

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 23	Anne Fuller - Les Pecheurs Internationale	Rod Greer	Kath Venters	Noel Emselle	Nick Lascaris	Adrian & Jenny Schmidt 24/4
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

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.

- Apr 21 ANZAC Hamper preparation and distribution
- Apr 25 ANZAC Day BBQ

Meeting notes - 16th April

Kath Venters was acting President for the meeting.

- Footy Tipping: Gary Willson and Geoff Chandler lead the competition. Frank Rice won this week.
- Hampers for Veterans: Marion Walton. These will be distributed again this year on Sunday 21/4/24. Iron Bark Catering will provide contents and space for packing.
- Community Awards. Marita Scott reminded members that nominations for the various categories are needed by 30/4/24.
- Gordon King reminded members that donations are needed for PaulHarris Society and Paul Harris Fellowship. These funds are used for worldwide projects often in conjunction with other international organizations.

Strategic Planning.

Meredith O'Neill.

'Are we a brand or are we a Club' was her opening question which made many pause to think and formed the base of the many ideas and challenges which will



Meredith O'Neill

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

Old ways don't open new doors.

One liners

- I waited and stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was. Then it dawned on me.
- I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad, I take something for it
- Somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note, it said 'Parking Fine.'
- I met this bloke with a didgeridoo and he was playing Dancing Queen on it. I thought, 'that's Abba-riginal.'

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**

need to be answered in the weeks of planning which lie ahead. Meredith spoke about the need for action plans for the forward progress of the Club until 2028 and beyond.

A short workshop forming the base for a SWOT Analysis was held. This will form the basis for future activities and planning. Members were also to record Start, Stop, Keep, and Consider activities for future use and direction in planning. These will be used to begin development of our Strategic Plan for 2024 -> 2027.

A summary of the process used for this activity accompanies this bulletin. Please look for a second attachment.

District 9800 Conference: Kath Venters attended this event and guess who she met as a Shelterbox supporter ??



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

All the food we will be using on ANZAC day morning at the BBQ has been donated by **Woolworths**. We thank them for their support

Invitation to meet/greet Polio Champions Phil & Joyce Ogden next Monday Apr 22 in Geelong

Geelong West Rotarian Lesley Goode encourages all Rotarians to come along next week to meet and greet **Polio Champions Phil & Joyce Odgen** who will be passing through Geelong on their **3,000kms tandem bike ride** from Adelaide to Sydney.



We will meet at **Hoppers Bistro**, City of Geelong Bowls Club, 5 Ballarat Rd, Nth Geelong, 6 for 6.30pm. Drinks and food are purchased from the bar.

To help Hoppers staff set up the marquee, please let Lesley know if you'll be attending by Sunday 21st April please.

Lesley's email to RSVP: lesleyagoode@gmail.com

Also you can follow along on this journey with Phil & Joyce on their blog: <https://hitpolio4six.blogspot.com/>

Anyone interested in the Monday evening dinner with Geelong West of the possibility of riding from Geelong to Queenscliff on the morning of Tuesday 23rd should contact John Paton directly. (paton.ogr@gmail.com or 0419 237 412)

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

Say no to Family Violence - Candlelight Vigil.

The event will take place at **4pm on Wednesday 1 May**, held in partnership with Barwon Area Integrated Family Violence Committee (BAIFVC) and Geelong Regional Libraries, commemorating Domestic Violence Remembrance Day. The Candlelight Vigil provides a space for people to come together to grieve, share messages of hope, and ensure that we never forget the people behind the statistics.

At the event, we will hear from a number of speakers with the aim to foster safer working environments and stronger communities.

Registration is essential. Register at this link: <https://events.grlc.vic.gov.au/event/10474205>



It is the anniversary of Paul Harris' Birthday on 19 April

Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. At age 3, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.



In 1896, Harris settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Four years later, he met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on Chicago's North Side. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. He had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since moving to Chicago and wondered if there was a way to channel it, because it reminded him of growing up in Wallingford.

“The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city. ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago. ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it.”

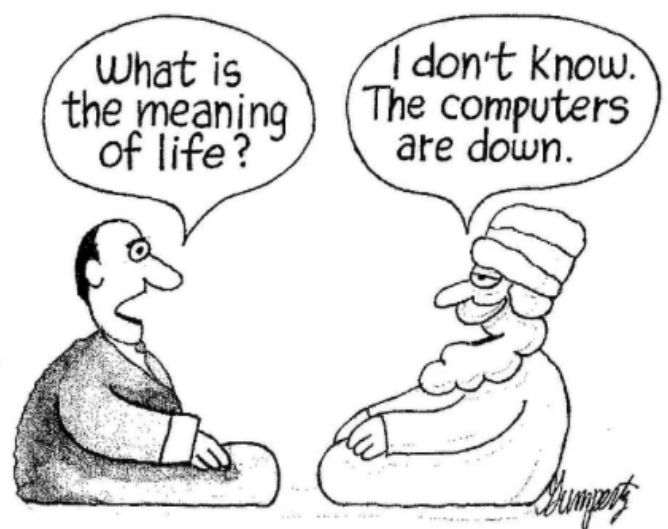
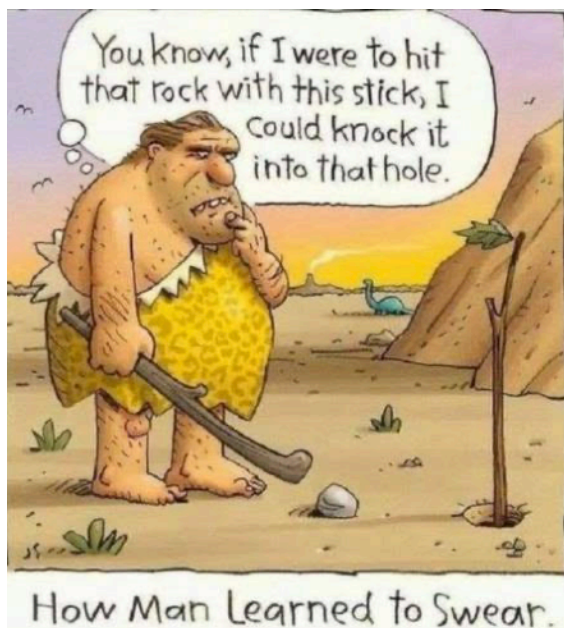
Harris eventually persuaded several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Toward the end of his presidency, he worked to expand Rotary beyond the city. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted, and by 1910, Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities.

Harris recognized the need to form a national association with an executive board of directors. In August 1910, Rotarians held their first national convention in Chicago, where the 16 existing clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International). The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.

At the end of his second term as Rotary president, Harris resigned, citing ill health and the demands of his professional practice and personal life. He was elected president emeritus by convention action, a title he held until his death."

Listen to an inspirational speech by Paul Harris:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-rotary-founder>



Ill never forget the look on the cashiers face, when she scanned the packet of bird seed, And I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant them.

Finally found out why the fish were't biting..



**OLD AGE COMES AT A BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**

My kid made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic so I just changed the wifi password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.

