



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR

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President : **Mark Dossor** Secretary : **Catriona Jarman** Treasurer : **Peter Holland**

WEEK COMMENCING 16th June 2025

DATE / VENUE	23 rd June Royal Hotel	30 th June Royal Hotel	7 th July Royal March
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	John Barton Music Logic	A very special music nostalgia fun night	To Be Confirmed
CHAIRPERSON	PP John Keeffe	PP Gary Doherty	
LOYAL TOAST	Janina Taylor	PP Ron Halicki	
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Fiona McCarthy	Tony Woodhouse	
GREETER	Bonnie Williams	Bill Dwyer	

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

APOLOGIES were received from : Mary Greenshields, Peter Holland, Liam Jones, Ann Pritchard, Viv Beaumont, Alison Hall, Cathy Gourbault Lawrence and Dave Freeman.

All provided our invocation :

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks.

PP Ruth Byers provided our toast to the King and Australia. Her international Toast was to the Rotary Club of Dunedin Central, New Zealand. Their projects include a book sale with all proceeds going back to the community. The Dunedin Brick Show, showcasing Lego displays with raised funds going to local children's charities and the Straw with Purpose activity where pea straw bales are sold to help local gardens thrive. They also have a major Christmas project where local businesses dress up their windows with Christmas cheer.

A request from our weekly cashiers – please bring along a few coins to participate in our raffles and Joker Poker. We do not hold a float so \$5 from a \$50 note can be difficult.

The monthly SHARE [Serving Humanity and Repurposing Equipment] working bee will take this Saturday 21 June between 9am and 3pm or any part thereof. Any assistance you can provide to sort out equipment, stationery and books would be appreciated.

Our chairman PP **Catriona Jarman** called our meeting to order and welcomed **President Mark** to open our meeting.

Our guests Shane Judd, Ken Butcher, Leanne and Russel Chapman and Jo and Trevor Wilson were welcomed.

With the late cancellation of John Barton's presentation this week tonight we receive a Rotary Foundation presentation from Bill Dwyer and a long overdue Behind the Badge from Fiona McCarthy. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule John's presentation for next week so please come along if you have ever been interested in a broader understanding of playing and understanding music.

It has come to our attention that our communication of board meeting minutes to members has broken down. I apologise, I'm not sure how or when it happened but secretary Catriona will issue the last 2 set of minutes [April and May] to all members via email. The issuing of minutes will recommence as should be the norm once the June minutes are available.

Chairman **Catriona** called for reports –

PP Secretary Catriona reminded all that the invitation to changeover has now been distributed. Please book your place as soon as possible.

PP Kathy Mills asked that if any donations could be provided for our changeover raffles, they would be appreciated.

PP John Keefe has been in contact with Mary Greenshields and with her son and daughter in law currently staying with her hopefully she would be able to more meeting in the future.

PP Ruth Byers confirmed that our Trivia Night is locked in for September 13 at a venue to be confirmed.

PP Gary Doherty detailed his work on putting together a new sound system for our future use. Gary has donated some components to complete the system.



Our Rotary Foundation chair presented a recently provided visual podcast regarding the Rotary Foundation. It detailed the strength of the Foundation and the work it does. Emphasis on Polio

Plus with The Bill Gates Foundation provided 2 for 1 financial support to the fight against Polio was highlighted. It was noted that our club has provided around \$160'000 to the foundation in our history with a significant portion directed toward Polio Plus.

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Behind The Badge – Fiona McCarthy



Fiona McCarthy provided us with a nostalgic look at her eventful life which commenced in Warracknabeal in 1958 as the first daughter, followed by 3 brothers. At 15 months of age, she was involved in a car accident with her parents which resulted in her mother being hospitalised for 6 months. An aunt became her carer during this time with a close bond remaining till this day. Day was a plumber and volunteered for the ambulance service which resulted in a lot of time away. Following her dad getting a supervisor's job the family moved to Euroa in 1966. What sounds like an idyllic childhood included backyard cricket, billy carts, bike riding and marbles. Some sage advice from a science teacher saw Fiona lean toward a teaching career, being accepted in the Burwood State College and local jobs to support her education followed by some fill in jobs her first teaching position was at Kialla West in 1980 before progressing to Seymour in 1982. Fiona took a year off hitchhiking around Europe had some work in Austria before returning and taking a door to door sales job before finally settling back in Seymour in 1985. And various teaching assignments with last 8 years spent at Puckapunyal PS.

Over the last 10 years Fiona has travelled extensively throughout Australia as well as New Zealand, Greece, India, Bulgaria and a visit to Everest base camp.

Fiona is very proud of her 2 kids, Cael who now works for Parks Victoria out of Tatura and Teagan who operates her own business as a podiatrist. She has 6 grandchildren and spends a lot of time babysitting.

Bill Dwyer won the wine while
The elusive joker jackpotted



John Keeffe picked up the chocolates.
AGAIN when **Paulette Andrews** missed it.



Sergeant Gary fined Greg for no dinner badge, Tony Lee was whacked for the poor performance of the West Coast Eales while Magpie supporters were whacked for simply being that ! Alan Walton cross fined Gary for not acknowledging his birthday while Ruth got Greg for his high sense of security leaving the front door unlocked as they ventured out on their last 2 overseas trips !

