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Our Invocation:

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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TREASURER: Ruth Byers  Secretary: Sue - 0402 256 497

OUR UPCOMING PROGRAM

Meeting date	27 August	3 September	10 September
Venue	Go Tafe	Go Tafe	Go Tafe
Time	6.30pm for 7pm (6pm at Sartori's Panel Works)	6.30pm for 7pm	6.30pm for 7pm
Chairman	Ian Chadwick	Vivian Beaumont	Mariam Baker
Cashiers	Ruth Byers & Peter Holland	Dylan West & Xenia Williamson	Alison Hall & John Keeffe
Greeter	Paulette Andrews	Ralph Baker	Vivian Beaumont
Invocation	Jane Challis	Rita Collins	Gary Doherty
Toast	Fred Sartori	Bryan Tehan	Alan Walton
Program	VOCATION VISIT Our first vocation visit for the year will be to Sartori's Panel Works. Commencing from 6pm at 19 Emily St before heading back to GoTafe.	Rural English for All David Anderson from Yea will be speaking about the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl's project to bridge the gap between urban and rural schools in South East Asia.	Club Assembly Members-only night to discuss the club and how things are going.
Regalia & Room Set Up	Fred & Ron	Tony Lee & Dylan	Fred & Peter

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.**

ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR
PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT, AUGUST 25
DOORS OPEN 6PM

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WHAT'S ON?

25th August	Trivia Night
27th August	Vocation Visit - Sartori's Panels
16th September	Adopt A Road
5th-6th October	Seymour Show Gates
21st October	Tastes Of The Goulburn & Christmas Raffle Launch

Last chance to book your tickets for the Trivia Night. This Saturday is the big day, if you know anyone who has the night free, invite them along for a great night of fun, laughs and trivia!

Sergeant-at-arms PP Greg Byers called tonight's special joint meeting to order, and advised those kindly to take their seat or be fined! **Greg** thanked all for their attention, and handed the meeting to **President Mariam**.

Mariam welcomed Rotarians from both the Seymour Rotary Club and the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club, **Ian Dempsey**, **Roslyn Stewart**, **Gary Gradsack**, **Vishal Mahajan**, **Gordon Hastie**, **Ian Lee**, **Elizabeth McCormick**, **Marie Gerrard**, **Kit Holland**, **Rose King**, **Malissa Ryan** and **Jenny MacDougall**, as well as welcoming back **Isabella** and **Ge** as guests as well as **Jill Keefe** and **Ewan McDonald**.

Mariam then got into business, asking **Paulette** to provide tonight's invocation, and **Kathy** to provide tonight's toast. **Kathy** toasted the Rotary Club of Vancouver, Canada. The Rotary Club of Vancouver is part of District 5040, and meet at midday Tuesdays. The club was the first in British Columbia, and the second in the whole of Canada. They hold an annual bike-a-thon for the Rotary Hearing Foundation.

Mariam and **Ralph** attended the grand opening of Goulburn Options on the weekend. The transformation of the building, she said, is absolutely magnificent. She reported that it was a fantastic day, with art displays, music, wine tasting and more. The original plan was for the official opening to be done by Steph Ryan, but instead it was done by the clients of Goulburn Options as a celebration. **Mariam** will also be attending the presentation night for the First Seymour Scouts this Friday. Finally, **Mariam** also announced after discussions with **Don** that the Rotary Club will be having a static display on the weekend of Seymour's 175th anniversary celebrations. More details are to follow.

Mariam also reminded us that next week's meeting will consist of a vocation visit to Sartori's Panel Works, kicking off from 6pm. She encouraged all to go as it's a great privilege to have a business open their doors for us.

The meeting was then handed to tonight's chairman, **Ralph Baker**, who called for reports:

Treasurer PP Ruth Byers announced that financials will be sent later this week. If anyone has any questions please ask her. July's balancing was also completed successfully, and we still have money! Ruth moved on to the trivia night, and reminded those who had not booked a table yet to do so. If you aren't able to get a table organised, let Ruth know so a good seating plan can be arranged. There are fantastic prizes and auctions up for grabs this year, so keep spreading the word right up until Saturday and help ensure it's the biggest Trivia Night yet! This year's winning table will have 6 KFC Family meals packs, and 4 Burger Me vouchers. The losers table will have a sample tube of toothpaste and a coffee card for Blues' Central Cafe. Ruth also asked those who could pay before the night to do so, to prevent a long queue on the night and help things run as smoothly as possible as the doors open.

Vocation Director Paulette Andrews reiterated Mariam's encouragement to members to attend this week's vocation visit to Sartori's panel works, and also agreed on the privilege we have in being able to see a business in action up close. Fred will also be holding a quiz on the night (if we aren't already quizzed out from Trivia of course!)

Public Image Director Xenia Williamson reminded Rotarians that she would be on Seymour Community Radio on Tuesday at 10am, with **Don Wilson** for support. I managed to catch her and Don on the radio, and they did an excellent job! I do encourage everyone to get by the radio on the 3rd Tuesday at 10am for Xenia's segment.

Community Service Chair PP Catriona Jarman announced that the inbound exchange students attended Dookie on the weekend for their orientation weekend. There were lots of inbound students, as well as 2019's outbound students. The colour and atmosphere at the weekend was fantastic to see, and there was plenty of excitement and enthusiasm amongst all the students.

Ian Chadwick encouraged all to get around to **Marlene's** to pay a visit, or give her a call, and let her know we are all there to support her in light of her recent news.

PP Mark Dossor touched on the Boomerang Bag project that Broadford are currently engaging with. The shopping bags are made of recycled materials and Mark is providing the bags in his shop. There are around 400 bags currently in circulation in the area and \$200 has been donated to RAWCS through the sale of bags for \$5 each.

Service Projects Chair PP John Keeffe made mention of the drought relief money tin that was going around tonight. He encouraged all members to chip in to the cause, and also announced the money from the sergeant's session would be going towards drought relief as well.

Kathy Mills announced that she will be doing the 21km Unite to Fight Cancer Walk. To help raise funds, Kathy has organised a day to the Sun Cinema at Yarraville. The day will consist of a screening of the upcoming film, Ladies In Black, and coffee, tea, cake, and fun and fellowship, all starting at 2pm on Sunday September 30. Tickets are \$30 each, and please RSVP by September 5. I have attached more details to the bulletin for those interested.





Our special guest tonight was Melissa Hebbard. Melissa is from the Milawa-Oxley Rotary Club, and is also the District 9790 Champion for EndTrachoma. EndTrachoma is a project supported by Rotary, which aims to eradicate Trachoma in Australia by the year 2021, Rotary's 100th year in Australia.

Australia is the only developed country in the world where Trachoma persists, and is present almost entirely in remote aboriginal communities, particularly throughout Central Australia, as well as the Centre and West of Western Australia.

Melissa spoke about how Trachoma is contracted and spread. The disease is caused by a chlamydia bacteria entering the eyes, causing lesions and irritation under the eyelids, and a roughening of the eyelids. The disease is spread easily in areas where people do not have access to clean clothes, water, toilets or have crowded and generally unhygienic living conditions. If the disease is left untreated, it can eventually cause the eyelid to turn inward, causing scratching of the eyelashes on the cornea, and, eventually, blindness. The disease is easily prevented, and transmission halted, with the provision of clean and secure drinking water, clean clothes, toilets, and maintaining cleanliness of the hands and face.

Melissa explained that about 10 countries throughout the world had already been declared Trachoma-free, and Australia is now the last developed country to have epidemic levels of the disease.

The main goal of the EndTrachoma project is to prevent and stop the spread of infectious diseases by enabling communities to practice good hygiene. EndTrachoma has a 'SAFE' method of working towards this aim, that is **S**urgery to repair eyes damaged by Trachoma, **A**ntibiotics to treat and decrease transmissin, providing and promoting **F**ace cleanliness, and improving **E**nvironmental conditions, such as improving access to water and sanitation. EndTrachoma also provides mirrors to homes, in the form of inexpensive metallic silver acrylic sheets, so that children can see if their face is clean. Face washers are also provided, and each child is encouraged to personalise them (with their name or drawings) to prevent sharing of infected washers. EndTrachoma also runs Soap Making classes. This not only gives people a utensil to clean themselves, it also promotes crafts, and potentially even provides a business idea for some. Finally, they also have provided the 'Ezywash', which is a small washing machine which requires little water and power to run, allowing people to wash their clothes, and improves dignity for them as well.

Melissa encouraged everyone to find EndTrachoma on Facebook, and visit the website, endtrachoma2020.org.au to get more information and to donate. People can also donate stamps to the used stamps project, as all funds raised through this will be directed to the EndTrachoma project for the next couple of years.



SERGEANT'S SE\$\$\$ION

Sergeant Greg got straight to work fining **John** for forgetting to introduce his wife as a guest.

Catriona was fined for sneaking back into work rather than heading to Rotary tonight.

Fred was fined for attempting to charge a \$10 entry fee to Sartori's Panel Works next week, and **Tony** added to the coffers for believing the above story!

Don got in trouble for harassing Greg's parrot, and **Mark** was fined for continuing the football talk despite being previously warned not to! All the club's senior citizens (no one owned up to being one, however) were fined in recognition of August 21 being Senior Citizens' Day.

Greg owned up to visiting the MCG for a non-football event, and **Corporal Rita** was in trouble for handing Greg a Jehovah's Witnesses pamphlet, in breach of Rotary's non-religious status! **Alison** was fined for her needing a 'strong man with no brains' to help move heavy things, and Finally **Harley** was fined for including photos not up to Bulletin standard, namely a questionable photo of John and Viv last week!

The floor was then opened for crossfines, and Greg warned only those who had a really good fine could crossfine him. **Ian Lee** rose to the challenge, reminding **Greg** of his quip earlier that the last one sitting down at the start of the meeting would be fined, as it was Greg himself who was the last one sitting! **Tony** questioned the legality **Greg's** birds on the nature strip, and **Elizabeth McCormick** crossfined **Xenia** after learning the two went to school together!



SPIN THE WHEEL

Ian Lee from Southern Mitchell snagged tonight's lucky number, spinning up the jackpot of **\$545!**



Ian donated \$500 of his win to the drought relief cause, and urged other Southern Mitchell members present not to tell his wife!

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

INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION:

Director - David Freeman

Committee - Hugh Lawrence, Don Wilson

PUBLIC IMAGE:

Director - Xenia Williamson

Committee - Dylan West, Marlene Campbell

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Director - John Keeffe

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 Gorbault-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.