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PRESIDENT: Mark Dossor
District Governor
Assistant Governor
World President

SECRETARY: Catriona Jarman
Richard Luke
Anne Reid
KR Ravindran

TREASURER: Mariam Baker
RC Heidelberg
RC Alexandra
RC Colombo

Invocation

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

Meeting Date	June 27	July 04	July 11
Venue	GO College of TAFE	GO College of TAFE	G O College of TAFE
Time	6.30 for 7.00pm	6.30 for 7.00pm	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Chairman	Catriona Jarman	Liz Derricks	Ron Halicki
Cashier	Dimitra Giannopoulos Taylan Atar	Sue Goette Mardi Jarvis	Paulette Andrews Julie Schulz
Greeter	Ralph Baker	Martin Raby	Mark Dossor
Invocation	Marlene Campbell	Ian Chadwick	Don Wilson
Toasts	Paulette Andrews	Viv Beaumont	Fiona McCarthy
Program	Committee Chairs	Angel Flight	Rotary Friendship Exchange

If you are unable to fulfil your task, arrange for the next in line to do so.

Apologies and Guests

before noon on Friday, please: contact Ralph Baker either by phone on 0402 468 258 or email by Thursday 5pm at

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays	None	
Anniversaries	None	

COMING UP

June is Bowel Scan Month	
June 26	District Changeover – Shepparton Golf Club

LAST MEETING

For the second time in as many meetings GO TAFE rose to the occasion providing a beautifully turned out venue for our changing of the guard. Chairman for this important night John Keeffe welcomed our many guest who included District Governor Tony Bramley and Pamela, Past District Governor Philip Clancy and Helen, Past District Governor David Anderson, Assistant Governor Anne Reid, Past Assistant Governor Sandra Hanley, President RC of Southern Mitchell Elizabeth McCormick, President RC of Yea Jeannie Handsaker and members of Seymour Goulburn Lions. Catriona Jarman said the Invocation followed by Greg Byers who toasted the Queen and Australia. Hugh Lawrence was responsible for our toast to Rotary International and in an interesting play on words chose to raise the question “what if there were one too many Rotarians?” Hugh continued in this vein before arriving at his conclusion of how one had become many. Beginning with the idea of one man – Paul Harris – Rotary had become an International organisation doing amazing work worldwide. Thus we had gone “from one to many”.

PDG David Anderson responded to Hugh’s toast saying that we in Australia are one of the few countries that chose to toast Rotary International. Reiterating Hugh’s premise of “the power of one” David told us that Rotary International, whilst a very necessary entity for which we are very grateful, is little more than a bureaucracy and that Rotary’s real work is done in the 35,341 clubs around the world. He thanked Hugh for the toast saying over the past twelve months he felt we had all been a “gift to the world”.

The passing of two of our long serving members – Keith McLarty and Henry Whiteman – was commemorated with the lighting of a memorial candle by Keith’s son Doug.



The awarding of two Paul Harris Fellow with sapphire was the next formal part of our evening. Asking for the help of DG Elect Tony Bramley PP Catriona Jarman announced that the Club had chosen to honour two of our members with this award.

The first being a posthumous presentation, Catriona asked Doug McLarty to come forward and receive it on behalf of his father Keith who passed away on August 18th last year immediately prior to his 90th birthday. Born in Seymour, Keith became a Rotarian in 1974 under the classification of “Mixed Farming” and remained a member for 41 years. A quiet achiever and inspiration to fellow Club members, he was a tireless worker for his community until illness prevented him from doing so.

Doug McLarty accepting his father Keith’s award

Alan Walton was the other worthy recipient. Also a country boy through and through Alan had a varied and interesting career before retiring in 2004 from his position as an inspector of Land Settlement, Conservation, Natural Resources and the Environment. Married to Norma since February 29 1964 (a leap year), and having lived in Seymour since 1979 Alan joined Rotary on June 23rd 1998 and is already a Paul Harris Fellow. A tireless worker, three of his Rotary projects are battery collection, Bowelscan and the management of our storage shed. Alan has also been involved in other community work – notably the CFA for whom he has volunteered for 56 years to date.



Alan Walton receiving his award from DG Elect Tony Bramley

Chairman John handed the meeting over to President Mark Dossor for the very pleasant task of disbursing of funds. Before announcing who he had chosen to receive some financial assistance from the Club Mark asked Christine Chadwick to come forward and receive some flowers as a token of our appreciation for all her hard work in auditing the Club's financials. That done he told us that there were three areas of the town that he had decided to assist – the elderly, our military heritage and youth. The following people and organisations received this year's disbursements:



- Karingal Aged Care facility. CEO Liz Whitford received the cheque for \$750 to assist in the purchase of a syringe driver for use in palliative care.
- The Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative Walk received \$2000. (Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances no one was available to receive the cheque in person.)
- Seymour Youth and Fitness Centre. Sergio Prado received \$2000 to assist with their Superhero program. In a gracious reply he thanked the Club, and in particular Greg Byers, for the support.

President Mark Dossor with Liz Whitford and Sergio Prado

The drawing of a raffle was next with the lucky recipients being John Betts (Yea), Bob Hogan (Seymour) and visitor and ex Seymour member Doug Killeen.

President Mark Dossor addressed the meeting giving his report on where he thinks the Club is and how he had found the year he served it as President. The full report can be read in the Annual Report but some of the points he made were that he wanted to thank the other Board members who had supported him – acknowledging also their families for understanding the commitment and time Rotary sometimes demands of its members. Noting that we each bring differences to the Club in all things from personalities, backgrounds and personal circumstances he urged us to embrace each other's differences and to support our new President Ruth Byers as she takes on the responsibility of continuing to grow our Club.

PDG David Anderson was again at the podium with the very pleasant duty of inducting our new President Ruth Byers. Having known both Ruth and Greg for around six years he asked them both to step forward saying that he was happy to have been at Greg's induction as well.

The exchanging of banners was carried out by current Sergeant Dimitra Giannopoulos and our new Sergeant Hugh Lawrence.

After receiving her badge of office, President Ruth presented PP Mark with his new badge and made the following speech. (I have reproduced it in its entirety as I believe it to be too important for me to summarize. Ed)



I would firstly like to thank Mark, the outgoing board and the members of the club for another great year. Thank you for all your hard work Mark in leading the club and for passing it on to me in such great shape.

As President I would like to introduce the incoming board. As I introduce each member, please come forward and accept your badge.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT &
 BULLETIN EDITOR – Mark Dossor
 FOUNDATION – John Keeffe
 CLUB ADMIN – Mariam Baker
 VOCATION – Paulette Andrews
 INTERNATIONAL – Sue Goette

SECRETARY – Ron Halicki
 TREASURER – Dim Giannopoulos
 MEMBERSHIP – Hugh Lawrence
 PUBLIC RELATIONS – Marlene Campbell
 YOUTH –Fiona McCarthy (away)
 SERVICE PROJECTS – Tony Lee

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Greg Byers



2016-17 Board members

Marlene Campbell, Greg Byers, Paulette Andrews, Ron Halicki, President Ruth Byers, Tony Lee, John Keeffe, Hugh Lawrence, PP Mark Dossor, Dimitra Giannopoulos and Sue Goette

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family and husband Greg for giving me the confidence and opportunity to take on the role of President for the next 12 months.

When I was growing up in Euroa many moons ago, I lived in a small community, a community that thrived; that we were safe in and a community that had a heart. The people of Euroa were always there for each other to lend a helping hand. I left Euroa at the age of 18.

Fast forward 29 years and I was living in Bendigo and had done so for 25 of those 29 years. There was something missing, but I didn't know what it was. Even though my children grew up there and still call Bendigo home, I didn't.

Then eight years ago I made the move to Seymour and joined Rotary. For the first time in 29 years I felt cared for, protected and a part of a community again. I did not realise how much I had missed it until I had it again. I had come home. I thank Rotary for that, for giving me a sense of belonging and acceptance for the first time since leaving Euroa.

Rotary is made up of men and women who are like minded individuals who want to make a difference to the community we live in and around the world. Through Rotary we are given the chance to give back, to lend a helping hand and to belong.

For the next 12 months, the journey I want to take you on is one of learning, growth and fun. Through our efforts in the words of Past Rotary International President Ron Burton "you need to leave the woodpile just a little higher than you found it". To do that, I ask you to get involved.

Our 12 month plan is for every member of the club to feel involved, informed and engaged. The way to do this is through strong communication. **Imagine** if we could achieve this. We will be connected and will all take ownership of our club; it is our club after all.

We will continue to attract new members so please keep sharing the opportunity. Our membership growth is each and everyone's responsibility. At the end of the next 12 months, I would like to see 55 like-minded people, all actively engaged and achieving results in our community and beyond. **Imagine** how with new members our club will be revitalised, whilst gaining new ideas and continued enthusiasm which will strengthen our club.

This year revamping our service and community work is on the agenda, so we work smarter not harder. Our aim is to develop new service opportunities that respond to our community's needs, whilst looking for new ideas.



My president's community project for the next 12 months will be Seymour Youth and Fitness Centre. Sergio does a remarkable job working within our community, providing essential support to local youth in our area. In a supportive environment Sergio offers counselling and advice to improve their mental health and overall fitness levels, instilling self-confidence and a sense of pride.

President Ruth with husband Greg, daughters Jacinta and Chantelle and grandson Caleb

Sergio's vision is to cover the outside of the gym with artwork of superheroes to make it more appealing and to send a message that we all have a superhero inside ourselves. To this end Greg has developed the Seymour Superhero's club. Greg's idea was to allow people to pay \$50.00 to become a superhero of their choice. But there is only one person who can claim the naming rights to each super hero. For your \$50 Greg grants you all the powers of that superhero. When Greg first told me of his plan, I said, you're crazy. No one will get behind this, it won't work. I am happy to say he has proved me wrong. Greg has raised \$2300, has pledges of another \$300 and has applied for a District grant. This is just the beginning; please have your \$50 ready, otherwise you won't be able to leave tonight. Only kidding.

This coming year is our foundation's 100th birthday. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. That's definitely something worth celebrating. Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. Our incoming Rotary International President John Germ has requested that every Rotarian worldwide make a donation equal to the initial contribution received by Foundation of \$26.50 recorded 100 years ago. **Imagine** if our 1.2 million Rotarians do this the foundation will raise \$32 million to continue its work. I encourage every Rotarian to consider this.

Rotary is all about us. Without us there is no Rotary. Rotary is a name given to a group of people who if we band together can achieve great things and can continue to improve the lives of others. I look forward to working alongside all of our members both old and new. Together we can make our club shine and continue to be very proud of our achievements past, present and future.

In closing in the words of John Lennon
“A DREAM YOU DREAM ALONE IS ONLY A DREAM”
“A DREAM YOU DREAM TOGETHER IS A REALITY”
IMAGINE

Thank you. I am looking forward to the coming year.

In closing the meeting Chairman John Keeffe thanked everyone for coming along to share the night and commented that as an incoming President it is a night you remember forever. John expressed our special thanks to Sonia and the TAFE team for their efforts and Russell Turner for providing the musical backdrop of the evening.



President Ruth & PP Mark



Dim Giannopoulos & Hugh Lawrence



Flowers for Chris Chadwick



President Ruth has provided the following list of her Committee Chairs and members for 2016/17

COMMITTEES 2016-2017

President – Ruth Byers

Secretary – Ron Halicki

Treasurer – Dimitra Giannopoulos

President Elect – Ron Halicki

Assistant Secretary – Catriona Jarman

Assistant Treasurer – Heath Munari

Immediate Past President – Mark Dossor

Club Administration:

Director – Mariam Baker

Bulletin – Mark Dossor

Sergeant – Hugh Lawrence

Attendance – Ralph Baker

Family of Rotary – Marlene Campbell and Ian Chadwick

Catering – Ruth Byers and Mariam Baker.

Youth Protection Officer – Grace Grieve

Club Historians – Don Wilson, Mary Greenshields, Bob Collins and Bryan Tehan.

Assistant Editor – Ralph Baker

Corporal – Liz Derricks

Programme – Sharon Anderson-Warne

Vocation:

Director - Paulette Andrews

Committee - Alison Hall, Julie Schulz and Fred Sartori.

Membership:

Director - Hugh Lawrence

Committee- Mardi Jarvis and Martin Raby.

Youth:

Director - Fiona McCarthy

Committee- Jane Challis and Kevin Falkenbach.

Community Service:

Director - Greg Byers

Deputy - Dave Freeman

Committee - Alan Walton, Michael Schulz, Mary Greenshields, Heath Munari and Dean Saitta.

International:

Director - Sue Goette

Committee- Liz Derricks, Don Wilson and Viv Beaumont.

Public Relations:

Director – Marlene Campbell

Committee – Catriona Jarman and Ralph Baker.

Radio- Catriona, Ralph and Ray Brown

Facebook – Mardi Jarvis

back up Social Media person– Dim Giannopoulos

Website – Julie Schulz

Club Photographer – Jane Challis

Foundation:

Director – John Keeffe

Committee – Gary Doherty, Bob Hogan and Grace Grieve

Service Projects:

Director – Tony Lee

Deputy – Mark Dossor

Committee – Taylan Atar, Tony Woodhouse, Ian Chadwick, Dave Palmer, Matt Taylor, Garnet Bailey and Craig Grant.

Property/Shed - Tony Woodhouse and Matt Taylor

OTHER POSITIONS:

Social Co-ordinator – Martin Raby

Community Liaison Person – John Keeffe

Conference Co-ordinator – Ruth Byers

Club Trainer – Catriona Jarman

Special Projects / helpers-

Jim Peart, Bruce Hall and Fiona Stevens.

OUR HAPPY CREW

**Members of the Rotary Club of Seymour present
at this year’s Changeover**



