

**ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE**  
Serving the Southern Bellarine

Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X  
ABN: 13 501 173 192



## Meeting Roster

Date	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
August 20th	Janette Hanley-Heath - Kinship Carers	Gordon King	Lyndy Stagg	Gil Morgan	Marita Scott	22/8 Judy & Rod Greer, 23/8 Trish Emselle, 24/8 Jenny Schmidt, 26/8 Marg & Hamish Campbell
August 27th	OG Library - 5pm	Marion Walton	TBA	Andy McKoy	Richard Cahill	29/8 Hazel Ford, 2/9 Rod & Patsy Bush
Sep 3rd	Penny Broome. 15 on me	John Karis	N/R	Marg Campbell	Peter Cowburn	4/9 Sandy Chamberlain, 5/9 Lynne Carlson, 6/9 Lynne & David Carlson, Lisa & Harry Hanley, 8/9 Martin & Anne Geerings

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.

### Our Club

President

Secretary



Meredith O'Neill

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:**  
Janice Nation - 0417 332 742  
**Web:** [rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

### Important dates:

- Sunday August 25th.** GDFL gates - first day (roster online)
- Sunday Oct 6th.** First Summer Market
- Friday Nov 1st.** Art Show Opening night
- Saturday/Sunday Nov 2/3.** 13th Annual Rotary Art Show

### Meeting - Aug 13th

**Chairperson:** Paul Brewster

**Footy Tips:** Rod Greer is winning followed by Geoff C and Rod Bush. This week's winners didn't even enter their tips! 😊

**GDFL Footy gates:** the roster can now be viewed online.

**Click this link to view the roster:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15gNiG0mTSFklav6EdpRL8vj4XLW8E9sfeumN9WWuOpo/edit?usp=sharing>

If you can help with covering any vacancies please contact Rod Greer - 0408 059 123

**Community:** Pearl on behalf of the community Service group asked members if they would be willing to support the law and fishes program run by the uniting Church in ocean grove. This word involve bringing along non-perishable items to meetings which will be passed on to the group running the program. Details about when it commences will be distributed soon

### Club Matters - Update from President Meredith

#### THE YEAR AHEAD

There are two parts to the leadership and management of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Incorporated.

Monthly **Theme: August - Membership and Extension**



**Past bulletins**

- Available from our website ([rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)) via the 'Our Club' menu.

**Contacts**

**Market:** 0401 606 036  
**Art Show:** 0410 471 005

**Wisdom for the Week ....**

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up.

**One liners ...**

- It's hard getting old. I went into an antique store and they wouldn't let me leave.
- I asked Siri about my life expectancy and she changed the subject
- I went to the doctor I thought I had arthritis but I don't - I have early onset rigour mortis.

**Links .....**

**Rotary International:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
**Rotary District 9780:** [www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)  
**Rotary Foundation:** [www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au)  
**Footy Tipping:** [www.footytips.com.au](http://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**



There are expectations to promote the Rotary brand and responsibilities that come with our membership of Rotary International. There are also financial reporting and accountabilities that come with being a not for profit incorporated association registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria. In addition we are now required to meet the criteria for a Not for Profit – Community Service Organisation if we wish to be considered exempt from income tax with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). From 1 July 2024 there were three significant changes that have an impact on the work of a President of a local Rotary Club – The commencement of the RI Regionalisation pilot program, The new 585 page Rotary Code of Policies (Rotary rule book) and the ATO requirement that not for profit organisations complete an on line review of their operations on the ATO website.



**President Meredith**

The ATO sets the following criteria for an organisation to be considered a Community Service organisation and exempt from income tax.

1. Expenditure is principally needs based and examples are provided of what is considered needs based. Our proposed budget includes all the Community Service budget, needs based education student scholarships and Australian Rotary Health and Mental Health small budget lines as examples of needs based spending. At least 50% of our Charities budget can be considered needs based spending.
2. Expenditure is principally within Australia. Spending in the International Services budget and club budget contributions to the Rotary Foundation would be included in spending outside Australia and this is well below the 50% criteria. There needs to be some clarification of the situation where club contributions are paid into an Australian bank account and the money is then sent and spent overseas.
3. There is a clause in club governance documents stating that 'profits are not distributed to members'. This clause is not in our current constitution but we will wait until there is a broader mover from RI for clubs to update their constitution. The clause is included in the governance pages at the start of the Club Strategic Plan.

Meredith is fairly confident that we can meet the criteria for a Community Service Organisation and be exempt from income tax but we will not know for certain until we receive the assessment from the ATO super computer when we enter our club information in October.

Rotary International has set four priorities and these priorities are consistent across RI head office, Regional Council, District and

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

**Lookout Maintenance Roster:**

Contact Noel Emselle

4 August 2024	Peter Cullen
18 August 2024	Delia Naumann
1 September 2024	Gary Willson
15 September 2024	Heather Willson
29 September 2024	Maz Walton
13 October 2024	Judy/Rod Greer
27 October 2024	Alex Magee

**15 on me: Contact Rod Bush**

Penny Broome - Sep 3

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

**100 Trees Maintenance Roster:**

Contact Noel Emselle

**August.** - Warren Chapman - leader.  
Janet Alexander, Paul Brewster, John Paton, Beth Eustace.

**September-** Adrian Schmidt - leader.  
Rod Birrell, Peter Cullen, Marg Campbell, Lynne Carlson.

**October.-** Rod Greer - leader.  
Judy Greer, Alison George, Greg Leece, Marg Campbell.

**November-** Pearl Macmillan - leader.  
Heather Willson, Gary Willson, Delia Naumann, Geoff Chandler.

**December.-** Noel Emselle - leader.  
Andrea Tierney, Ann Hodgkinson, Alec McGee, Neil Templeton.

**February.** - Andy McKoy - leader  
Peter Cullen , John Paton, Janet Alexander.

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

Rotary Foundation. These priorities have been linked to the goal areas and priorities in our strategic plan. Meredith presented powerpoint slides showing what we were doing in the following priority areas:

- Enhance member engagement
- Expand our reach
- Increase our impact
- Increase our ability to adapt.

There seemed to be a consensus that we were doing a pretty good job with the first two priorities but getting there with the last two priorities.

The new Strategic Plan was approved at the Board meeting of the 14 August. The plan is in the member section of the club website and the eight club goals are clearly set out. There will be a few minor corrections and formatting checks before the final copy goes up on the website. The strategic plan is also accompanied by the Annual Action Plans for each of our service committees. These committees have set specific annual objectives and this is one of the ways of increasing the impact of where the club spends its money.

The club budget process is nearly complete and the Board has reached consensus on the total amount to be distributed within the charities budget. The club is planning for \$70 000 to be allocated across Community, Environment, International, Youth and Vocational Service Areas plus Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus and a President's budget line covering Australian Rotary Health and Mental Health. A Guidelines document on Criteria for Allocation of Club funds has been circulated to the Board and requires further discussion. It has been proposed that external organisations that receive grants of \$500 or more fill out a proforma that includes information about the organisation receiving the money and a breakdown of how the money will be spent.

Meredith O'Neill  
President

**Quiz Time !**

Following our meal, we participated in a General Knowledge Quiz prepared and presented by **Lyndy Stagg**. The questions were challenging and wide ranging. Perhaps the most challenging part was trying to get people to etc not speak (loudly) the answers and to organise marking the sheets !

It was a fun activity enjoyed by all! The winners - Tables 1 and 3, shared a lovely box of roses chocolates!

**Say no to Family violence:**

We have the date of the Introduction to Family Violence online training (funded by DSS grants for Rotarians, family and friends) Thursday 22nd August 2pm - 5pm online.

Feedback from previous training that Rotarians attended was that it was very informative, easy to follow and ensured we have a greater understanding of what is Family Violence and how to respond appropriately.

This training is open to family and friends as well. If you are involved in other community groups and would like to promote attendance, please email Annette and discuss (just from a numbers point of view). This is a free event. The link for tickets is: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotary-family-violence-and-sexual-assault-understanding-responding-tickets-813563539447?aff=oddtcreator>

This will be a nice segue into RC Highton's meeting on the night of August 22nd.

Their guest speaker will be **Bec Wilkin**, Executive Manager, Client Services, Geelong Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre.

**Please Note: There has been a venue change. The meeting will now be at The Wauran Ponds Hotel, Wauran Ponds. 6 for 6:30**

Link to register: <https://hightonrotary.com/event/highton-rotary-dinner-meeting-29/>

Thanks - **Andrea**

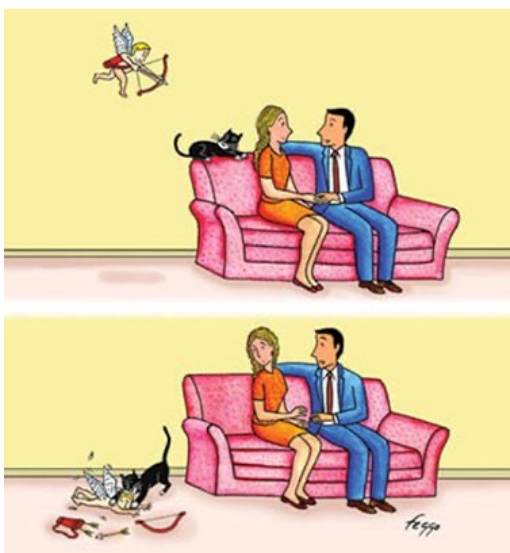
**A great Article in the Bellarine Times: Ocean Grove Rotary lauds Paul Harris Fellows**



President Meredith O'Neill and new Paul Harris Fellow - Andrea Tierney

Click the following link to read the whole article: [https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/bellarinetimes/news/ocean-grove-rotary-lauds-paul-harris-fellows/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEemu2ZleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHSmAmy8nJJScSDhd7gus5\\_fn7YqVKv1eF-geE4Q-JegFLYuJOjivjwVRA\\_aem\\_koF8nQY5XUqkCum\\_9wKyFg](https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/bellarinetimes/news/ocean-grove-rotary-lauds-paul-harris-fellows/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEemu2ZleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHSmAmy8nJJScSDhd7gus5_fn7YqVKv1eF-geE4Q-JegFLYuJOjivjwVRA_aem_koF8nQY5XUqkCum_9wKyFg)

**Next week:** Kinship carers - Guest speaker: Janette Hanley-Heath .C





I still like to make handwritten lists. I also like to leave them on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while I'm at the store.



This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!

