



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR

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WEEK COMMENCING 5th May 2025

DATE / VENUE	12 th May Royal Hotel	19 th May Royal Hotel	26 th May Royal March
GUEST SPEAKER / EVENT	What does Mother's Day mean to me? Catriona Jarman Janina Taylor Jane Challis	Seymour Secondary College school captains Cooper and Sophie will talk about their responsibilities.	Constitution and By Laws vote and ratification.
CHAIRPERSON	Trevor Harmes	Fiona McCarthy	PP Ron Halicki
LOYAL TOAST	Bill Dwyer	Hugh Lawrence	Paulette Andrews
CASHIER / RAFFLE	PP Kathy Mills	PP Jane Challis	Alison Hall
GREETER	PP David Freeman	Fre4d Sartori	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, Paulette Andrews, John Keeffe, Tony Lee, Fred Sartori and Dave Freeman.

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

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

PP Catriona Jarman provided our toast to the King and Australia. Her international Toast was to the Rotary Club of Duarte, USA, for their significant contribution to Rotary history.

For those who are not familiar with the history of women in Rotary, it is only 38 years ago yesterday, 4th May 1987, that women were permitted to join the organisation. This is due to the

actions of the Rotary Club of Duarte who caused consternation in 1977 by inducting two women when, since 1921, the Rotary constitution had been changed to explicitly state that Rotary membership was restricted to men only. (Prior to then the ruling was only implied). In response, Rotary International revoked the Club's charter and a 10 year legal battle followed, leading to the Supreme Court of the United States announcing that women could not be excluded from joining Rotary Clubs. Today, almost 300,000 women are members of Rotary Clubs worldwide, many of whom have served in leadership roles thanks to the sustained efforts of the Rotary Club of Duarte. The Club meets for breakfast at Denny's restaurant in Duarte every second and fourth Wednesday of the month and is involved in activities such as student scholarship programs, organising community events, for example fairs and annual celebrations, and clean up days to name a few. The Club has also been instrumental in setting up an AIDS clinic in Jamaica and supports a girls' school in Calcutta, India. The Rotary Club of Duarte's members are proud of their place in Rotary's history – following the Supreme Court ruling, inducted female member, Sylvia Whitlock (who also has a leadership award named after her), became Club President in 1987 and later District Governor in 2012.

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

President Mark opened our meeting.

Welcome our guest speaker Lilly Prouse, her family and Principal at the Flexible Learning Centre, Shane.

I think sometimes we all just turn up to our meetings or attend activities but we are subject to very strict laws in the way we operate, work and raise funds. Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Australian Securities Commission require us to work under a current legally binding constitution which controls our activities. With this in mind it is necessary that we ratify a new constitution and set of By Laws. Peter has issued the new documents for your approval. This vote will take place at our meeting during our normal meeting on May 26. I encourage you to read the documents and be prepared to place your vote. If you cannot attend Peter has also provided a proxy form.

Our chairman **Fiona McCarthy** called for reports –

PP Greg Byers advised that manning for our Mother's Day Classic fundraiser on Mother's Day is finalized. Details will be provided later in the week. Greg also advised that he attended the Foundation presentation at the District Assembly and we are therefore eligible to apply for grants.

PP & PE Ruth Byers spoke regarding the District Conference yesterday. There was much discussion about Regionalisation with an excellent Public Image and Child Protection presentation. Jane and Samantha attended the Public Image presentation, Fiona and Mathew, Youth Services Bill,

Secretary and Treasurer and Greg Foundation. Ruth also reinforced our plans for our membership night on June 2 and handed out more nomination forms. She also provided a new survey that she asked be returned by the end of May [These have now been issued by email]

Bonnie Williams advised that our community survey was out and about. The survey would hopefully reflect what the community needs and wants rather than us making the decision on their behalf. **Liam Jones** has put together the survey complete with a Q code for automatic response and the ability to evaluate the results in real time.



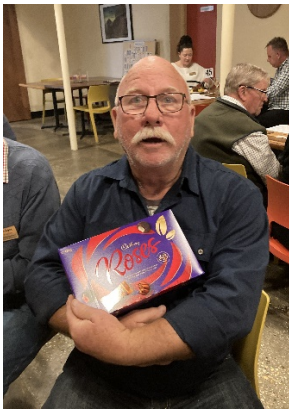
District Assembly attendees Bill, Greg, Ruth Samantha and Mathew. Where were Jane and Fiona?



Our guest speaker this evening was Lilly Prouse who reflected on her recent RYPEN camp.

A bright, enthusiastic Lilly Prouse spoke of her appreciation for her travel arrangements with two other RYPEN participants. She was pleased with her single dorm room and loved the curry! Outside activities were always accompanied by 2 or 3 Rotarians. Groups were formed and activities were built around relying on each other, participation and fun. Crate climbing, problem solving, and a weird rope climbing were some of the activities that were included. Inside activities created a togetherness, where the realisation that your troubles and worries were not unique to you which was eye opening. Non talkers were encouraged to be involved which grew their confidence and involvement while utilising strengths, looking at new angles and perspectives were an integral part of the camp.

Lilly closed her presentation by thanking all Rotarians for arranging her to participate



Dave Palmer won the wine while **Trevor** failed to draw the elusive joker but he did take home the chocolates.



Unveiling his Geelong gear our Sargeant at Arms PP Gary Doherty provided our fines session nabbing all Collingwood supporters for their loss to the cats over the weekend. Dave Palmer was got for his impressive 'I've Been Everywhere' rendition on the radio. Fiona was nabbed for no badge at the district assembly while Greg nabbed Jane, Fiona and Ruth for he not getting a word in on the road to the Assembly while Mark got for an impressive new hairdo

President Mark closed our meeting –

Just a reminder from Dave Palmer - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory opens next weekend with performance over the weekend and the following weekend.

Next week we will be celebrating Mother's Day when we ask the question of Catriona, Janina and Jane – What does Mother's Day mean to me ? There will be some special surprises for all our mothers.

See you then