

Rotary
 Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

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President: **Bill Dwyer** Secretary: **Bonnie Williams** Treasurer: **Peter Holland**

No 7. 21 August 2026

Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	24 August Royal Hotel	31 st August Royal Hotel	7 September Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	Visit to GO ART 6pm 16-18 Station Street followed by a talk at the Royal	Andrea Bauer Highlands Hub	Operation Cleft
CHAIRPERSON	Jane Challis	Sam Manning	Craig Hoath
TOAST	Ian Chadwick	Mathew Fowler	John Keeffe
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Russell Chapman	Alison Hall	Paulette Andrews
GREETER	Leanne Chapman	Tony Woodhouse	John Stares

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 August

Rotary Community Market

Mark Dossor

13 September

Visit to the Grand Stupa in Bendigo

Sam Manning

14 September

No evening meeting

21 September

Footy Night at the Royal Hotel

Our evening meeting at the Seymour RSL on August 21st was held in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans Day commemorated in Seymour earlier in the week on August 18th 2026 at the Vietnam Veterans walk.

In commemoration of Australia's Vietnam Veterans



The Vietnam Veterans Walk is a tribute to the service and sacrifice of over 60,000 Australian army personnel who served during the conflict and whose names are featured on the many digi glass panels.

The Vietnam War was the longest conflict involving Australians in the 20th century. August 18th has been chosen as the date to commemorate the country's Vietnam Veterans as it is the anniversary (18 August 1966) of the Battle of Long Tan. This military action was fought between the Viet Cong and People's Army of Vietnam units, and the 1st Australian task force. Australia initially considered it a defeat however the action was later reassessed as a strategic victory as it prevented the Viet Cong moving against the Australian military base, Nui Dat. During the Vietnam war, approximately 3000 Australian army personnel were wounded and more than 500 gave their lives.



Club members Jane Challis, Paulette Andrews and Kathy Mills represented the Rotary Club of Seymour at the Vietnam Veterans service laying a wreath in honour of the army personnel.



Rotary Club members were welcomed by Seymour RSL President Matthew McLaughlin. Rotarians and family in attendance were President Bill Dwyer, Jane Challis, Dave Freeman, Mathew Fowler, Catriona and Eliot Jarman, Sam Manning and daughter Alison, Kathy and David Mills, Alison Ridley, Alan Walton and Bonnie Williams. Prior to dinner being served, the room recited “The Ode”, a verse from the poem “For the Fallen” written in 1914 by Robert Laurence Binyon.



“For the Fallen” – Robert Laurence Binyon

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Of the several prizes being raffled, two lucky winners in our group were Sam and her daughter Alison.





A great evening was had by all.

The Seymour RSL is open to the public for meals Fridays 5.30pm to 7.00pm.



We are back at The Royal Hotel on Monday night 24th August.



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