

  
**Rotary**  
 Rotary Club of Seymour  
*Connecting with our community*

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

**No 32. 23 February 2026**

**Coming Meetings**

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

| <b>DATE / VENUE</b>             | <b>2 March<br/>Royal Hotel</b>  | <b>9 March<br/>Royal Hotel</b> | <b>18 March<br/>Royal Hotel</b>                                   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GUEST SPEAKER/<br/>EVENT</b> | Vicki Kennedy<br>Koala Cherries | Labour Day<br>No Meeting       | Ride to Conference<br>Chris Sutton<br>Australian Rotary<br>Health |
| <b>CHAIRPERSON</b>              | Viv Beaumont                    |                                | Dave Freeman                                                      |
| <b>TOAST</b>                    | Catriona Jarman                 |                                | TBA                                                               |
| <b>CASHIER / RAFFLE</b>         | Sam Manning                     |                                | TBA                                                               |
| <b>GREETER</b>                  | Russell Chapman                 |                                | 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

|       |       |                       |               |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 6-9   | March | Shake the Can         | Mathew Fowler |
| 15    | March | Rotary Market         | Mark Dossor   |
| 20-22 | March | District Conference   | Kathy Mills   |
| 29    | March | Visit to Emerald Bank | Sam Manning   |

Chair for the night, Alison Hall, commenced the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. Our guests for the evening, Di Frankel, Rae Hoath and Alison Ridley were introduced. Formal apologies were received from Greg Byers, John Barton, Cathy Goubault Lawrence, Peter Holland, Ann Holland, Liam Jones, Tony Lee, Fiona McCarthy, Kathy Mills, Tony Woodhouse and Bonnie Williams.

## TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE – JOHN KEEFFE



**Flinders St Station – Circa 1920** The Rotary Club of Melbourne, chartered on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1921, is the oldest Rotary Club in Australia and has grandfathered half of the 1,100 other Rotary Clubs in the country. The Club has established programs in collaboration with the Scouting movement, the Wesley Mission, the Salvation Army, the Baker Medical Research Institute, Very Special Kids and Australians Against Child Abuse, to name a few. Membership is currently 350 and meetings are held at lunchtime on Wednesdays at the Sofitel Hotel. Past member, Sir Angus Mitchell, was the first Australian to become President of RI in 1948. He was instrumental in bringing Japan back into the Rotary International fold following WW2.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 'S BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, marks Rotary International's 121<sup>st</sup> birthday. Little did Paul Harris, Silvester Shiele, Gustave Loehr and Hiram Shorey realise what they were starting when they met in room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905. The organisation has made many advances, however there is still a long way to go to achieve good will, peace and understanding in today's world. In celebrating the event this evening, President Ruth Byers urged everyone to have an enjoyable night of fellowship.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is also **World Understanding and Peace Day**. Rotary International has established numerous global peace programs and today holds consultative status on the panel of the United Nations.



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Our successful Charity Golf Day was held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. President Ruth thanked all Rotary Club volunteers for their assistance, and both Peter and Ann Holland for their role in organising the event which raised \$4,300. Unfortunately, a 'hole in one' was not scored on the 6<sup>th</sup> green. The day's drama extended to Fiona McCarthy being taken to hospital to receive treatment for a laceration to her leg. We wish her well as she recovers.





## MEMBERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Secretary **Bill Dwyer** reported that he had received thank you correspondence from the Mitchell Shire Concert Band for the Rotary Club's donation of \$500 following Australia Day. Club members have been invited to attend future concert band performances.
- **Sam Manning** asked members to keep 29<sup>th</sup> March free to attend a visit to Emerald Bank near Shepparton that she is in the process of organising. Further details will be available shortly.
- **Mathew Fowler** called on volunteers to participate in the next 'Shake the Can' activity during the Labour Day weekend 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> March. A roster was circulated.

## TRIVIA FUN NIGHT

Alison and Catriona organised a series of three quizzes for Club members, featuring questions on Rotary International, global geography, and a "guess the baby photo" competition. Table 53, which included Ruth, Alison R, Di, Gary and Mathew were declared the winners and received a box of chocolates for their effort.



The highlight of the evening



was the cutting of the Rotary International wheel cake by President Ruth.



*"A party without cake  
is just a meeting"  
- Julia Child*

## SERGEANT'S SESSION – MARK DOSSOR



Filling the sergeant's role again for the evening was **Mark Dossor** who fined those who were in attendance without an RSVP, Gary who found time to spend on his phone whilst in Samoa, Craig for pinching food from partner Rae's plate (which turns out to be a 40-year habit!) and Chris for being turned away in haste following his recent visit to the police station. Mark is also counting down the days until Collingwood plays its first AFL match for the season. (Appropriate that his photo is black and white! – Ed.)

Mark has also continued his name doppelganger research and has located **Sam Manning**, a US TV correspondent who was present during the attack on Capitol Hill in 2022. A great Trump supporter, she has a signed personal tie once belonging to him; **Ron Halicki** is an actor, composer and stuntman whose movie recognition includes *Gone in 60 Seconds* and *Deadline Auto theft*; and **Alison Hall**, a US movie producer who has worked on CBS mornings and *The Drew Barrymore Show*.

## RAFFLE PRIZES



## JOKER POKER



The dual raffle prize winner was none other than myself! (I feel as though I am competing with Bill and Fiona as Raffle prize winner champion! Ed.)

President Ruth was unlucky with her four of hearts pick. With a new card layout, it is early days yet!

## ALISON'S GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

1. What is the capital of Canada? A: Ottawa
2. Which continent has the most countries? A: Africa has 54 countries.
3. In what capital would you find The Little Mermaid statue? A: Copenhagen.
4. Which country features a shipwreck on its national flag? A: Bermuda.
5. In what city would you find the forbidden city? A: Beijing.
6. Which country has the most pyramids in the world? A: Sudan.
7. In District 9790 which is the northern-most Rotary club? A: Jerilderie.
8. Which city is the capital of Portugal? A: Lisbon.
9. In which country is the world's tallest building located? A: United Arab Emirates.
10. Which river is the longest in the United States? A: The Missouri River.



## Rotary Club of Seymour Activity Jan-Jun 2026

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