

# Rotary

## Rotary Club of Seymour

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

### CHANGEOVER LUNCH – JULY 13, 2025

| DATE / VENUE             | 21 <sup>st</sup> July<br>Royal Hotel                                          | 28 <sup>th</sup> July<br>Royal Hotel                                       | 4 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Royal Hotel                           |
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| GUEST SPEAKER<br>/ EVENT | Liam Jones will present<br>regarding our club<br>website and social<br>media. | Member Special<br>Interest –<br>Whisky a Go Go<br>With Samantha<br>Manning | ‘Our Place’<br>Seymour<br>Vocation visit – details<br>to follow |
| CHAIRPERSON              | Alison Hall                                                                   | Mark Dossor                                                                | Bonnie Williams                                                 |
| TOAST                    | Mark Dossor                                                                   | Tony Woodhouse                                                             | Ann Holland                                                     |
| CASHIER / RAFFLE         | Ian Chadwick                                                                  | David Freeman                                                              | Gary Doherty                                                    |
| GREETER                  | John Keefe                                                                    | Mat Fowler                                                                 | Jane Challis                                                    |

**IF YOU CANNOT FULLFIL YOUR DUTIES PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE ELSE AND ADVISE PRESIDENT Ruth**



65 club members and guests, including DG Emma Davis, PDG Philip Clancy and Annabelle Cleeland, Member for Euroa gathered for our changeover function at the Seymour Bowls Club of July 13, 2025 for the handover to the presidency to Ruth Byers.

The changeover was conducted by District Governor Emma Davis. The Rotary theme for 2025/26 was unveiled – ‘Unite for Good’

Ruth provided her Presidents report highlighting Rotary’s success and her vision for the 2025/26 year,



Paul Harris Fellows provided from Club funds were presented to **Alison Hall** and **Paulette Andrews**.



From personal contributios to the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellows were presented to **Mary Greenshield**, 2 sapphires, **Bill Dwyer** and **Kathy Mills**, 2 sapphires.

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IPP Mark Dossor and President Ruth Byers had the pleasure of welcoming five new members to our club – **Ken Butcher**, **Leanne** and **Russell Chapman** and **Joanne** and **Trevor Wilson**.

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Our Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented by **Alison Hall** and **Mark Dossor** to two deserving local receipients – **Shane Elliot** from the Seymour Flexible Learning Centre and **Matt Tennant** From Tenex Rail & Excavations Seymour





**Flona McCarthy** presented the recipients of our junior sporting grants of \$500 to the Mitchell Rangers soccer club and the Seymour Junior Netball Club. Grants were also provided to the Seymour Swimming Club and The First Seymour Scouts. In addition \$500 was provided to our

District Governors partners project, Interplast, \$750 to Rural Aids 'Buy A Bale' and the the Rotary SHARE project [ Serving Humanity and Re Purposing Equipment ] received \$750. This was accepted by Jenny Foster. It was announced that \$4000 had been allocated to our club's long term investment account for a future significant project in our community. Total disbursements for the year was \$22'800.

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Thankyou to all our members who contributed to our raffles and purchase of our prizes. In total 11 prizes were drawn and won by both members and guests.

In total \$334.20 was raised and helped cover our costs for the day.



Our 2025/26 club team with apologies from Viv Beaumont, Gary Doherty, Ron Halicki, Liam Jones, John Keefe, Fred Sartori, Dave Palmer, Hugh Lawrence [and Cathy] and Alan Walton.

*On a personal note please see following my complete Presidents report – Mark Dossor*

10 years ago, at this very event I was here being inducted as the next President of the Rotary Club of Seymour. I told a story then that I repeat today. I was in my business that very morning wearing my Rotary lapel pin, which a customer noticed, and commented ‘You’re a Rotarian’ I replied with a sense of pride that I was and that I was being inducted as President that evening. His response – “you guys take it in turns don’t you”. I was a little taken aback because I viewed my induction as a privilege and honour and a recognition that my peers believed that I was deserving and capable of it. I still consider it a privilege and honour, not simply my turn.

Our team works as a coherent group with specific goals and like many clubs throughout the world, which belong to a relatively small community, we have an ability to react to its needs and help define its identity.

Our visitors and guests today should look around at our membership and be in no doubt that this is a group that is defined by its position in our community. I believe that we are looked upon with respect, admiration and appreciation.

We are fortunate that we enjoy each other’s company and revel in its diversity of personalities and traits.

Our annual reports, which you all have copies of, details our work throughout the year so I won’t reiterate them here other than to say that I am very proud of the work that your board has done throughout the year along with work of our entire team.

I would like to briefly acknowledge 3 specific individuals.

Kathy Mills, the work done on our program goes unheralded but I know how much work goes into it I thank you for your outstanding work

Ann Holland, thankyou for your work on our weekly bulletin. We do not acknowledge your work enough and I thank you sincerely.

While I know that Catriona Jarman will continue to work diligently to fulfill our clubs’ objectives after 13 years, with two as President, and a constant board member she has no board responsibilities next year. I thankyou for your passion. I admire greatly your self management and outstanding commitment to the Rotary cause.

Also could I thanks Chris Chadwick who has always been there to complete an audit of our annual finances

Finally thankyou to Kathy, Jane and Catriona for putting today together.

Thankyou all for giving me the honour of being the 71<sup>st</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Seymour.