

Bulletin April 14th, 2025

President Mark Dosser **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next meeting is on April 28th, 2025 at the Royal Hotel 1830 for 1900.

Duty Rota

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

Date	21 st April	28th April	5th May
Guest Speaker	NO MEETING EASTER MONDAY	Matthew McLaughlin Talk about Anzac day and RSL	RYPEN student to talk at Meeting
Chair		Kathy Mills	Fiona McCarthy
Greeter		Ian Chadwick	Mark Dosser
Loyal Toast		Gary Doherty	Catriona Jarman
Cashier		Bonnie Williams	Samantha M

Invocation ALI

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



Meeting commenced with the introduction of our Chair, Samantha who, after the Invocation called of John for the Toasts. Tonight we celebrated to Rotary Club of Merrimbula, NSW. John passed on this anecdote: an older man asked a visiting lady if she was a guest of a Rotarian. The gentleman asking was told no, she was a Rotarian who was visiting. The gentleman then piped up and said we don't have any lady members.

It is to be hoped that Merrimbula is a little more open these days.

Sam then asked if there were any visitors or guests, there were none.

Apologies tonight were; Paulette Andrews, Vivian Beaumont, Mathew F, Hugh and Cathie Lawrence, Ron Haliki, Catriona Jarman, Liam Jones, Fiona McCarthy, Janina Taylor and Tony Woodhouse.

Sam called on Pres. Mark who welcomed back Mary Greenshields from her protracted absence and thanked Fred Sartori for his 11 years of service to Rotary.

Back to Sam to continue.



Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
April	Easter	Shake the Can	Greg Byers
	20	Market	Cancelled
	25	Anzac Day	
May	TBA		

There were 2 short notices tonight.

Alison reported that information had been emailed about the Pride of Workmanship awards, Nominations are now being called for and members can submit their nomination to Alison or Catriona. Please give a reason for your nomination.

John stated that with Shake to Can this weekend some assistance was required on some shifts. After some discussion most of the shifts were filled. The Board has decided that the monies collected from Thursday and Monday will be banked for use by Rotary.

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Sam now asked for reports and thoughts from the Conference attendees.

1st up was David Freeman.

Report on 2025 Ride to Conference

The Ride to Conference was initially started to raise funds for "End Polio Now" but in 2014 in a program initiated by Graham and Margaret Brown of the Rotary Club of Corowa it was changed to raise funds to donate to Australian Rotary Health to support an indigenous health scholarship. The current recipient of the scholarship is Zarah Carroll-Kelly who is a Doctor of Medicine student at Flinders University Darwin.



Fiona and myself were the first ones to ride to represent the-Seymour Club-in 2017. In that year pre Covid, we rode an average of 100kms a day for the 6 days leading up to the District Conference. Since Covid, the rides have taken on a different format and we now base ourselves in one location and ride one afternoon, the next full day, then the morning on the Friday, before some riders get organized for the Conference. This year we rode about 220 kms over the three days and were based at Lake Hume resort.

We had 25 riders and 4 support crew this ride with members from 9 different Rotary clubs, and so far, have raised \$11,000 although not all sponsorship forms have been received yet.

The ride was said to be challenging and scenic, it was certainly challenging with hills that steep, we were doing 70kmh down the other side, there was scenery but when you are riding along at 25 to 30 kph average speed with your front wheel two inches behind the bike in front and another wheel two inches behind you; you can't afford to lose concentration to look at scenery.

I'm not sure at my age if I will get to do another full ride but I would encourage any Rotarians from the Club that are interested in riding to give it a go, there is tremendous fellowship, especially from the crew from Numurkah and Albury North. (Say no more, what happens on the ride stays on the ride)

Dave Freeman





Kathy Mills came next. She talked a little bit about Registration where all got an empty bag of Goodies that they could fill at their leisure over the weekend. Also Kathy talked about a small project from another Rotary Club that is called 'Plalkin'



Kathy says she very much enjoyed the weekend.

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Bill Dwyer was next; he found the weekend interesting and was intrigued by one of the Speakers. This speaker's nick name is the 'Toilet Warrior'. Many years ago the speaker was overseas in a third world country and was taken aback because he saw there were few toilets that worked or were sanitary at the schools he saw. Females were especially affected.



Talking to a plumber he asked what it would take to have a toilet built. He was told \$1000, however he only had \$500 so he handed it over and this school received a toilet; much to the female teacher's delight.

On his return to Australia and after joining Rotary he worked hard to ensure that this country received working toilets to buildings especially schools. He was instrumental in having 100's of toilets built. This benefited villages, students and teachers and ultimately the wider community.



Now it was Bonnie's turn.

Initially Bonnie was unsure as to what she had got herself into but by Saturday lunchtime she understood and was amazed by the purpose of the Conference. She was delighted to find Polo shirts that supported one of her pet issues of saying *no to domestic and family violence*. Both Bonnie and Kathy wore these polo shirts.



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Lastly we had Jane who talk to us about the 'Hit the High Notes' and one of the entertainments.



Lachlan McIntyre
Lachlan is a classically trained singer, who toured Victoria recently with Lyster Opera's production of Rossini's L'Italiana in Algeri. He performed on scholarship with Opera Scholars Australia for several years appearing with David Hobson, Marina Prior, James Morrison, Silvie Paladino and Anthony Warlow, among others.

Performance highlights include appearing as a soloist with internationally recognised conductor Warwick Stengards (Volkoper Wien, Opera Australia), the new production Musical Island: A Silent Spell at Bondi Theatre, Les Kendall in Strictly Ballroom and as Raoul in The Phantom of the Opera. His current professional collaborations include performing with touring entertainer Rodney Vincent, and jazz composer Stephen O'Connell, with whom he was pleased to collaborate on the Rotary Song 'All Shoulders to the Wheel'.



Yves Mounir
Yves Mounir, a Rotary exchange student from Switzerland, is currently staying in Wodonga. He is a passionate pianist, who started on the keys when he was just eight years old. Yves has performed at numerous concerts, including solo performances and accompanying a violin orchestra and singers. Two years ago, he founded his own band, playing original songs and covers from ABBA, Billy Joel, and the Beatles.

These 2 musicians preformed very well together with Yves having a whale of a time on the piano and mouthorgan while accompanying Lachlan.

Rotary District 9790 Conference 2025: "Hit the High Notes" Video Competition Report

The Rotary District 9790 Conference 2025, held from April 11 to April 13 at The Commercial Club in Albury, NSW, embraced the theme **"Hit the High Notes."** A key highlight of the event was the **"Hit the High Notes" video competition**, which showcased creative, inspiring, and impactful stories from clubs across the district.

Competition Overview

In the lead-up to the conference, Rotary clubs were invited to produce one-minute videos highlighting their local initiatives, achievements, and impact. Clubs were encouraged to get creative—using everything from interviews and photo collages to narrated slideshows and performances—to express their unique Rotary story.

These videos were then shared at the conference, offering attendees a fun and powerful way to celebrate the diverse work being done across District 9790.

23 videos were screened in three groups between other presentations/activities.

Awards and Recognition

The video entries were judged in two categories: **People's Choice** and **Judges' Choice**.

🏆 People's Choice Winners:

Youth Exchange: Overview of the benefits for students going on an exchange (Videos)

🏆 Judges' Choice Winners:



- **Albury Hume: Overview of Club** was a slideshow to the music of Roy Orbison's "Working for the Man"
- **Diamond Creek: Senior Citizens Morning tea; Food pantry support; Town fair; Shine on Awards; Tree Planting; International dinner, community Christmas**
- **Belvoir-Wodonga: 50 years of local and international service; community market; Bushfire relief; special skills house; Simbas football; Nepal Eye clinics; RAWCS Oceania; Rotary Exchange; Schoolies in Cambodia**

Youth Exchange: 2025 RTE experience/reflection /thank you

Each winning club received a **monetary award** to support their continued efforts in serving their communities. The recognition celebrated both creativity and the real impact these initiatives have across the district.

Special Thanks

A **big thank you** goes out to **Liam, our dedicated webmaster**, who—along with some help from me—put in **countless hours** to make our video submission polished, professional, and impactful. Thanks to Liam's hard work, the final version was not only a hit at the conference but is now proudly featured on the **Seymour Rotary Club website and Facebook page**.

Conclusion

The "Hit the High Notes" video competition was a vibrant and unifying part of the 2025 District Conference. It provided a stage for clubs to shine, celebrate their successes, and inspire others. The initiative highlighted how storytelling, teamwork, and a shared Rotary spirit can bring communities together and spark new ideas for service and connection

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The was a short and sweet fine session tonight.

Raffles tonight - Alison had the chocs and David the wine. Mary had a go for the Joker but unfortunately missed so it Jackpots.

Pres. Mark finished off by thanking Samantha for a good job and, also, the Conference attendees.

Coming up is Shake the Can, Adopt a Road and a BBQ for a Mother's Day Event.

No meeting next week so Good Night.



Afterwards Bonnie wanted to mention an upcoming movie release '*Just a Farmer*' with Leila McDougall . It talks about suicide rates in farmers. Try Apple TV or in Cinemas.

