FOR OPENING
NIGHT BY USING THIS CODE

if unable to do so, please RSVP
by 16.01.26 to Glenda Woods
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AND PAY AT THE DOOR

\$30