

Bulletin 24th February, 2025

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

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel at 1830 for 1900hrs

Duty Rota

If you cannot fulfill your duties please arrange someone else and inform Pres.

Date	3rd March 2025	No meeting on 10th 11th Mar Love Your Sister Dinner	17th March TBA
Guest Speaker	Fellowship night and 3 Behind the Badge talks	TBC	
Chair	Mark Dossor	Ruth Byers	
Greeter	Ann Holland		
Loyal Toast	Bonnie Williams		
Cashier	Peter Holland		

Invocation ALL

For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through Rotary We Give Thanks

On 24th February 2025 our weekly meeting commenced with a practical Basic Life Support session conducted by Dr Bill Dwyer at the Seymour Medical Clinic. Members' skills exhibited during the exercise were sufficient enough to keep the mannequin 'alive' whilst providing us all with the practice needed for a more confronting emergency.

Club members then met at the Royal Hotel for the social part of the night with Dr Bill Dwyer in the role as Chair. Formal apologies were received from Viv Beaumont, Ian Chadwick, Dave Freeman, Cathy Goubault-Lawrence, Peter Holland, Hugh Lawrence, Sam Manning, Fiona McCarthy, Ann Holland, Fred Sartori, Janina Taylor and Tony Woodhouse. Catriona Jarman provided the loyal toast which was to Rotary International in recognition of the organisation's 120th birthday the previous day and also in support of February's theme, Peace and Conflict prevention.



Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
March	8-10	Shake the Can	John Keefe
	11	Love your Sister	Ruth Byers
	16	Market	Mark Dossor
April	11—13	District Conference	Kathy Mills
	Easter	Shake the Can	John Keefe
	20	Market	Mark Dossor

Rotary International celebrated its 120th birthday yesterday, Sunday 23rd February, which coincides with World Understanding and Peace Day; peace building and conflict prevention are in fact Rotary's February theme. Rotary International believes in taking strong action to defend and promote peace at all times, despite global peace appearing to be fragile at the moment.

It was during the second world war that Rotary International informed its members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. It emphasised the need for having a plan ready for when the war ended rather than waiting until the fighting ceased.

In 1945, Rotary International was one of the first organisations to serve as an advisor to the United Nations and today holds with this organisation the highest consultative status offered to non-governmental bodies. Each year, Rotary Day at the United Nations recognises the combined vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotarians perform around the world in addressing the underlying causes of conflict; namely poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and the unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary International recognises the possibility of bringing people together to work towards a shared goal; Rotarians do so every day in every part of the world.

Please join me in recognising the need for peace building and conflict prevention by toasting our organisation, Rotary International.



President Mark Dossor thanked Bill for his earlier BLS session training and recognised all members who had participated in Sunday's Golf Day to ensure the success of the event, in particular Peter and Ann Holland. He announced the Rotary membership longevity of Gary Doherty and Ruth Byers being 15 and 16 years respectively. Mark also stated the need to re-evaluate the market as visitor numbers have been declining during the past few months.



Ruth Byers and Bonnie Williams provided a report from the membership training day they had attended on 16th February announcing that they had received good ideas for the Club to put into future practice e.g.: to aim for a cause based project that could be supported by the local community.

Ruth continued her report by providing feedback from her recent attendance at the President Elect Learning Development (PELD) seminar including the need for the Club to embrace change, especially as the role of District Governor has recently altered. Rotary District 9790 has the second highest membership growth in Zone 8 – a good report on the Rotary International scale. Of interest, our Rotary Club has been using innovative ideas throughout the past decade that are only now being presented at a District and wider level.

John Keefe discussed the need for Rotary's Public Image to be addressed, especially with the District's move towards regionalisation. Ruth replied that an advertising campaign will commence in late March/early April. She also stated that our social media posts should be reflective of the projects that our Club undertakes and not of the stereotypical images of cooking BBQs.

Love Your Sister Event: Ruth took the opportunity to network at PELDs and advertised this forthcoming evening to club Presidents on 11th March. To date, 46 tickets have been sold.

John asked for any members with shed items in their possession (especially aprons) to contact him. A Shake the Can roster for Labour Day will be circulated.

Bonnie reported that she had filled one spot for the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camp and expects that additional students will be available to attend.

Sergeant's Session:

Gary Doherty issued fines to Bill Dwyer for wearing his hat on backwards at the Golf Day, Dave Palmer for excessive social media presence, Kathy Mills for winning closest to the pin also at the golf tournament, and Greg Byers' for his lack of fashion sense. Greg then fined Catriona Jarman (unfairly!) for walking on the road and Ruth for both speeding and insulting a police officer. Gary called for all members to become 'snitchers' and to report members' misdemeanours to him for future fining reference.



Raffle and Joker Poker:

Kathy Mills won the chocolates and Alan Walton, the wine.

Bill Dwyer unsuccessfully drew the four of clubs, therefore the Joker Poker jackpots to next week.



Next Week's Meeting - 3rd March 2025:

Trevor Harmes, Kathy Mills and Jane Challis will present their 'Behind the Badge' so that newer Club members may learn about their life's journey.



GOLF DAY

The day started off being a little cloudy, however, the sun put his hat on and came out to join us. While it was warm in the sun, the wind was enough to make it feel comfortable.

We had 16 teams register for the event and after the usual group photograph they dispersed to their starting point/hole.

We set up the BBQs on holes 6 and 17 where our players could charge up with a sausage or freshen up with a drink. We also had the mobile drinks cart moving around the course.

When each team had finished they were given some afternoon tea and they could 'wet their whistle' with drinks from the Clubhouse.

While waiting for the results, the remaining players emptied their pockets for the auction items, or bought raffle tickets. Soon the tables of raffle prizes and auction items were empty.

The Event Director Peter Holland announced the winners of the Mens teams and the Mixed teams who were delighted to receive the prizes. He also presented his Encouragement Award for the team that had had the best value for money aka made the most shots of the day.

Everybody was thanked for attending and for making it a fun day. They were invited back next year. Peter then thanked the members that helped to run the day, the early morning members who brought equipment from the shed and helped set them up, those on the BBQs, the Scrutineers of Hole 6 which had the Car as a prize if someone managed a hole in one, those who set up and ran the Raffle or set up the awards and prizes and stayed as security at the clubhouse and Ann for assisting him and driving the mobile drinks cart. He also thanked the Seymour Golf Club for their support and work to make the day a success.

This fun and successful Event raised over \$5000 for Rotary.

