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## Our Invocation:

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

## Upcoming meetings

Date	15 April	22 April	29 April
Time	6:30 for 7 @ Seymour RSL	Public holiday	6:30 for 7 @ Seymour TAFE
Chair	Ewan		John
Cashiers	Ruth and Greg		Fiona & Kathy
Greeter	Emilja		Leanne
Invocation	Fiona		Steve
Toast	Tony L		Ruth
Agenda items	Behind the Badge		Col Parker, Commandant Puckapunyal
Regalia and room setup	tba		Tony W and Chris

*These duties are important for the effective functioning of our meetings. If you are rostered to fulfil a task, it is already presumed you are aware and available. Make sure you are up to date with which members have been allocated tasks for each meeting. If you are unable to fulfill a rostered task, please arrange for someone else to do so and then notify the Bulletin editor of any changes. Your colleagues will be eager to help out where possible.*

**To assist with planning and catering, confirm your attendance along with names of any guests to Ralph Baker on 0402 468 258 or email [mariam.baker@bigpond.com](mailto:mariam.baker@bigpond.com) by 4pm THURSDAY prior to meeting.**

## **If you do something, try to give it a 100% (except when donating blood)**

Our last meeting was the club assembly, which is when things and stuff get sorted out. Most of the meeting, apart from eating and partaking in a libation or two, was given over to thinking about what Seymour Rotary can do for the upcoming financial year. Our club assembly meeting followed the district assembly held on the previous Sunday at Benalla, where some impressive achievements of Rotary were once again on show. The requirement to grow membership through active community participation in meaningful projects was one theme from the district assembly which was carried through into our get-together. What does that actually mean for us?

There are some stark facts we must understand pretty quick smart. More and more Australians are becoming younger and browner so Rotary cannot risk becoming older and whiter. To thrive within a contemporary setting, Rotary needs to ensure that as an organisation it encourages diversity in membership and maintains relevancy across changing times. How this is achieved primarily relies upon individual clubs seeking out local opportunities to grow. Darwin is often misquoted as talking about 'survival of the fittest' – what he is actually credited with saying was

“It’s not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It’s the one most adaptable to change”.



**President Mariam summarises themes of the recent district assembly whilst Ian remembers his mother saying eating bread crusts makes your hair curly. Hugh is careful to keep his arm out of Ian's way.**

## If you think you are too small to make a difference then you haven't spent a night with a mosquito

Where to from here, fellow Rotarians? The lead on from the district assembly gave some suggested parameters for framing community engagement. Projects could be aimed at promoting

- ethical behaviour in business
- social entrepreneurship in high school students
- education and literacy as fundamental paths to improving standards of living
- programs focused on developing professional capabilities of individuals, such as scholarships and internships
- employment as a path to foster better mental health
- school breakfasts and healthy eating
- Pride of Workmanship awards which recognise personal commitment by workers in non-profession occupations
- refurbished computers as less costly alternatives for school and university students
- eco-systems protection and development.

There was much discussion around which potential activities make a difference to our community while increasing the profile of (and attracting potential members to) our club. For instance, here are just three of the ideas raised:

- Tree planting in Anzac Avenue and re-dedicating plaques commemorating local service men and women killed in defence of Australia
- Extending the Adopt-a-Road concept to areas in vicinity of our regular community sponsors as a way to publicly acknowledge their importance to us
- Organising 'big-ticket' multi-day activities such as open gardens, festivals and enthusiast displays.

President Elect **John** gave a timely reminder to the club that our most important asset was the time and commitment of members participating to deliver the outcomes of our projects. Plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Which one shall we choose folks?

## Paul Harris Fellowship

Past President **Ron Halicki** was recognised for his ongoing contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to a fine Rotarian who leads by selfless example.

## Upcoming events

Don't forget, there is no meeting on 22 April which is Easter Monday.

From our colleagues at Euroa Rotary:

- The *Ride the Ranges* is coming up on 28 April. Register for either the 85 or 130 km ride and be eligible to win a new bike worth \$5,000. Giddyup!

From the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell:

- Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year of *Children First Foundation* with a barbeque at Miracle sMiles Retreat, 190 Saunders Rd Kilmore with a 6:30 start. A \$25 entry fee (entirely donated to *Children First*) gets you what is curiously described by our friends down at Kilmore as “a sumptuous [and adequate] BBQ meal”. Turn up for no other reason than to find out what that actually means.

# ROTARY CLUB OF SEYMOUR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE 2018/19

**President:** Mariam Baker **President Elect:** John Keefe

**Secretary:** Kathy Mills **Treasurer:** Ruth Byers

**Immediate Past President:** Ron Halicki

## **CLUB ADMINISTRATION:**

**Director - Ralph Baker**

Bulletin Editor – Ewan McDonald

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

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

**Director - Jane Challis**

Committee - Mark Dossor, Ruth Byers

## **INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION:**

**Director - David Freeman**

Committee - Hugh Lawrence, Don Wilson

**Radio - Catriona Jarman & Xenia Williamson**

**Website - Ruth Byers**

**Club Photographer - Xenia Williamson**

**Facebook - Mariam Baker, Ruth Byers, Catriona Jarman, Xenia Williamson.**

**Director - John Keefe**

Committee - Harley Bird, Peter Holland, Fred Sartori, Ron Halicki, Tony Woodhouse, Alison Hall,

Dave Palmer, Heath Munari

## **NEW GENERATIONS:**

**Director - Fiona McCarthy**

Committee - Kathy Mills, Viv Beaumont

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

**Director - Catriona Jarman**

Committee - Greg Byers, Tony Lee, Alan Walton, Chris Bender

## **PUBLIC IMAGE:**

**Director - Xenia Williamson**

Committee - Dylan West, Isabella Marchetti.

## **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:** Alison Ridley, Tony Lee & Sue Goette.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS / HELPERS:** Jim Peart, Ray Brown and Garnett Bailey

**Honorary Members:** Alison Ridley, Doug Killeen, Bruce Hall and Cathy Gourbault-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.