

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 2	15 on me - Alex Magee	Beth Eustace	Martin Gearings	Marita Scott	Neil Templeton	2/4 Harry Hanley
April 9	Anna Healey - author and disability advocate	Jenny Templeton	John Karis	Janet Alexander	Peter Cullen	Gordon King 9/4, Peter & Jo Hawthorn 10/4
April 16	Club Strategic Planning 24 -27 - PRESENTATION	Meredith O'Neill	Heather Willson	Gil Morgan	Alison George	Geoff & Hazel Ford; Helen Ziamos-Lascaris 18/3; Adrian Schmidt 19/3

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.

Mar 30 Great Barwon River Duck race
April 1 Easter Monday - Summer market

Meeting notes - 26th March

A busy weekend coming up for for Rotarians ! The Great Barwon River Duck Race on Saturday and then our last Summer Market on Easter Monday.



The duck Race is a HUGE event and a great fundraiser for the club. Please remember that traffic is very heavy on the day - you may have to park some distance away when coming for any jobs you have signed up for. You'll need to take account of these when arranging to leave home. Alternatively, get someone to drop you off at the site.



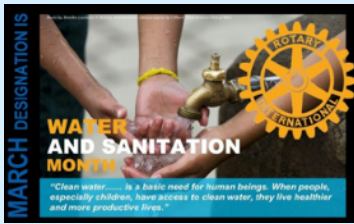
Melissa (from Ocean grove Real Estate), Quacka and President Lynne at the official Launch

Heather and her crew have put a lot of effort not getting things in place. The weather looks great so we're sure to have a bumper crowd.

As of this evening, we are on track to sell more ducks than last year !

• **Market Roster for Easter Monday.** All systems go for a good final effort.

Monthly Theme: March - Water & Sanitation



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

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.

One liners

- I don't have a beer gut, I have a protective covering for my rock-hard abs.
- I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, *that's* not going to happen.
- This is my step ladder, I never knew my real ladder.

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**

- **Footy Tipping:** Gary Willson and Geoff Chandler lead the competition. Marion Walton won this week.
- **Vocational:** Greg Leece. Nominations for the awards are needed. A visit to sea road ferries will be organised.
- **Family of Rotary:** Judy Greer. Jim Ricchini is home from hospital after surgery. A further operation may be needed. He and Kerry are positive.
- **Publicity:** Kath Venters. The Club has had good coverage of the Duck Race, the sponsorship of the new Probus Club and the Vocational Awards.
- **International:** Bali Smiles commitment is satisfactory
- **Community:** Pearl Macmillan. Feed Me Bellarine needs further funding as costs are rising.
- The town entry signs are still being discussed.
- GERN (Geelong Emergency Relief Network). A feasibility study to find out what is already in the area, what is needed and how this is best serviced will be undertaken. The Club will support this activity.
- **Environment:** Rod G and Lisa have carried out much needed watering of the trees. Thanks for their hard work.
- Please continue to collect plastic bottle tops. Delia will collect them.
- **Foundation:** Gil Morgan reported that the last person to have lived in an Iron Lung died recently. A dark era has gone perhaps with no new cases being reported and the equipment needed in those days no longer required.
- **Hampers for Veterans:** Marion Walton. Theses will be distributed again this year on 24/4/24. Iron Bark Catering will provide contents and space for packing.

Guest Speaker: Phil Edwards. Gooramab Veterans Retreat. Phil is a retired Rotarian and currently the President of the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads RSL. In that capacity he thanked the Club for our ongoing commitment to providing the gunfire breakfast on ANZAC Day.

The Gooramab Veterans Retreat Inc is a registered not-for-profit organization supporting Veterans and their families. It is situated in a serene, rural environment and provides a calm place where veterans and their families can rest and recuperate and have 'time out' from everyday life.

As the suicide rate of veterans is 30% higher than the general population the need for small organizations where veterans can help veterans is very real. Political motives are not present.

The vision for the retreat began in 2019 at the old primary school at Gooramab. Buildings at the school were tired, but they have been rejuvenated and with much hard work from townspeople, tradesmen and women, volunteers, and veterans a space where recovery can be started and continue. Comfort of shared experiences in a trustworthy environment is proving very beneficial. Accommodation is basic but comfortable in caravans, cabins, old



Phil Edwards

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

March - Adrian Schmidt (Leader) Chris Watson, Alex Magee, Marg Campbell, Neil and Jenny Templeton

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

classrooms and outbuildings, and easily assembled flat packs.

The services offered include:

- Personal crisis and Timeout Accommodation.
- Wellbeing support and Health including workshops and seminars.
- Assistance and Advocacy.
- ESO referrals.
- Recreational camping and Caravan sites.



Results appear very rewarding, and the project has a future full of hope, encouragement and healing. Major capital works have been partially funded by the Victorian Government, but donations are always very welcome.

Phil was very moved when presented with a donation from the Club of \$1000.00

Tree watering: Thanks to Lisa & Harry for organising and Rod Greer for executing a tree watering program. The trees were very appreciative



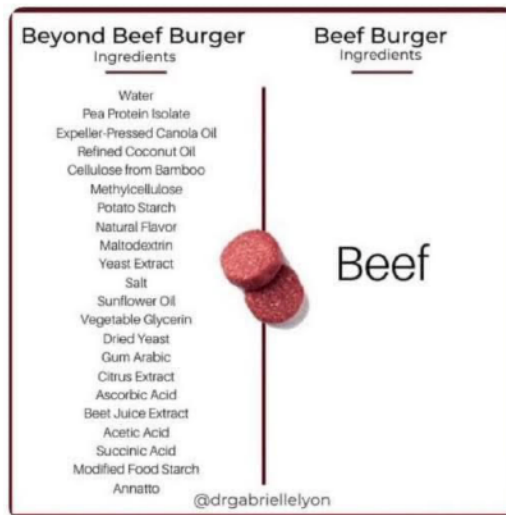
Rod & Lisa



Rod on the job

Next Meeting: Please remember to bring along a pen ! You'll need it for an activity.

Clock for retired people



The earliest Carol singers can be found on the Bayeux tapestry...and were soldiers from Western France...they were known as the Brittany Spears

