

Rotary

Rotary Club of Seymour

Connecting with our community

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

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Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	31st August Royal Hotel	7th September Royal Hotel	14th September Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	Andrea Bauer Highlands Hub	Operation Cleft -	NO MEETING – Replaced by visit to the Grand Stupa Bendigo
CHAIRPERSON	Sam Manning	Craig Hoath	
TOAST	Mathew Fowler	Kohn Keeffe	
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Alison Hall	Paulette Andrews	
GREETER	Tony Woodhouse	John Stares	

If you cannot carry out your duties, please arrange someone else to do so and advise
President Bill and Alison Hall.

All members : Please respond to meeting invitations to allow for easier catering.

SAVE THE DATES

30 August	Market Day	Mark
13 September	Visit to the Grand Stupa Bendigo	Sam
14 September	No evening meeting	
19 September	Mitchell Shire Fishing Festival	
21 September	Annual Footy Night	
2 nd & 3 rd October	Seymour Show gates	
1 October	All abilities basketball showcase	
7 October	Trivia Night	Ruth

This week's apologies : Paulette Andrews, Catriona Jarman, Liam Jones, Fiona McCarthy

A great crowd was in attendance tonight as our Sergeant brought our meeting to order and introduced our Chairman Jane Challis. Jane thanked the team from Goulburn Options for the tour of the GO ART facility in Station Street. Ian Chadwick provided our international toast by acknowledging Japan's place in the Rotary world with 2200 clubs and over 5000 members. These clubs are split between English and Japanese speaking clubs.



Ruth's guest tonight was Amanda Wylie.

President Bill was welcomed to the lectern he acknowledged our social event at the RSL last Friday night. Our visit to the Grand stupa in Bendigo was noted.

REPORTS :

Treasurer Peter asked that any outstanding club fees be paid as soon as possible.

Secretary Bonnie requested approval from members to have their mobiles included in her group texts. In regard to our Family Violence initiative Bonnie spoke of the positive reaction received from the business community of Seymour with several related organisations reaching out.

Public Relations Chair Jane advised that the process of updating our website was underway including registration for our Family Violence community walk. The banner for the walk has been ordered. A submission will be made for the "Public Image rebate scheme will be submitted.

Membership Chair Ruth advised that a submission will be made for the membership Rebate scheme. Combined with the Public Relations scheme this could result in a \$50 per member reduction in our fees.

David Palmer alerted all to the upcoming performance of The Wedding Singer by the Seymour Performers Workshop.



Our evening commenced with a visit to the GoArt facility on Station Street. GoArt is a subsidiary of Goulburn Options. We returned to the Royal where Goulburn Options CEO Debbie Mitchell outlined the history of the organisation with its establishment initiated by parents in need of support. The original site on Deletite Road has expanded to include the High Street location and Station

street, as well as the Op shop on Anzac Av where 40 volunteers are rostered. School based activities are provided as well as before and after school care. In home care is also available. Recent changes to the NDIS has resulted in a significant examination of the services offered. The board is currently working through these challenges with a new strategic plan central to future plans.



Hannah Challis, daughter of our own Jane, outlined her 5 years with the organisation where she attends 5 days a week with activities and training including art, woodworking and cooking. Hannah also volunteers at the Op Shop and works at The Centre on Station St managing the phone system. Monthly excursions also take place to venues such as attending the Pretty Women stage show and Bodyworks. Using her Goulburn Options allowance on trips to such as Chinatown assists in financial management development. Hannah's goals are to be able to live independently, cook, use public transport, taxi's etc and manage her finances. She stressed that she would not of been in her current position without the support of all the support

workers at Goulburn Option. Jane closed by highlighting Hannah's development over her 5 years at the organisation.

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Our Sergeant At Arms, Greg Byers returned with gusto tonight fining Bill for no phone calls in 5 weeks. Ruth was got for falling over and breaking her wrist [but it did mean that Greg learnt how to shave womens legs] Alison was fined for winter trading hours, is the shop ever open! Fred was whacked for damage to his car being there for 12 months yes he is a

panel beater. Trevor was got for behind an all round BS artist and Chaddy got it for those very special glasses worn tonight. It is Tony Woodhouse's birthday so of course he put some coins in the pot.



Bonnie won the raffle chockies while Alison picked up the wine. Alas Dave failed to draw the Joker which has jackpotted to \$750



Our purple shirt brigade ready to say NO to domestic violence.