



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR

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

WEEK COMMENCING 28th April 2025

DATE / VENUE	5 th May Royal Hotel	12 th May Royal Hotel	19 th may Royal March
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	Our recent RYPEN participant will present on her recent RYPEN camp.	What does Mother's Day mean to me? Catriona Jarman Janina Taylor Jane Challis	John Barton 'Music Logic' Come along and learn about John's unique method of understanding music
CHAIRPERSON	Fiona McCarthy	Trevor Harmes	PP Ron Halicki
LOYAL TOAST	PP Catriona Jarman	Bill Dwyer	Paulette Andrews
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Samantha Manning	PP Kathy Mills	Alison Hall
GREETER	Tony Woodhouse	PP David Freeman	Ann Pritchard

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

APOLOGIES were received from : Mary Greenshields, Peter Holland, Liam Jones, Cathy Goubault-Lawrence, Ann Pritchard, Fiona McCarthy, Paulette Andrews, John Keeffe, Viv Beaumont, Trevor Harmes and Samantha Manning.

APRIL IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks.

PP Gary Doherty provided our toast to the King and Australia. His international toast was to the Rotary Club of New Orleans who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for the lunch. Their president is Kellie Paine and their major activity is an annual blood drive.

Our sergeant PP **Gary Doherty** called our meeting to order.

President Mark opened our meeting.

First of all, our condolences go to both Catriona and Paulette for their losses over the last week or so.

Thank you for your Shake The Can efforts over the Easter weekend. Our fundraising total over the weekend was \$2446. Friday was for the Children's Hospital Appeal, \$1620 was raised so together with our market gate contributions our donation was \$2203 to the appeal.

I have seen many members spread 2 shifts over a Shake The Can weekend but a 6-hour shift on one day is unheard of! Bonnie Williams you are a champion.

Thankyou Kathy Mills for laying our wreath on ANZAC day.

Our changeover date is locked in for Sunday July 13th at the Bowls Club. We will use the same caterer as we used for our Samuel Johnson fundraiser.

Our chairman **PP Kathy Mills** called for reports –

PP Greg Byers requested assistance with our Mother's Day Classic BBQ fundraiser from 9am till 11am on May 11 at Lions Park. [Our needs were satisfied from the floor] This is our last fundraiser for the year.

PP & PE Ruth Byers spoke regarding the District Conference this weekend and confirmed travel arrangements. Attendees to meet at the IGA carpark at 7.45am on Sunday.

Our membership info night is locked in for June 2. Please consider any potential new members and submit to Ruth on the forms provided. What we need is 'bums on seats' to provide information regarding our work.



Our very special guest speaker this evening was Seymour RSL sub branch president and Hilldene CFA stalwart Matthew McLaughlin. Following a stint as a plumber while being an army reservist in 2007 Matthew joined the army full time in 2008 relocating to the Amberley Transport Squadron followed by a stint in Darwin. While Matt was not deployed overseas he was involved in many domestic disasters before finally being transferred back to Pucka and being promoted to the rank of Corporal after a short demotion to Lance Corporal. Unfortunately, the army life resulted in a marriage breakdown before being medically discharged in 2019. Matt dabbled in many jobs including car sales however some mental health issue resulting from medical condition saw him 'retire' at age 36. Not one

to be doing nothing at the prompting of a friend he attended the Seymour RSL. Disappointed with the atmosphere including a we versus them, Vietnam vets versus Afghanistan, he waited 12 months to return to find he was immediately voted in as Junior Vice President. He found himself quickly promoted the Presidents position and quickly recognized that changes were need if the RSL was to continue. The rebuild commenced aimed at reducing the age demographic. Much work has been done to involve families of vets including a kid's room and improved amenities, while it continues to be a work in progress Matt is proud of the development he has overseen. They are currently hoping for a federal government grant to continue the improvements.

Anzac Day has become an important day on his calendar with an enormous amount of work in the planning for a single day of activity but overall, it is all worthwhile.

Meanwhile the Hilldene CFA has become his second home and has greatly improved his mental health.

Matthew encouraged us to visit the RSL as we are all welcome to enjoy their facilities.



Kathy Mills won the wine won the wine but failed the draw the elusive joker while Dave Freeman won the chocolates.



Our Sargeant at Arms PP Gary Doherty provided our fines session nabbing all Collingwood supporter for their mighty win over the weekend, Ian was whacked again for yet another new car while Fred was welcomed back by putting a coin in the box. Gary was crossed fined as a losing Geelong supporter while Greg was cross fined by Mark for being 'euphoric' [what on earth was he euphoric about ?]

President Mark closed our meeting –

Just a bit of a heads up, if you are a music lover like me but do not understand the process of achieving a simple melody the week after next a local, John Barton will be here to help us understand with his alternative method of learning and creating music. Please try to attend this important night of understanding and learning.