

Rotary
 Rotary Club of Seymour
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President: **Bill Dwyer** Secretary: **Bonnie Williams** Treasurer: **Peter Holland**

No 3. 20 July 2026

Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	27 July Royal Hotel	3 August Seymour Bowls Club	10 August Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	Real Estate trends in Seymour Speakers: Chris Bender Michael O'Sullivan	Cluster Meeting with DG Paul Miegel	Hugh Lawrence: The Nagambie Mechanics Institute
CHAIRPERSON	Alison Hall	Pres. Bill Dwyer	TBA
TOAST	Ron Halicki	Loyal Toast; Pres. Bill Dwyer	TBA
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Dave Freeman	Alison Hall/ Catriona Jarman	TBA
GREETER	Fred Sartori	Ian Chadwick/ Dave Palmer	TBA

If you cannot perform your duties, please arrange someone else to do so and advise
President Bill, Ann Holland, Catriona Jarman or Alison Hall.

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

SAVE THESE DATES

30 July
3 August

Mitchell Shire BBQ
Cluster Meeting – Seymour Bowls Club

Trevor Harmes
Bill Dwyer

Chairman Dave Palmer commenced the meeting by welcoming all Rotarians who had braved the cold weather to venture out for the evening. Formal apologies were received from Viv Beaumont, Greg and Ruth Byers, Hugh and Cathy Lawrence, Trevor Harmes, Craig Hoath, Ann and Peter Holland, Liam Jones, Tony Lee, Fiona McCarthy and Kathy Mills.

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHILLIWACK – CATRIONA JARMAN



Flag of Chilliwack

The Rotary Club of Chilliwack is situated in British Colombia immediately north of the Washington border. The Club relies on donations of books from the general public which are sold to raise funds for projects such as student scholarships, literacy programs, hospital equipment, waterway rehabilitation, community grants

and the restoration of salmon habitat. The Rotary Club of Chilliwack was chartered in 1934, has 100 members, and with its own in house band called “The Rotations” is known as the singing club. Members meet at the Chilliwack Curling Club for lunch at noon each Friday and President Jarred Mumford has issued an open invitation to buy lunch for any out of town Rotarians if ever in the area.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – BILL DWYER

President Bill reported that the cluster meeting is fast approaching and that organising is underway for the Rotary Club of Seymour to host the remainder of the Clubs in our immediate area. District Governor Paul Miegel from Corowa will be bringing along a special baton and a fundraising raffle is to be held, the proceeds of which will be donated to the End Polio Now campaign.





FROM CLUB MEMBERS

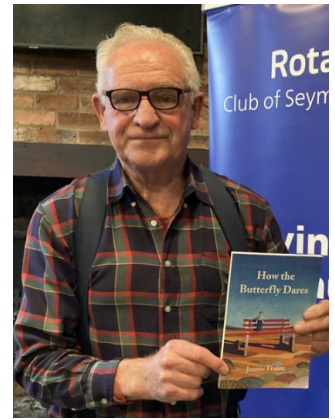
- **Trevor Harmes** is still in need of assistance to man the BBQ for the Shire of Mitchell's working bee on Thursday 30th July. Please contact Trevor if you are available to help.
- **Bonnie Williams** announced that the activism event against gender based violence will commence on 10th August. Rotarians are requested to wear the special purple shirt to meetings from that date. The Royal Hotel will support the Club by placing notices around the bar area. Please let Bonnie know if you would like to purchase a shirt.
- **Jane Challis** is organising the raffle for the cluster meeting and has requested that donations are brought along next week so that they can be wrapped.
- **Sam Manning** in her role as vocation chair is planning visits to the Grand Stupa near Bendigo on 13th September and also to the Koala Cherries processing facility on 22nd November. Please put these dates in your diary.
- **Dave Palmer** let Club members know that preparation is underway for the Seymour Performer's Workshop to perform "The Wedding Singer" later in the year.
- **Alison Hall** will be holding a question and answer panel with guest speakers and local real estate agents Chris Bender and Michael O'Sullivan next Monday evening. Please contact her if you have any questions to ask them.
- **Catriona Jarman** (with information via John Keeffe) notified members that **Ruth Byers'** wrist is still in the process of healing and that she is feeling frustrated with the situation. Club members wish her well with her recovery.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS – JOHN STARES

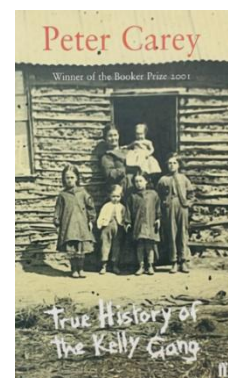
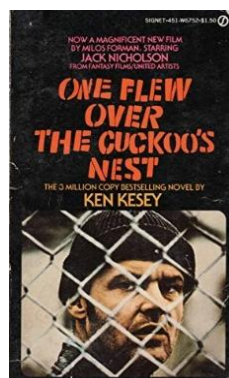
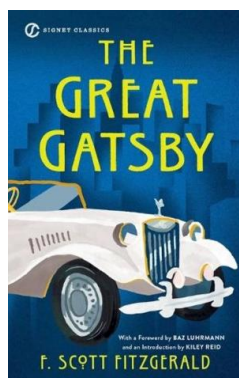
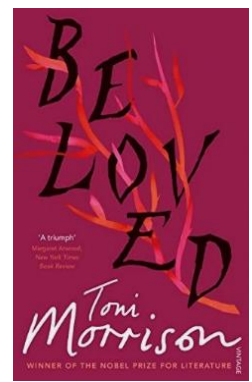
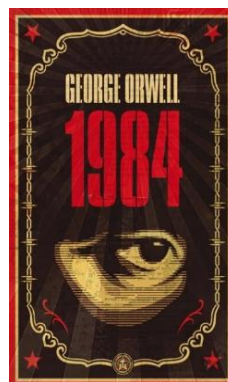
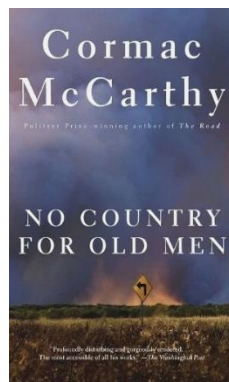
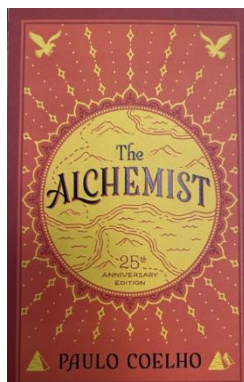
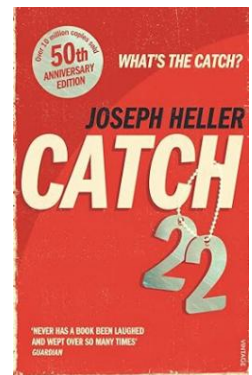
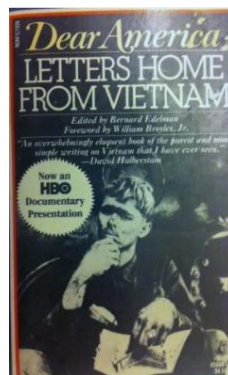
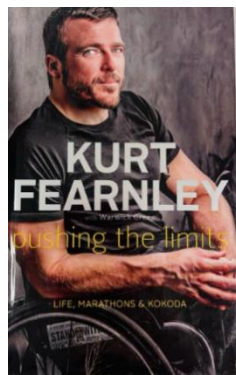
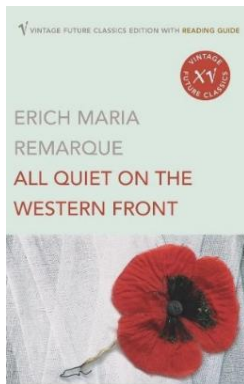


In introducing our guest speaker for the evening, Club member John Stares, Dave Palmer reported that he had researched the best Australian book which is considered to be Tim Winton's "Cloudstreet"; the best book ever written is "Middlemarch" by George Eliot and the worst, "50 Shades of Grey" by E.L. James.

Rotarian John Stares is a poet and author who claims that reading is his “favourite thing to do”. He drew on a lengthy list of authors who had influenced his outlook on life and books that he had enjoyed reading, evoking memories from other Club members of their own favourite books. This included audio books for the time poor.



Books discussed on the evening.....



Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers".
- Charles W. Eliot (President Harvard University 1869-1909)

RAFFLE WINNERS

Jane Challis:
Wine



Dave Palmer:
Chocolates



Janina Taylor:
Joker Poker – Ace of Hearts



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District Governor Cluster Dinner

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Seymour



District Governor Paul Miegel
Rotary Club of Corowa

Join us for an evening of fellowship as District Governor Paul Miegel provides an update on happenings within the district, shares plans for the year ahead, and discusses how you can help make a difference.

Monday 3 August 2026

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Seymour Bowls Club
41 Tallarook Street, Seymour

\$35 per person

Includes dinner
Drinks available at bar prices

RSVP to Bonnie Williams by 26 July 2026
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All Rotarians and guests welcome

The Rotary Club of Seymour is hosting a cluster meeting of all Clubs in our immediate area (Alexandra, Kinglake Ranges, Mansfield, Southern Mitchell and Yea) on Monday 3rd August. – refer to flyer for details.

For catering purposes, it is important that members provide Secretary Bonnie Williams with an **RSVP by 26th July.**