

Rotary

Rotary Club of Seymour

Connecting with our community

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

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Coming Activity

DATE / VENUE	28 th July Royal Hotel	4 th August Royal Hotel	11 August
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	Member Special Interest – <i>Whisky a Go Go</i> with Samantha Manning	Vocation Visit 6pm 'Our Place' Seymour Flexible Learning Centre <i>See details below</i>	<i>Casino Night</i> with Fiona McCarthy
CHAIR	Mark Dossor	Bonnie Williams	
TOAST	Tony Woodhouse	Ann Holland	
CASHIER / RAFFLE	David Freeman	Gary Doherty	
GREETER	Mat Fowler	Jane Challis	

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



Our meeting on Monday 21 July was President Ruth's first- at least this time around. 28 members attended. Apologies were noted from Greg Byers, Peter and Ann Holland, Catriona Jarman, Fred Sartori and Jo Wilson. Ruth welcomed 4 of our new members to their first "regular" meeting as members.

PP Mark Dossor proposed the toast to a foreign Rotary Club, this time to the club in Reno, Nevada. This club was founded in 1910, and to us is unusual in that it has 5 corporate sponsors which support the activities of over 100 members.

Ruth reported that Catriona is unwell, but will present the 2025-26 Club Directories at our next meeting. We send our best wishes for a speedy return to good health, Catriona.

Ruth also told us more about the upcoming **Trivia Night**. Posters will be available soon, and Ruth will plan the areas for their distribution. Volunteers will be needed.

Bonnie Williams reported on the Club's support for Blue Light Victoria, with which we have partnered. This organization provides programs for young people in our community.

2026 District Conference is coming. Kathy Mills reported that accommodation around the venue, Pentridge, is quite expensive (funny about that...I thought Pentridge was free at the discretion of the government). She has booked some accommodation about 1.5 km away.

Paulette Andrews thanked the club for funding the PHF in her name, which she said was wonderful and unexpected recognition of an ordinary Rotarian.

Program Chair Alison Hall seeks ideas from members for future meetings: speakers, activities etc. What would you like to see at our meetings?

Chair Alison then went on to introduce our speaker, **Rotarian Liam Jones**. Yes, he is the *Liam from Fowles*, and gave us a sample of his voice-over. Liam is responsible for much of our internet based media presence. He would like to attend more meetings, but his work precludes him doing so. A Williamstown lad, Liam's formative years were spent in that area including Yarraville and Footscray. His career has been in retail and sales, and he is presently the General Manager of Fowles Auctions. A Rotarian for 21 years, Liam is PP of Yarraville club and having joined Southbank in 2014 was President in 2017-18.



This is Liam's first stint as a webmaster. Searching for ideas, he found an organisation based in Wales which was authorised by RI to provide a generic website for Clubs. Whilst Rotary's withdrawal of approval was a shock, the original owner has continued to provide a commercial service for us. Liam's view is that our sites need to be informative, and current. "Get rid of old stuff." "Less is More." He proposed to add the Bulletin to our site, and to have auto update to the programs section. On screen, Liam showed us examples of good Instagram development, which we may follow. Thanks Liam for an interesting and informative talk.

As usual, our raffle had 2 prizes: the wine won by Bonnie, the chocolates by David Freeman.



And a disappointed Leanne Chapman didn't win the Joker Poker, which again has jackpotted.

To conclude the meeting, host Paul Lowe provided a surprise round of dessert. Thanks Paul.

COMING UP

For our 4 August meeting we will gather at the Seymour Flexible Learning Centre in Tallarook St for a Vocational visit before moving to the Royal for dinner from 7pm. 11 August is covered above, and on 18 August we will have as guests representatives of the Seymour Sharks and Seymour Scouts. Next week is Samantha's whiskey tasting at our usual meeting.