

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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ABN: 13 501 173 192

Meeting Roster

	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
April 30	Rotary Health - Merryn Pease	Peter Cowburn	Pearl Macmillan	Peter Hawthorne	Lyndy Stagg	Paul & Janice Brewster 13/4
May 7th	Club Assembly - ACTION PLANNING	Meredith O'Neill	N/R	Sue Hill	Delia Naumann	9/5 Janet Alexander, 10/5 Rod & Carol Birrell, 11/5 Graeme Batrouney, Anne Magee, Jim & Kerrie Ricchini
May 14th	Prue Francis & Daughter Claire	Graeme Chamberlain	Noel Emselle	Gordon King	Marion Walton	4/5/. Paul & Janice Brewster

Our Club

President

Secretary



Lynne Carlson



Rod Bush

Where: We will meet each Tuesday at the **Ocean Grove Bowling Club**



When: 6pm for 6:30pm
Visitors are Welcome

Our Major Sponsors:



Meeting enquiries or apologies:
Lyndy Stagg - 0429 436 858
Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

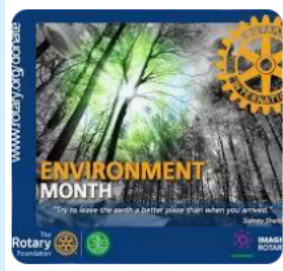
We acknowledge the traditional First Nation custodians of country throughout Victoria and their ongoing connection to this land. We pay our respects to their culture and their Elders, past, present and emerging.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE DETAILS ABOUT COMING EVENTS.

Meeting notes - 23rd April

- **Footy Tipping:** Peter Cullen, Janet Alexander and Geoff Chandler lead the competition. Rod Bush won this week.
- **Vocational Community Awards:** Alan Keyse. Members were reminded that nominations for the various categories are needed by 30/4/24. Nominations in all categories are less than usual so please have a think about those who may be eligible. Sponsorship for the awards has been excellent.
- **Youth:** Paul Brewster. Junior Community Awards are progressing with visits to schools next week.
- **Publicity:** Kath Venters. We are doing well on social media and in the press with articles about our projects.
- **Family of Rotary:** Judy Greer. Heather Willson is home from hospital. It was good to see **Jim Ricchini** at the meeting.
- **Community:** Pearl Macmillan. A BBQ will be held for Feed Me Bellarine on 18/5/24. Volunteers will be needed.
 - Salvation Army are collecting warm clothing and bedding. Please bring items to the next meeting for distribution
- **Environment:** Noel and Pearl. Serious consideration and priority planning is being given to the preservation of Ramsar sites as well as the White Mangroves by CCMA. There is some finance available but the project may have a 10 year life. The paddlers boat ramp is a high priority.
 - Some trees were replaced as they were not thriving. The rest look good.

Monthly **Theme: April - Environment**



Past bulletins

- Available from our website (rotaryoceangrove.org.au) via the 'Our Club' menu.

Contacts

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

Wisdom for the Week

A **smart** person knows what to say,
A **wise** person knows whether or not to say it.

One liners

- Parallel Lines have so much in common..... Its a shame they will never meet.
- I'm trying to organize a hide and seek competition, but it's hard to find good players.
- To understand what recursion is, you must first understand recursion.

Links

- Rotary International:** www.rotary.org
- Rotary District 9780:** www.rotary9780.org
- Rotary Foundation:**
www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au
- Footy Tipping:** www.footytips.com.au
- Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryOG>
- Instagram:** [#rotarycluboceangrove](https://www.instagram.com/rotarycluboceangrove)

Please remember:

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the next meeting - **please respond when you get it**

- **Group Presidents Meeting:** Gil Morgan.
 - District fees will remain at \$90.00
 - Some Clubs in the Geelong Area are considering amalgamation
 - District 9780 has offered \$1.000 to each group to use as a scholarship or bursary for a primary school student.
 - There may be an opportunity to join with RI Kardinia to fund a youth program on the Alma Doepel, a ship being refurbished in Docklands.
 - District Assembly will be at Horsham on 18/19 May. This is a good opportunity to learn more about Rotary.
 - Various clubs are collecting items for recycling. See Gill for information. RI Bellarine North are collecting books being left at Coles. A volunteer is needed to collect them and take them to RI Bellarine North.

- **Regionalisation and Strategic Planning.** Meredith O'Neill.
There will be a meeting of members in last weeks groups to finalise work already done. The workshop groups will meet at the Club meeting on May 7th .

Guest Speaker: Ann Fuller.

Ann and husband are involved with an organization 'Les Pecheurs Madagascar' who work to improve the lives of the people of Madagascar by helping them to fulfil their potential by teaching them 'how to fish.' The aim is to do this by providing them with assistance free of charge to establish, develop and operate their own businesses, A hospital, sporting complex and water supply has been established.

Blister Pack Collection Boxes

We sponsored a Blister Pack collection boxes at Ocean Grove Pharmacy which have proven very popular - and are full ! **The Ocean Grove Bowling Club** have indicated that they are very happy to share the cost with us to purchase more boxes - great news !

ANZAC Day Breakfast

Our hardy BBQ team did a great job providing breakfast for large number of attendees at the Dawn Service. Members also laid wreaths at a number of places across the Southern Bellarine..



Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.

Lookout Maintenance Roster:
Contact Noel Emselle

TBA

15 on me: Contact Rod Bush

I'll chat with members about availability and add names here as I get willing participants

100 Trees Maintenance Roster:
Contact Noel Emselle

April - Pearl Macmillan (Leader), Rod and Judy Greer, Gordon King, Lisa and Harry Hanley

May - Andy McKoy (Leader) Kath Venters, Rod Birrell, David Larkin, Alison George

June - Noel Emselle (Leader) Martin Geerings, Paul Brewster, John Karis, Tony Haines

Where you can use your OGBA voucher:

Driftwood Cafe, OG Cellars, Ian Pattison Jewellers, Piping Hot Chicken Shop, Viewpoint Digital Media, OG Bar, Wardrobe by the Sea, Bellarine Eye care, Bay IT, Bells by the Beach, Laminar, OG Hardware, OG NewsXPress, Pavilion Property, Ocean Eyes, OG Super Toys, Covenant Wine Bar, Roche Accounting, Bakers Delight



Form a queue please !



ANZAC day wreaths

An added bonus to the day was that we collected over \$500 in donations !

Past member **John Calnin** was pleased to be a part of proceedings this year and has been good enough to pen a short history of the involvement of our club in this event.

Rotary involvement commenced in 2004. Prior to then, the dawn service was at a very low ebb with only a handful of RSL members and a small public involvement.

Rotary approached the RSL to see if they would like some help with the Dawn service which was accepted. **Richard Grimmert** from Bellarine Memories provided a microphone, a podium and some lighting and also guided the RSL through the program.

With the assistance of the Community Centre which was opposite the cenotaph in the triangle they allowed Rotary to set up barbecues in their back yard and a dozen volunteers manned them. **Bill Steains** provided the BBQ's and gas bottles, Rotary paid for the bacon and eggs and after letting the public know what was happening on Anzac day, 200 egg and bacon sandwiches were served. It was no where near as flash as what it is today but with **Rod Birrell** and **Hans Franken** interacting with the public it was a great project.

After the first year there was a waiting list to get to cook but the only way there was a vacancy was for some one to die and that didn't happen. **Coral Barker** was in charge of the serving out and conducted that with military precision. A couple of years later **Rod and Judy Greer** took over the tea and coffee which again was very popular as there were no shops or cafes open at 6.30am.

So, for over 20 years our club has been involved with honouring our veterans - a proud heritage.

ANZAC Packs

In the days leading up to ANZAC day, members packed 50 hamper which were distributed to local veterans



Our Happy Packing Crew



David, Richard, Marg & Neal
hard at it.

Rotary 100 Trees

Not all trees are alike in their ability to grow and survive. Here we see **Warren, Pearl and Judy** replacing one that 'didn't make it' as well as **Judy** with a tree that is clearly very happy !



Warren, Pearl and Judy hard at it !



A message from Noel Emselle

I know we have members who like to get their hands dirty in support of nature.

May 1st at 11am to 1pm

Woody weeding with Parks Victoria, Lake Murtnaghurt

<https://volunteerportal.conservationvolunteers.com.au/s/make-booking?id=a0r5j00000ZO3CLAA1>

May 14th at 10am to 12pm

Weeding with the Friends of Edwards Point, St Leonards

<https://volunteerportal.conservationvolunteers.com.au/s/make-booking?id=a0r5j00000a934gAAA>

World Environment Day is celebrated World-wide on June 5th each year. I will be looking at our opportunities but the above have just come to my attention.

Cheers Noel Emselle

A message from Riding for the Disabled:



As a thank you for your ongoing financial support, we would like to invite representatives of your organisation to our Open Day at the Wallington Park Equestrian Centre, 1625 Bellarine Highway, Wallington on Thursday May 16, starting at 10am

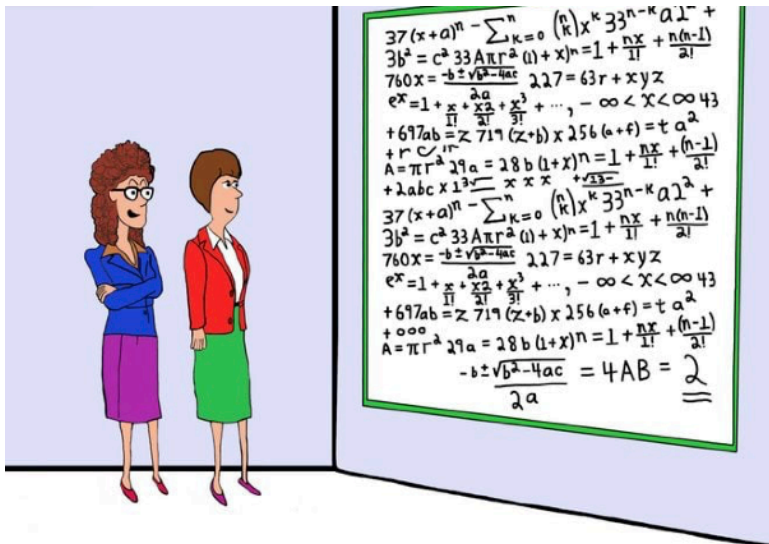
It is a chance to see your donations at work & speak with students, parents & RDA volunteers & coaches. A riding lesson will be in progress so that you can see first hand what a positive experience it is for the children (& volunteers) involved.

Tea/coffee & light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there. - Annette Appleby - RDA Barwon

If anyone would like to attend, please contact me and I'll pass on your name.

Congratulations Andrea!

Andrea Tierney received a Certificate of Appreciation for her support of the 'Our Stories for Change' Art Exhibition, staged as part of the district 'Say no to Family Violence' project. So well deserved !



"This is the most straightforward tax plan I've ever seen."

How Not To Do Conflict Resolution

Engage in blame

Repeat the cycle

Get angry

Be arbitrary



Refuse to listen