

Rotary
 Rotary Club of Seymour
Connecting with our community

Contact us at PO Box 80 Seymour 3661, online at rotaryseymour.org or call Secretary Bill on 0438 028 868

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

No 30. 9 February 2026

Coming Meetings

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

DATE / VENUE	16 February Royal Hotel	23 February Royal Hotel	2 March Royal Hotel
GUEST SPEAKER/ EVENT	Cameron Evans Welsh Barman Royal Hotel Interview	Rotary International Birthday Celebrations Trivia Fun Night	TBA
CHAIRPERSON	Alison Hall	Alison Hall/ Catriona Jarman	TBA
TOAST	John Barton	John Keeffe	TBA
CASHIER / RAFFLE	Ann Holland	Kathy Mills	TBA
GREETER	Peter Holland	Alan Walton	TBA

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

15 February	AM	Market	Mark
22 February	AM	Golf Day	Peter
6-9 March		Shake the Can	



Chair for the night, Craig Hoath, commenced the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

Formal apologies were received from Vivian Beaumont, Gary Doherty, Liam Jones, Samantha Manning and Tony Woodhouse.

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAUNGAKIEKIE IN NZ – PAULETTE ANDREWS



The Rotary Club of Maungakiekie, Auckland, was formed in 2022 and is an amalgamation of the Rotary Clubs of Onehunga (1947), One Tree Hill (1979) and Epsom (2021). The Club focuses on critical community issues and projects include Student Awards, the Epsom Anzac Day service, a Rotary sponsored Book Fair, a National Science and Technology Forum, a Christmas Parade, Tournament of the Minds and the 'Joy of Walking' self-guided walks. Dinner meetings are held each Monday evening at the Royal Oaks Bowls Club, Selwyn Street, Onehunga.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – RUTH BYERS



- **Australia Day** – Ruth reported that the Club's expenses for Australia Day came to only \$200 which is the least cost that we have experienced since hosting the event.
- **Fire Recovery** – The Rotary Clubs in our cluster (including Yea, Kinglake Ranges, Mansfield, Alexandra and Southern Mitchell), together with the Rotary Club of Whittlesea, have supported fire affected youth in our community by providing uniforms,

books, stationery, bikes and financial access to school camps. In addition, 16 water filled 10,000 litre tanks have been donated to property owners in the Ruffy area. She called upon volunteers to man a fundraising BBQ this coming Friday to supply breakfast to those impacted by the fires. Ruth will continue to give Club members updates as they arise.



MEMBERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mark Dossor** brought the Club up to date with the market activities from September through to December 2025. We are consistently making regular monthly profits of approximately \$1700. This is a positive sign for ongoing market viability. Community groups that have benefited from gate takings include the Seymour Community Choir, the Tallarook CFA, Gnarly Neighbours and the SES. Our first market for 2026 will be this Sunday 15th February and volunteers are required. Please contact Mark regarding your availability.
- **Peter Holland** reminded everyone of the upcoming Golf Day event on Sunday 22nd February. Ten teams have registered to date. Peter will be asking for assistance at next week's meeting.
- **Paulette Andrews** has recently been assisting the RSL with the fire recovery and the suggestion has been made of a combined get together by both community groups. This may occur closer to Anzac Day.
- **Catriona Jarman** reminded Club members of the need to send their baby photos to her in time for the Rotary Trivia Night on February 23rd.



PRESENTATION BY ROSE HALSE

Rose Halse has been proactive in the police force for the past four years having come into the profession at a later stage in life. Her role is with the Police Community Groups Health Services where she provides support to the most vulnerable people living in our community.

Original background as a schoolteacher, her husband's life experience with the Kinglake fires in 2009, and her son's neurodivergence diagnosis.

She is very aware of the need to break down barriers by not passing judgement on her clients and usually chooses not to wear her 'full kit' in sensitive situations to reduce the power imbalance. Rose's position takes her into schools where she provides educational programs on grooming and child abuse. She also works with children, their parents, teachers and carers and stated that it is important to take the shame away from reporting these issues.

Rose outlined the difficulties for many members of the police force in executing their daily duties as PTSD is often a side effect of the profession. Rose has, however, had a satisfying career and is soon to provide a presentation to a large forum in Frankston. She will shortly be leaving the police force to take up a position with the Shire of Mitchell where she will be involved in the field of workplace relations. Rose is looking forward to this challenge as she feels the need to stay connected with the community.

SERGEANT'S SESSION – GREG BYERS



Sergeant Greg Byers was prolific in the number of fines which he bestowed upon unsuspecting Club members:

Mark Dossor (and all Collingwood supporters) for looking forward to seeing Collingwood play at the commencement of the AFL season.

Bill Dwyer for pulling out of the Golf Day team.

Hugh Lawrence for gracing our TV screens.

Ian Chadwick for installing a new 'slider' gate.

Dave Freeman for being called out to fight fires at Ron Halicki's three times in one day.

Ruth Byers for keeping him working over the weekend in 40-degree heat.

Fiona McCarthy for her fun-loving Australia Day contribution.

Jane Challis for her nickname of 'Miss Pat'.

John Keeffe for his photo on Facebook.

Catriona Jarman for not regularly going on her daily walk (untrue! – Ed.)

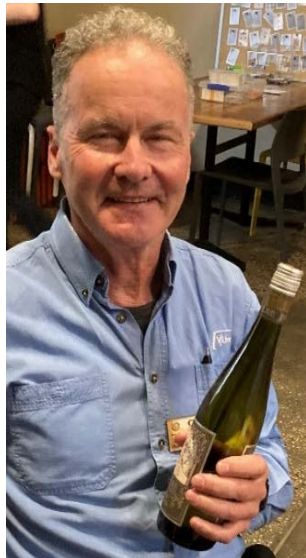
Dave Freeman and Peter Holland for having their picture printed in the Telegraph.

The Police Force for not accepting his early employment application due to height restrictions.

RAFFLE PRIZES



Bottle of Wine
winner:
Chris Bence



Box of Chocolates
winner:
Jane Challis



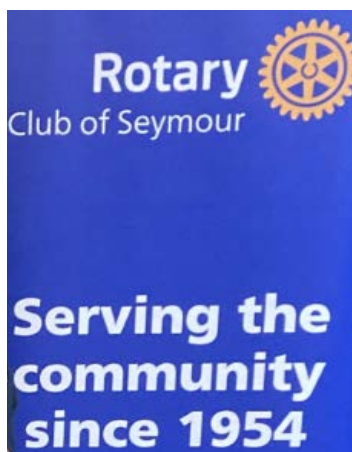
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Paul Lowe
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three of clubs



‘A Rotary Club is a diverse group of people who have come together to raise money and to use their strengths to help the community.’ Rose Halse - February 9, 2026.



ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR &
SEYMOUR GOLF CLUB

CHARITY **GOLF** TOURNAMENT

**A Chance to
Win \$1,000
Cash Prize!**

First hole in one on the 6th

.....
**4 Person Ambrose
\$120 entry per team**
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Entries to:

seymourrotarygolf@gmail.com

with team name and players, handicaps
and Golf Link no. Players with no
handicap, please enter average score for
9 holes. Entries may be accepted on the
day if not booked out.

PAYMENT in advance appreciated via
EFT to BSB 063 545 Acc 0080 0124
with name of team
Or credit card on 0400 622 540

SUNDAY

FEBURARY 22

SEYMOUR GOLF CLUB

Registration 8:30am

Shotgun starts 9:30am

Complimentary sausage sizzle at the 6th and
17th holes

Drinks cart on course with free water and
bar-priced drinks

Complimentary afternoon tea after the round

Cash prize eligibility: Amateur players



Enquiries:

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