

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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Meeting Roster

	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
Mar 26	Phil Edwards - Goorambat Veteran's Retreat	Richard Cahill	Judy Greer	Wal Kelly	Noel emselle	Neil & Jenny Templeton 25/3, Jeff Stagg 26/3, Nick Lascaris 28/3
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

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

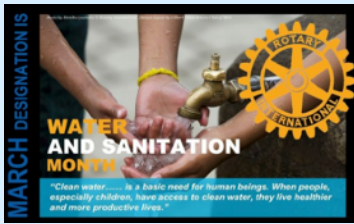
Meeting notes - 19 March

- **The Great Duck Race** on the Barwon River will be staged on 30/3/24. Sales are going very well. Yellow ducks 2000, blue ducks 300, and 25 Corporate ducks. Well done duck team! **A list of jobs for the duck race day is included later in this bulletin. Please make sure that you check it !**
- **Car Raffle:** Members are reminded to return their sold raffle butts
- **Youth Services:** Paul Brewster visited the Barwon Sports Academy. RI Ocean Grove will sponsor 13 children with sporting activities and development of life skills which are also fostered at the Academy.
- **Market Roster** for Easter Monday. Some places need filling. Please see Lisa.
- **Footy Tipping:** Heather Willson won this week. Kath Venters is the leader so far. Members who have not paid up please do so.
- **Vocational:** Greg Leece. There is a request that anyone who has a small business and spaces to fill to please see him. There maybe some employment and experience available.
- **Administration:** Peter Cowburn. Membership is steady at 59. Sponsorship for projects is to be followed up. Peter detailed recent



Peter Cowburn

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

People say money is not the key to happiness, but I have always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made.

One liners

- When the man who invented Tetris died, the whole cemetery disappeared.
- What happens to an illegally parked frog? It gets toad away.
- You can't believe everything you hear—but you can repeat it.

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**

Board activity and decisions.

- **Anzac Day BBQ** will go ahead.
- A donation of \$5000 has been given to the **Central Victorian Relief Fund** following the bushfires in that area.
- The Club is supporting the establishment of the new **Probus Club** at Point Lonsdale.

Conference Report: Gill Morgan. Idea of creating a "Peace Park" in Ocean Grove was proposed

- **RYLA:** There are 18 attending this year. A 'Mum and Dad' support team is needed for the week. The Ocean Grove Business Association may be able to suggest future candidates.
- It was suggested that Rotary brand clothing be worn to meetings to increase public profile.
- Australian Rotary Health is involved in eradication of Polio, Cot deaths, treatment of Pancreatic Cancer, motor neurone disease and organ transplantation after donor death.
- There have been no new cases of Polio reported since October 2023. This must continue for another 2years and 9 months for it can be said to be finally eradicated.
- Speakers included **Gary Newton** on living with polio, Kirrily Dear on her run from Broken Hill to Sydney to publicise the need to stop family violence, especially in remote areas, Nick Newling spoke on his experience and survival through long years with severe mental illness, and Lorimer Mosely spoke on non-surgical intervention in pain management.

Guest Speaker: Graeme Batrouney. Cambodian Student Scholarship Program. 2023.

Graeme outlined the progress of our Cambodian student Chhengheang during the last year. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove and supported by the Cambodian Rural Students Trust and the Rotoract Club of Siem Reap Cambodia.

The cost of the scholarship is US\$2,000 per year. RI Ocean Grove Commitment is for 4 years.

When the student graduates from High School the smartest students are selected to enter the Global Rotaractor Scholarship program and enrolled at Pannastra University of Cambodia. They are ready for the intensive English course for academic purposes. All bachelor's degree subjects are taught in English.

In the first 12 months students are required to volunteer 2-3 hours 5 days per week at placements outside the university in Community



Graeme Batrouney

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

Service projects often led by Rotaractor Clubs. For example - growing local economies; Health and disease prevention; Girls and women's empowerment; Basic education and literacy; Protecting the environment; Providing clean water; Sanitation and hygienic solutions

Help at the Angkor Hospital for children.;

These programs are all community-based giving students an all-round experience to prepare for the bachelor's degree and working life perhaps in education, finance, international relations and hotel administration.

Graeme illustrated his talk with some photos of Chhengheang's experiences during the past year, these included tree planting, selling food at the water festival to raise funds for Rotaract projects, and a trip to Kulen mountain schools to provide material for the students there.

It appears that our contribution to this project is making a real difference to this students life in Cambodia and no doubt the lives of those she has contact with in the future.

Reports from Meredith O'Neill:

ROTARY COMMUNITY LEADER POSITION

As part of the Regionalisation Pilot our club has been allocated to a Rotary Community Group. Expressions of interest are now invited for the position of Rotary Community Leader for our group.

Information was included in an email dated 12 March that was sent by Lesley Sheddon, District Governor Elect. Any member can nominate for the Rotary Community Leader position provided they meet the 4 year (or 2 years in special circumstances) Rotary membership requirement and other conditions. A Position Description is available in this email. The emphasis is on inspiring and mentoring clubs in our Rotary Community Group to expand their community impact, increase satisfaction of members and grow their clubs. There is an expectation to lead club engagement on behalf of the Regional Council in support of clubs fulfilling their purpose. Interested applicants also need to click the link in the email to read the notes of the Establishment Group meeting for the Geelong clubs. The Expression of Interest form is to be completed and lodged by the deadline of 5 pm Wednesday 27 March. Prior to lodging of the Expression of Interest the club is required to support the application with a resolution at a club meeting.

DISTRICT 9780 CONFERENCE REPORT

This report includes some additional information to what Meredith presented at the club meeting.

The conference at Mt Gambier last weekend was attended by ten members – President Lyn, Pearl,



Meredith, Kath, Gill, Anne, Rod, Judy, Gordon and Marian. The theme of the Conference was `Health and Well Being including Youth Mental Health. The format was speaker to audience sessions in a large group. The range of presentations included academic reports with the latest research and credible statistics, informative presentations from Rotary speakers covering Rotary programs and causes, awareness raising sessions, speakers providing inspiration for a cause and a personal story of lived experience of mental illness.

The House of Friendship showcased different Rotary programs. Thanks to Kath for spending all tea breaks and lunchtime at the Shelter Box display table.

Club awards were presented at the Conference. The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove received a Silver Enviro award and recognition of our financial contribution to Polio Plus.

Action Items following from the Conference.

1. Youth Programs

There was a lengthy morning session covering the following Youth Programs:

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – April 2024

Rotary Youth Exchange

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – Students entering year 12

Defying the Drift – Agriculture/Horticulture program at Longerenong 23-25 Sept, years 9 and 10

Science and Engineering Challenge – held at Deakin, years 9 and 10 students

Meredith will summarise this information and hand over to Paul and the Youth Committee

2. Rotary Foundation

Mark Anderson, Rotary Foundation Senior Coordinator, South Pacific and the Philippines Office provided an informative presentation that linked club programs to vision, mission, goals and areas of focus. He also spoke about effective use of Rotary Foundation global and district grants.

Meredith plans to work with Kath and Gordon on summarising the key takeaways from this session and providing a report on funding allocation for the Board to consider.

3. Say No to Family and Domestic Violence Campaign.

Carolyn Millard, Rotary Club of Portland, provided an overview of what the clubs in our district were doing. She spoke of the collaboration taking place in Geelong and the need to find out what the local services are doing. Meredith is to have follow up discussions with Andrea.

4. International Programs

The late Sunday morning session included a panel presentation on `Celebrating the Achievements of Rotary Programs'. This included:

- Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)
- Interplast Australia and New Zealand
- Rotarians Against Malaria.

Kath will present information from this session at a future club meeting.

5. Matters to be referred to the Board.

Collated and up to date information on different Rotary programs will be provided to the Board to be used as part of our strategic planning process.

The matter of the Club Banner had already been identified as an agenda item for the next Board meeting. Pearl and Meredith spent time at the Conference looking at all the banners from the clubs in our district and there are two distinct styles of banner. There is no urgency to get a new banner as it is possible there may be another banner style once Regionalisation commences.

Our club will have a banner with Ocean Grove on it for display at the next District Conference and the Board will consider the design of this banner at an appropriate time.

6. Awareness raising Youth Mental Health

Meredith will provide a summary of the following presentations in a future newsletter.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Emeritus Professor Michael Sawyer OAM Australian Rotary Health, Stephen Humphries, Chair.

IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday morning there was a tribute to Rotary members who had passed in the previous year. Geoff Brentnall, Bill Walton and Coral Barker were honoured as part of this tribute session.

CONFERENCE 2025

This conference will be held at the 13th Beach Golf Club in Barwon Heads. The conference dinner will be held at The Sands, Torquay.

**Meredith O’Neill
President Elect.**



I am involved with a group of volunteers that are working toward restarting the Repair Cafe in OG, it closed as a result of the COVID19 lockdowns a few years ago. If you are not familiar with the Repair Cafe concept, it's a world wide volunteer movement, with small community groups that offer a free repair service for household items such as clothes, electrical appliances, furniture, toys. The idea is to reduce waste and landfill and save money. More info at <https://repaircafe.org>.

My phone number is 0418 335 596 if you would like to discuss further.

Andrew Lewis

Community Service Committee: Congratulations of being awarded a Silver Certificate from the Rotary Enviro club for all your great work in the environmental area.



Lynne and Pearl after receiving the Award



DUCK RACE JOBS LIST ON THE DAY			
JOB	ACTIONS	WHO	TIME
BBQ	Pick up Trailer and place on site	Peter Coburn/Adrian	8:00AM-2:00PM
	Prepare and sell Bacon/Egg/sausages	Coog	
		Marion Walton	
		Jenny clairs	
		Deliah Naumann	
		Lyndy Stagg	
	John Paton		
DUCK SALES AT ROTUNDA	Set up rotunda and sell ducks	Heather	10AM-12:30PM
	Ensure newly sold ducks are placed in tipping bags	Kath Venters	
	Set up Community games	Frank Rice	
	Blow up kiddie pool	Judy Greer	
	Set up Art activities		
SIGNAGE AND SETUP	Set up Rotary signs at Rotunda	Lachlan Willson	11AM-11:30 AM
	Tie Start and Finish signs to the bridge and Jetty	Richard Cahill	
	Assist with corporate signage displays	Geoff Chandler	
	Place Rubbish Bins on Bridge and Jetty		
PRIZE TABLE	Set out prizes and display prize list	Lynne Carlson	12PM-1:45PM
	Ensure prizes are secure		
	Collate winning duck numbers and allocate prizes	Meredith O'Neill	
MINI DUCK POOL	Sit beside toddler duck pool and monitor U5's	Judy Greer	11AM-1:30PM
	to fish for lucky ducks and see if they win a prize.	Alison George	
CORPORATE DUCK LAUNCHERS	Carefully carry ducks to launch boat	Phil Bade	12:30PM-1:00PM
	Ensure the decorations remain intact till launch	Robbo	
DUCK TIPPERS - BLUE DUCKS	Carry bags of ducks to the bridge	10 students BSC	1:00PM-1:15PM
	Coordinate to tip all bags at once	Graham Batrouney	
		Chris Watson	
		Neil Templeton	
		Alison Marchant	
	Lachlan Willson		
DUCK TIPPERS - YELLOW DUCKS	Carry bags of ducks to the bridge	6 students BSC	1:15PM-1:30PM
	Coordinate to tip all bags at once	Graham Batrouney	
		Chris Watson	
		Neil Templeton	
		Alison Marchant	
	Lachlan Willson		
KAYAKS	Ensure Outliers are brought back to the peleton	Andea Tierney	12:45PM-1:45PM
	Collect Prizewinners 15 Yellow 10 blue 1 Corporate	Frog	
	Collect stray ducks that aren't collected in boom/boats		
COLOURING COMPETITION	Stick down pictures and place pencils	MaryAnne Decleva	11:00AM-2:00PM
	Supervise colouring	Sue Hill	
	Award prizes at about 1:45pm		
CLAY DUCK MAKING	Put out clay and demonstration model	Penny Broome	11:00AM-2:00PM
	Supervise the model making	Marg Campbell	
	Stick down name stickers on finished ducks		
	Judge the competition		
	Give 3 prizes at approx 2pm		
BOWLING LANES	Set up bowling Lane	Lachlan Willson	11:00AM-2:00PM
	Supervise children who want to have a go	Geoff Ford	
	Ensure all get a turn		
WINNING DUCK NUMBERS	Text the winning numbers to the rotunda (Meredith)	Gary Willson	1:00PM-1:45PM
PRIZE PRESENTER	Acknowledge Sponsors, Alison Marchant, BHA, Rotary	Rod Greer/Heather	12:30PM-2:00PM
	Give out prizes		
SIGNAGE COLLECTION	Collect Start/Finish signs	Jenny Wright	1:45PM-2:00PM
	Pack up all signage around rotunda	Jenny Templeton	
	Collect rubbish bins from Bridge and Jetty		
DUCK COLLECTION	Collect ducks into bags	Gary Willson	1:00PM-2:30PM
	Put on trailer(s)	Adrian Schmidt	
	Take to scout hall	Scouts - Brian Cook	
	Take duck boxes to scout hall		