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

No 31. 16 February 2026

Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	23 February Royal Hotel	2 March Royal Hotel	9 March
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	Rotary International Birthday Celebrations Trivia Fun Night	Vicki Kennedy Koala Cherries	Labour Day No Meeting
CHAIRPERSON	Alison Hall/ Catriona Jarman	TBA	
TOAST	John Keeffe	TBA	
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Kathy Mills	TBA	
GREETER	Alan Walton	TBA	

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 THESE DATES

22 February	Golf Day	Peter Holland
6-9 March	Shake the Can	Mathew Fowler
15 March	Rotary Market	Mark Dossor
21-23 March	District Conference	Kathy Mills

Chair for the night, Alison Hall, commenced the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

Formal apologies were received from Greg Byers, Gary Doherty, Liam Jones, Cathy Gourbault-Lawrence, Hugh Lawrence, Viv Beaumont, Fred Sartori, Chris Bence and Bonnie Williams.

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEOUL IN SOUTH KOREA – JOHN BARTON



The Rotary Club of Seoul was formed in 1927 however Japanese control of South Korea led to its closure and reformation as 'The Wednesday Night Club'. It has now resumed its status as a Rotary Club with a membership of 120, and projects focus on educational programs for children. Meetings are conducted in English as most of the members are not South Korean by birth.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – RUTH BYERS

- President Ruth reminded everyone of the next 'Shake the Can' which will take place over the Labour Day weekend. Mathew Fowler will organise a roster for this activity.
- A thank you was extended to (left to right below) Craig Hoath, Dave Palmer, Jane Challis and Kathy Mills who accompanied Shire of Mitchell representatives with a BBQ at Highlands in support of residents affected by the recent fires.



Craig Hoath (on BBQ) commented positively about the success of the event.



MEMBERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Club Secretary and P.E. **Bill Dwyer** informed our group that he took part in the President Elect Training Seminar over the recent weekend. He encouraged all incoming board members to attend the District Assembly on 26th April; tickets can be obtained through Humanitix.
- **Peter Holland** reported that he has 10 teams booked in for the Golf Day and is hoping to gain a few more prior to Sunday. He requires assistance at the shed at 7am with set up at the Golf Club commencing at 7.30am. A scrutineer is still required to monitor play on the 6th hole in the event of a hole in one.
- **Peter Holland** also mentioned that both himself and Ann had visited the fire affected area of Natimuk near Horsham. They are planning to spend 3 weeks with Rural Aid there. Rural Aid has been providing fire affected victims with debit cards that are to the value of \$1,000 each and Blaze Aid has also been in attendance.
- **Dave Palmer** notified us that his partner Naurelle has broken a bone in her foot and is currently awaiting surgery. This has led to an increase in his house-husband duties.
- Youth Director **Fiona McCarthy** reported that she has contacted the principals of all local schools to determine whether there are students who have been affected by the fires and need support. St Mary's College has identified a family however she is yet to hear from Seymour College. Our 2025 RYPEN student has also been impacted. Fiona has been liaising with Penny Paxton who is coordinating assistance at District level.
- **Catriona Jarman** stated that she now has enough baby photos for her quiz.
- Program Coordinator **Alison Hall** provided meeting outlines for the forthcoming weeks. Family and friends are invited to the Rotary International birthday party/trivia night next week; Vicki Kennedy will be telling us about Koala Cherries on March 2nd. A change to the program is that there will not be a meeting on 16th March however the 'Ride to Conference' participants will be visiting the Club on Wednesday 18th March. Rider and past District Secretary, Chris Sutton, will be talking about Australian Rotary Health.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

President Ruth bestowed two Paul Harris Fellows on the evening. The recipients were (L to R) David Freeman (PHF with 3 rubies) and Peter Holland (PHF with sapphire). She stated that 'your gift to The Rotary Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs is a commitment to peace and to a better life for people across the world whom you or I may never meet ... it is because of such gifts that the Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world. Congratulations.'



GUEST SPEAKER TO BE RESCHEDULED

As our guest speaker for the evening, Cameron Evans was unavailable, informal group discussion opened to topics which included:



Fiona posing questions of a missing pheasant tail and a transgender hen.



Dave P commenting on the annoying call of the Eastern Koel.



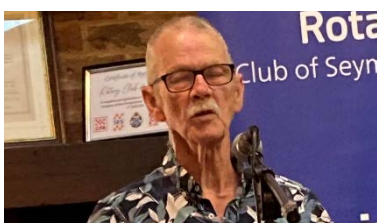
John S telling some impromptu jokes.

The Market is back for 2026



Market coordinator **Mark Dossor** thanked everyone who participated in the weekend market. The weather was great, the fundraising on par and the vendors were generally happy. However, of the 51 vendors who had booked a site, only 38 were in attendance proving to be a frustrating situation. He stated that long-term viability of the market cannot be guaranteed, and it is important that Rotary provides consistency with this event.

SERGEANT'S SESSION – MARK DOSSOR



Filling the sergeant role for the evening was Mark Dossor who, despite extensive research, was unsuccessful in executing

his fines as 13 out of 14 recipients were away. Fines did go to Dave P for attempting to reverse park his vehicle whilst holding a full cup of coffee, Mark himself for thinking that he had locked his keys in his car and Dave P again for fixing a market vendor's car boot problem.

What is in a name? Do you have a Namesake Doppelganger?

Mark's research has led him to discover that there is another **Mark Dossor** living in England who is a TV series producer; a **Dave Freeman** who is an Australian entrepreneur, skydiver and coconut specialist with a favourite past-time of skinny dipping; an **Ian Chadwick** who is a writer, researcher, blogger, book author, past politician and curmudgeon who enjoys drinking tequila and playing the ukelele and an American **Bill Dwyer** who is a standup comedian and game show host with an interest in baking cupcakes! (My own research has led me to find a Norwegian born archaeologist called **Cat Jarman** whose current partner is Charles Spencer, the 9th Earl of Spencer and brother of the late Princess Diana. This has now made me wonder if there is ever any correlation between names and lifestyle! Ed)

RAFFLE PRIZES



Ann and Peter Holland – wine
Fiona McCarthy - chocolates



JOKER POKER



For the second time Fiona McCarthy has been successful in drawing the Joker. She now holds the Club title of raffle winner champion.



Rotary Club of Seymour Activity Jan-Jun 2026



January	February	March	April	May	June
26 Australia Day Kings Park	2 Meeting Bowling Club	2 Meeting Royal Hotel	2 Shake the Can 3 Good Friday 6 Shake the Can 5 Daylight Sav end	3 Adopt a Road 4 Meeting Royal Hotel	1 Meeting Royal Hotel
	9 Meeting Royal Hotel	6,7,9 Shake the Can		11 Meeting Royal Hotel	8 Kings Birthday No Meeting
	15 Market Kings Park 16 Meeting Royal Hotel	15 Market Kings Park 16 No meeting 18 Meeting Royal Hotel	13 Meeting Royal Hotel	17 Market Kings Park 18 Meeting Royal Hotel	15 Meeting Royal Hotel
	22 Golf Day 23 Meeting Royal Hotel	20-21 District Conference 23 Meeting Royal Hotel	19 Market Kings Park 20 Meeting Royal Hotel	25 Meeting Royal Hotel	21 Market Kings Park 22 Meeting Royal Hotel
		30 Meeting Royal Hotel	26 District Assembly 27 Meeting Royal Hotel	31 Adopt a Road	29 Meeting Royal Hotel

