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Our Invocation:

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT: Mariam Baker  [.facebook.com/RotarySeymour](https://www.facebook.com/RotarySeymour)

SECRETARY: Sue Goette  Secretary: Sue - 0402 256 497

TREASURER: Ruth Byers

OUR UPCOMING PROGRAM

Meeting date	10 September	17 September	24 September
Venue	Go Tafe	Go Tafe	Go Tafe
Time	6.30pm for 7pm	6.30pm for 7pm	6.30pm for 7pm
Chairman	Mariam Baker	Mark Dossor	David Freeman
Cashiers	Alison Hall & John Keefe	Paulette Andrews & Gary Doherty	Greg Byers & Catriona Jarman
Greeter	Vivian Beaumont	Greg Byers	Ruth Byers
Invocation	Gary Doherty	Sue Goette	Ron Halicki
Toast	Alan Walton	Dylan West	Xenia Williamson
Program	Club Assembly Members-only night to discuss the club and how things are going.	Emilja Fihlman Come along and listen to Emilja talk about her country, family and life in Finland, and her experience so far in Australia.	Footy Night Enjoy a footy themed night of fun and fellowship with the Alexandra Rotary Club. Isabella & G will be catering for us on the night
Regalia & Room Set Up	Fred & Peter	Harley & Tony Lee	Alan & Don

If you are unable to fulfill your task please arrange someone else to do so. **Please confirm your attendance, along with guests, to Ralph Baker on 0402 468 258 or email mariam.baker@bigpond.com by 4pm THURSDAY prior to meeting.**

President Mariam Baker began this week's meeting by warmly welcoming guests **Youth Services Director Julie Lynch, Ken Maxfield**, tonight's speaker **PDG David Anderson** and inbound exchange student **Kimberley Bay**, all from Yea, as well as **Ewan McDonald**, and **Isabella Marchetti**. Around 26 of our Rotarians were present, as well as the six guests, so the atmosphere in the room was electric.

Mariam called for the invocation, which was presented by **Rita Collins**, and the toast, which was provided by guest speaker **David Anderson. David**, on his South-East Asian theme tonight, toasted the Rotary Club of Phayao, Thailand. The club was chartered in June 1972, and meets on Wednesdays at 7pm. They are in district 3360, and their current President is Pattaya Bunnag. They sponsor an Interact Club in the city of Phayao.

President Mariam, along with **Fiona McCarthy**, wanted all of our members to have a chance to get to know **Emilja** better. **Fiona** has worked hard to create a diary for Emilja, which has her free times that she would be available to spent some time with our Rotarians doing activities or seeing sights. Members are reminded, however, that if they intend on taking Emilja outside the district, they will need to complete a travel form beforehand.

Jacqui Brauman was also presented with a beautiful floral arrangement for her mammoth effort in preparing and organising the inaugural Seymour Business Awards. While Jacqui downplayed her effort, and acknowledged the help of others, especially **John Keefe**, there is little doubt that the night wouldn't have gone ahead without her drive and motivation. Congratulations again to you Jacqui!

Before handing over to tonight's chairman, **Mariam** reminded everyone that next week would be the first club assembly for the year, so come along and enjoy a night of fellowship as well as exchanging ideas of how we can continue to improve the club.

Mariam then invited tonight's chairman, **PP Vivian Beaumont**, to the lectern for the first time this year, to handle the evening's proceedings.

Vivian then called for reports, which were as follows:

WHAT'S ON?

16th September	Adopt A Road
24th September	Lunch On The River
5th-6th October	Seymour Show Gates
20th October	Tastes Of The Goulburn & Christmas Raffle Launch
29th October	Lunch On The River
2nd, 3rd, 6th November	Shake The Can
11th November	Ladies Day Out
26th November	Lunch On The River
November	Christmas Raffle Continues



Secretary Sue Goette announced that she had today sent an email about regarding 'A Taste Of RYLA'. A Taste Of RYLA is an information day detailing to Rotarians the opportunities and experiences that RYLarians gets to experience on their week away. The session will this year be held at Seymour RSL on Sunday September 23, from 11am-4pm. The booking link is located at <http://ryla9790.org.au/taste/> for anyone who is interested in attending the day.

Community Service Chair PP Catriona Jarman announced that based on Greg's advice, our adopt a road will be on the Shepparton entrance to town, on Sunday week (16th of September). We will meet from 9am at McDonalds (well, at least Greg will), with the cleanup to start from 9:30.

New Generations Chair Fiona McCarthy spoke about Seymour College's Newsletter. She explained that the newsletter contained an article on the Mock Interviews, expressing their thanks to the club and the value it will provide for students in future interviews. Fiona has also received correspondence from **Emilja's** host Rotary club in Finland, who are interested in what Emilja has been up to since she has been here, and what kind of experiences she has been having over here. Finally, Fiona had also received an expression of interest from a student on outbound Youth Exchange, however, he only wanted to visit the USA, and at present, the USA is not part of the Youth Exchange program, so his expression of interest was not successful.

Service Projects Director PP John Keeffe asked members to consider putting a few hours aside to assist with a barbeque at the Railway Station on Tuesday, September 11 from 3-7pm. The barbeque is V-Line's way of thanking customers during the recent train line shutdown due to track works. John would like, if possible, 3-5 volunteers to assist in the running of the barbeque.

PP Greg Byers announced that Cynthia Lim from Seymour Business and Tourism had seen him, and provided him with copies of the Seymour In Spring booklet, which has now been launched. The website has also been launched, and is located at <https://www.seymouris.com.au/> (go about 3/4 down the home page, and you'll see a video containing some of our Rotarians, and a special cameo at the end from none other than Greg!!). The booklet is about 36 pages, and features things to do and see, and events in the area throughout the next few months. If anyone would like a copy, Greg still has some spares available.

Kathy Mills reminded Rotarians that she is holding a special event on Sunday September 30 to raise funds for Unite to Fight Cancer. Kathy will be participating in the 21km walk, but also holding this event in advance to raise funds. The day will be at Sun Cinema in Yarraville, and consist of a screening of Ladies In Black, as well as tea, coffee and cake, at the cost of \$30. If anyone hasn't yet contacted Kathy and is interested in going, please let her know as soon as possible, and let fellow Rotarians know as well so carpooling or a bus could perhaps be arranged amongst each other.

Tonight's special guest speaker was **Past District Governor David Anderson**. David was here tonight to speak about a special subject he got to learn about back in May this year. David attended the District 3310 conference in Malaysia, and got to witness the ladies from the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl. The club was chartered just three years ago, and is the district's only all-female Rotary Club. Their signature project is a project called REAL.

REAL stands for **R**ural-focus **E**nglish for **A**ll. The project's main aim is to provide materials to allow rural primary school students in Malaysia to enhance their grasp and knowledge of English. The project is a collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl and the Sabah Education Department. As there is currently a large divide between the education outcomes for rural and urban students, the REAL project aims to diminish this gap, and provide opportunities for rural students to gain a greater chance of building successful careers and lives.

The project, as simple as it sounds, provides dictionaries in both Malay and English, as well as 'English Corners' in schools, which consist of around 700 English-language books, as well as a Television and DVD player to hear how English is spoken as well as written. Teachers in these schools overseeing the English Corners are trained on how to motivate and encourage students to participate in the English Corner, as well as organise competitions and activities between students to showcase their ever-increasing English skills.

The project's first year was in 2016/17, when three schools were involved. In the 2017/18 year, the Australian High Commission got involved, helping fund another four new schools to become involved in the project. To date, just over 1700 dictionaries have been distributed and 3100 students have been involved in the program, as well as 43 teachers.

Funding for the project has come from 4 main sources. The Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl, as well as individual donations, the Women's Affairs Minister and the Australian High Commission.

There has been benefits not only for the students themselves, but also the families of the students, with kids bringing the dictionaries and books home and sharing them with other people in their household. This is in turn increasing the English skills for parents and siblings as well, potentially helping them in their lives and jobs.

This year, three more schools have been added to the program, bringing the total to ten across Sabah, and funding is continuing for those seven schools that were already on board with the project. In future, the goal is to get all 300 rural primary schools in Sabah involved in the project in some way. The Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl will apply for a Foundation Grant to ensure the program can continue to grow.

In concluding, David spoke about his personal goal for the project. He would love to see all 6 clubs in the cluster to provide the \$835 towards the project. He explained that, if all 6 clubs gave this amount, as well as a \$2500 district grant, it would be enough to provide funding for two more schools to be added to Project REAL.

Mariam then presented David with a special cheque to help kick-start this wonderful project. David was most appreciative, expressing how much it would help the kids in rural Malaysia touched by REAL.

Finally, on an unrelated note, Yea's inbound exchange student, **Kimberley Bay**, presented our club with a replica club banner from her host Rotary Club in Switzerland, the Rotary Club of Konofingen, as a commemoration of her visit to our club.





SPIN THE WHEEL

Catriona Jarman was tonight's lucky winner, spinning herself up a massive \$5 for her trouble! Well done Catriona!



SERGEANT'S SE\$SION

Sergeant Greg Byers got straight to work fining **Harley & Chris** for their confusion of the spelling of 'EMILJA'. To celebrate Fathers' Day, all dads were fined. Anyone that received cotton underwear for Fathers' Day (**Fred**) were also fined. Greg fined **Rita** for helping her with her computer troubles, but stumbling upon Rita's questionable new website in the process, and anyone who hadn't yet been fined by Greg this year (**Jacqui!**) were also pinged.



Chris was again fined for being in too many photos, and **Ruth** was in deep trouble for covering her and Greg's bed with the cushions she purchased at the Trivia Night. **Tony Lee** caught a fine for leaving Beryl behind at last week's Lunch On The River. Fred was fined for dressing in women's clothing one year to avoid having to cook on mother's day one year. And finally, **David Anderson** was fined for going away and letting Ken take care of his dog, and not even offering to chip in on the cost of the dog food!

Greg offered the floor for crossfiners, and **Mariam** took her chance, crossfining **Rita** for agreeing to be Greg's corporal, to which Rita confessed she doesn't ever remembering agreeing to such a task!

Peter crossfined **Greg** for Greg's confusion over whether Ruth or him should wear his dinner badge, and Mark crossfined Catriona for naming the incorrect location for the Adopt-a-road.

ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE 2018/19

President: Mariam Baker
 Secretary: Sue Goette
 Immediate Past President: Ron Halicki

President Elect: John Keeffe
 Treasurer: Ruth Byers

CLUB ADMINISTRATION:**Director - Ralph Baker**

Bulletin Editor - Harley Bird

Sergeant-at-arms - Greg Byers/Corporal - Rita Collins

Attendance - Ralph Baker

Program - Sharon Anderson-Warne & Alison Hall

Family Of Rotary - Ian Chadwick & Rita Collins

Catering - Mariam Baker & Ralph Baker

Youth Protection Officer - Fiona McCarthy

Club Historians - Mary Greenshields, Bryan Tehan & Don Wilson

VOCATION:**Director - Paulette Andrews**

Committee - Gary Doherty, Jacqui Brauman

NEW GENERATIONS:**Director - Fiona McCarthy**

Committee - Kathy Mills, Viv Beaumont

MEMBERSHIP:**Director - Jane Challis**

Committee - Mark Dossor, Ruth Byers

COMMUNITY SERVICE:**Director - Catriona Jarman**Committee - Greg Byers, Tony Lee, Alan Walton,
Chris Bender**INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION:****Director - David Freeman**

Committee - Hugh Lawrence, Don Wilson

PUBLIC IMAGE:**Director - Xenia Williamson**

Committee - Dylan West, Marlene Campbell

SERVICE PROJECTS:**Director - John Keefe**Committee - Harley Bird, Peter Holland,
Fred Sartori, Ron Halicki, Tony Woodhouse, Alison Hall,
Dave Palmer, Dean Saitta, Heath Munari**Radio - Catriona Jarman & Xenia Williamson****Website - Ruth Byers****Club Photographer - Xenia Williamson****Facebook - Mariam Baker, Ruth Byers,
Catriona Jarman, Xenia Williamson,
Harley Bird, Dylan West****OTHER DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES****Rotary Park:** Tony Lee, **Property / Shed:** Fred Sartori,**Conference Coordinator:** Ruth Byers,**Bowelscan:** Alan Walton, **Trivia Night:** Greg & Ruth Byers, **Battery Collection:** Ron Halicki,**Ladies Day Out:** Ruth Byers, **Lunch on the River:** Tony Lee.**SPECIAL PROJECTS / HELPERS:** Jim Peart, Bruce Hall, Fiona Stevens, Ray Brown and Garnett Bailey**Honorary Members:** Alison Ridley, Doug Killeen and Cathy Goubault-Lawrence**District Governor:** Malcolm Kerr – Rotary Club of Cobram.**Assistant Governor:** Elizabeth McCormick – Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell.**World President:** Barry Rassin – Rotary Club of East Nassau – Bahamas.