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PRESIDENT : Ruth Byers SECRETARY : Ron Halicki TREASURER : Dimitra Giannopoulos



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Our Invocation:

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

COMING PROGRAM :

Meeting date	6 January	13 February	20 February
Venue	SEYMOUR BOWLS CLUB	GO TAFE	GO TAFE
Time	6pm for 6.30pm	6.30 for 7pm	6.30pm for 7pm
Chairman	Alison Hall		
Cashiers	Marlene Campbell & David Freeman		
Greeter	Ian Chadwick		
Invocation	Fiona McCarthy		
Toast	Xenia Williamson		
Program	Annual Bowls Challenge [Details below]	TBC	TBC
Regalia & Room Set Up	Tony Lee		

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 mariambaker@bigpond.com by 4pm THURSDAY prior to meeting.

Please note this new requirement



Next week, February 6, is our annual bowls challenge at the Seymour Bowls Club on Tallarook St. The cost will be \$15.00 per head for your meal and green fees. Don't forget to bring your flat soled shoes.

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This week's meeting was opened by **President Ruth** who welcomed all and thanked the RSL for being our host for the evening. PP **Mary Greenshields** provided our toast to the Rotary Club of Morsham in the UK, the Club which supplied a GSE group in 2010 and is a dedicated supporter of the youth work which Rotary is renowned for. **Mark Dossor** provided our invocation. Ruth also thanked all for their support on Australia Day, advised of the next RLI, which was in place for February 19th, and also advised of a Rotary Foundation fundraiser to be held by the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell [details below]

Community Service chair **Greg Byers** thanked all for their participation in Australia Day which again was deemed an outstanding success.

Service projects chair **Tony Lee** also thanked all for their assistance on the Australia Day BBQ and specifically thanked **Ruth and Greg Byers** for their outstanding work on organising the event.

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Our special guest speaker tonight, John Gribben [pictured with Chairman Hugh] was described by friend of 30 years, Chairman High Lawrence, as not just an amateur historian but an entertaining storyteller. John presented a fascinating and enlightening story of the WW2 POW camps around the Murchison and Rushworth area, between Shepparton and Violet Town. We were all left educated with these, plus many more facts :

- Seven international camps existed, holding up to 10'000 prisoners of varying nationalities in these camps. There were specific camps for the Italian, Germans, Japanese, German Jews, etc.
- In Murchison there still an Italian wartime cemetery which is maintained by the Italian government.
- There were 7 airfields across the area, built to service these camps.
- Many Japanese POW's were transferred to these camps following the Cowra breakout in NSW.
- The Geneva Convention required that all these prisoners were repatriated to the homeland following the war but many returned to settle in Australia.

From your Bulletin editor. For more information I found this Herald Sun article very informative :
In your browser go to - www.heraldsun.com.au/anzac-centenary/the-forgotten-history-of-australias-prisoner-of-war-camps



Rotarians at play.



- 17,18,19 February - alternative expo parking
- 19 February – Rotary Leadership Institute, part 1.
- 27 February – lunch on the river
- 25 February – brewers & goats on the hill at 7 hills
- 10,11,13 March – shake the can
- 13 March – labour day market [tbc]
- 16 – 19 March – District Conference



Our Fines master Hugh was at it again tonight with misdemeanors including Greg’s shirt and the tomato sauce accessory, Mark for being crutchless, Fred for the length of his tongue [????], Jane needing her glasses for taking pics. Greg crossfined Catriona for driving normally, badly, and David Freeman for his \$3.67 sheep shearing and Cathy fined Hugh for feeding the maggies in the morning despite his dislike of the Collingwood Magpies



Planting the seeds of change

Our District Conference is imminent. President Ruth encourages all to attend as a real education into what Rotary really is. Please speak directly to Ruth regarding registration, costs and accommodation.

Support the seymour youth & fitness centre and become a superhero today



Thor
Gary Doherty



The Flash
Mark Dossor



Super Hero Barbie
Mardi Jarvis



Zorro
Fred Sartori



Elsa Frozen Princess
Julie Schulz



PO Dragon Warrior
Greg Byers



Iron Man
Ron Halicki



Wonder Woman
Dimitra Giannopoulos



Lady Penelope
Catriona Jarman



Scooby Doo
Ian Chadwick



The Shadow
Tony Woodhouse



Catwoman
Sharon Anderson Warne



Tigress
Ruth Byers



Rubberman
David Freeman



The Invisible Man
Vivian Beaumont



Aqua Man
John Keeffe



The Lone Ranger
Jim Peart



Eddie McGuire
Bryan Tehan



Dispicable Me
Michael Schulz



Spiderman
Tony Lee



Hawkeye
Dave Palmer



Dora the Explorer
Paulette Andrews

**Thank you Seymour Rotarians for your support of this activity
along with 20 other community supporters.
Please see Greg Byers to add your own superhero.**

PRESIDENT : Ruth Byers PRESIDENT ELECT : Ron Halicki
SECRETARY : Ron Halicki TREASURER : Dimitra Giannopoulos
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT : Mark Dossor

CLUB ADMINISTRATION :

Director – Mariam Baker

Bulletin – Mark Dossor

Sergeant At Arms – Hugh Lawrence

Attendance – Ralph Baker

Family of Rotary – Marlene Campbell and Ian Chadwick

Youth Protection Officer – Ron Halicki

Assistant Editor – Ralph Baker

Corporal – Liz Derricks

Program – Sharon Anderson Warne

Catering – Ruth Byers and Mariam Baker

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

VOCATION :

Director – Paulette Andrews

Committee – Alison Hall, Julie Schulz and
Fred Sartori

YOUTH :

Director – Fiona McCarthy

Committee – Jane Challis

MEMBERSHIP :

Director – Hugh Lawrence

Committee – Mardi Jarvis and Martin Raby

COMMUNITY SERVICE :

Director – Greg Byers / Deputy – David 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 Jarman, Ralph Baker and Ray
Brown

Facebook – Dimitra Giannopoulos

Website – Ruth Byers

Club photographer – Jane Challis

FOUNDATION :

Director – John Keeffe

Committee – Gary Doherty & Bob Hogan

SERVICE PROJECTS :

Director – Tony Lee/Deputy - Mark Dossor

Committee - Taylan Atar, Tony Woodhouse,
Ian Chadwick, Dave Palmer, Matt Taylor and
Garnett Bailey.

OTHER POSITIONS :

Social Coordinator – Martin Raby

Community Liaison Officer - John Keeffe

Conference Coordinator – Ruth Byers

Club Trainer – Catriona Jarman and Mark Dossor

Shed / Property – Tony Woodhouse and Matt Taylor

Rotary Park– Tony Woodhouse

SPECIAL PROJECTS / HELPERS – Jim Peart, Bruce Hall and Fiona Stevens

District Governor: Tony Bramley, Rotary Club of Greensborough Central

Assistant Governor: Anne Reid, Rotary Club of Alexandra

World President: John F. Germ Rotary Club of Chattanooga USA.