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

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Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	1 June Royal Hotel	8 June No Meeting	15 June Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	CLUB ASSEMBLY Closed Meeting Rotary Members only	King's Birthday	RYPEN Presentation
CHAIRPERSON	Ruth Byers		Fiona McCarthy
TOAST	Ian Chadwick		Bonnie Williams
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Paulette Andrews		Craig Hoath
GREETER	Dave Palmer		Leanne Chapman

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

31	May	Adopt-a-Road	Mathew Fowler
21	June	Rotary Market	Mark Dossor
28	June	Club Changeover Luncheon	Catriona Jarman, Alison Hall, Jane Challis, Fiona McCarthy

Chair for the night, Greg Byers, commenced the meeting by welcoming all. Our guests for the evening included Acting Inspector Jamie Cutler, Police Award recipient Detective Sergeant Julie Trimble, her daughter Ruby, and Steph Round, Steph Sacco, Kara Ziebell, Andrina Taylor and Mathew Whiteside as representatives of the Seymour Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team. In addition, Gavin Williams, Rotarian Bonnie Williams' son and member of the Sunbury Police Force, was in attendance. Formal apologies were received from Viv Beaumont, Gary Doherty, Cathy Goubault-Lawrence, Ron Halicki, Peter and Ann Holland, Liam Jones, Hugh Lawrence, Tony Lee, together with a belated apology for last week, from Janina Taylor.

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KARACHI CENTENNIAL, PAKISTAN: BILL DWYER



The Rotary Club of Karachi Centennial in Pakistan has become pivotal in the country's attempt to eliminate the polio virus through Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign. The Rotary Club, located in District 3271, was chartered in 2005 and is situated in the Sindh province which is the area in Pakistan most affected by polio. This is due to the size and mobility of the population which numbers

approximately 20 million people, most of whom live in urban slums. The Rotary Club of Karachi Centennial has active immunisation initiatives which include door to door knocking, and the setting up of vaccination drives at transport hubs such as railway stations. Allied Health support for polio survivors comes in the provision of prosthetic limbs and mobility aids to enable independent living. The Rotary Club of Karachi Centennial face the historical challenges of vaccine hesitancy however remain committed to RI's End Polio Now program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – RUTH BYERS

President Ruth welcomed everyone to our special Rotary Seymour Police Awards night which was first introduced by the Club in 2015. She acknowledged the importance of recognising and valuing the vital work that the police force undertakes in our community.





FROM CLUB MEMBERS

- **Catriona Jarman** announced that she had forwarded invitations for the Club changeover to all Rotary members - please let her know if you have not received one.
- **Ruth Byers** reported that she had recently been in contact with Mary Greenshields who is doing well and looking for a new home for her stored Rotary memorabilia.
- **Mathew Fowler** has organised another Adopt-a-Road event for this Sunday 31st May. Those planning to attend are to meet at the Winery Kitchen at 9.30am, weather permitting. See end of Bulletin for further details.

ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Club participation in the Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award program began in 2015. This award was established by the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale in memory of Peter Toomey, a police officer and Rotarian whose vision created this acknowledgement. The award continues today as part of his legacy and honours those who embody police values of flexibility, leadership, integrity, respect and professionalism. It recognises dedication and outstanding service provided by a police officer to their community.

The recipient of the Rotary Club of Seymour Award is nominated to participate in the Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award at District 9790 level together with recipients from other Rotary Clubs. Unfortunately, this year, and due to police involvement in the Longwood bush fires, our presentation was delayed and the Peter Toomey Award ceremony had already been conducted.

The Rotary Club of Seymour Police Officer of the Year Award for 2026 was presented by President Ruth Byers to Detective Sergeant Julie Tremble for her exemplary commitment to the local community as head of the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team.

Prior to the award presentation of a shield and personalised plaque, Acting Inspector Jamie Cutler provided Club members with background information about Detective Sergeant Julie Trimble. DS Trimble has been involved with the police force for 37 years working with the victims at the centre of various crime scenes in both rural and metropolitan settings. She is now the unit commander of her team, managing a crew of six detectives, and has shown great diligence to rise to her rank. DS Trimble is an experienced member of the police force who remains positive and calm under, at times, extreme pressure. It is not only her vocation which creates challenges for DS Trimble as her recent vacation to Spain involved participation in a 780 km walk along the Camino de Santiago from one side of the country to the other in 35 days.



Left to Right Above: Steph Sacco, Andrina Taylor, Detective Sergeant Julie Trimble, Acting Inspector Jamie Cutler, Steph Round, Matthew Whiteside and Kara Ziebell.

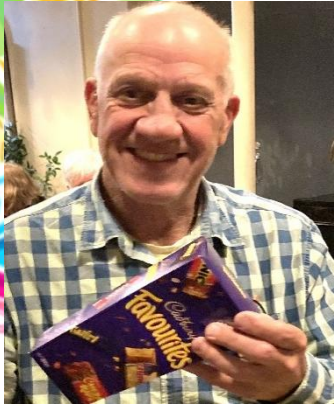


DS Julie Trimble stated that she was honoured to receive the award and was grateful for the support of her close knit team and her family. She described her work as difficult but extremely rewarding.

Left: With daughter Ruby
Right: The personalised plaque



RAFFLE WINNERS



Craig Hoath:
Chocolates



Alison Hall:
Wine



Tony Woodhouse:
Joker – King Diamonds

ADOPT-A-ROAD

(Weather permitting)

When: Sunday 31st May

Time: 9.30am

Where: Meet at the Winery Kitchen/Somerset Crossing Carpark

Members are welcome to bring family and friends along to clean up the Puckapunyal end of Emily Street from Tierney Street to Northwood Road. High visibility vests, rubbish bags, pick-up sticks and gloves will be provided.

Mathew is hoping for a good turn-up which will result in the collection of many bags of rubbish.

Contact Mathew - Mobile: 0432 270 27

