

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
26-Nov	VCE awards	Meredith O'Neill	Michelle Fox.	John Paton.	Alison George.	26/11 Heather Willison, 27/11 Rod Bush, 1/12 Bill Steains.
3-Dec	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.	Rod Greer.	Marion Walton.			4/12 Andrea & Paul Tierney, ^/ 12 Judy Greer, 7/12 Ann Hodgkinson.
10-Dec	Barwon Sports Academy students	Janet Alexander.	Alex Magee.	Meredith O'Neill.	Chris Foster.	11/12 Kerri Ricchini, 14/12 Martin Fox, 16/12 Heather & Gary Willison.

Our Club

President: Marion Walton

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

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

18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

When: 6 pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0457 315 900

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Rotary Foundation Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

17/11/19 - 30/11/19 Geoff Chandler

01/12/19 - 14/12/19 Peter Cullen

15/12/19 - 28/12/19 Gary O'Donnell

29/12/19 - 11/01/20 John Patton

Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Report of Meeting: 19/11/2019

Identifying and Responding to Family Violence, Pavillon, Shell Road

Andrea Tierney welcomed all in attendance and introduced the two speakers: Lee Fitzroy from the Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre, (SAFV) and Natasha Powles from the Training Unit, South-West Division of Victorian Police. Both speakers acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Wadawurrung people, and paid their respects to the Aboriginal people.



Lee Fitzroy said that the vision of the SAFV Centre was to promote recovery and a community free from sexual assault and family violence. Family violence occurs within families when a family member intentionally used physical violence, treats, coercion or intimidation to control or manipulate a partner

or former partner or family member. It involves a betrayal of trust which makes it difficult for the victim to tell others about it. It can involve elder abuse, abuse of children and disabled people, not just violence towards intimate family members, and can involve verbal, physical and psychological abuse. Children are affected even if they are not directly attacked. Women are more likely to experience violence and the perpetrator is usually a known male, occurs in a private place and is ongoing. Men also experience violence but the perpetrator is usually an unknown male, it occurs in a public place and is a one-off incident. One woman is killed by a male partner or ex-partner

Members: Coming Events:

- December 3rd - Senior Citizens Christmas dinner.
- December 17th - Club Christmas dinner (360Q).
- December 24th and 31st - no meetings.

Saying of the week

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

Humour

When my wife starts to sing I always go out and do some gardening so our neighbours can see there's no domestic violence going on.

Links

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:
www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping
www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

- APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING. THOSE WHO DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE SENT A BILL, AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY IF NO APOLOGY IS REGISTERED.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

almost every week in Australia and children are present in one out of three family violence cases reported to the police. The impact is not just physical and can involve poor mental health, social isolation, poor parenting, fear, anxiety, homelessness and poverty.

Emergency Support is available through:

Ring 000 for emergency assistance.

The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre: 59-63 Spring Street, West Geelong.

phone: 03 5222 4318 (business hours)

Safe Steps 1800 015 181 (after hours)

Sexual Assault Crisis Line 1800 806 292.

Ongoing free Community Services are available through:

Barwon Orange Door - 1800 312 820 (business hours)

Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative - 03 5277 0044

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732, www.1800respect.org.au

Bethany Community Support - 03 5278 8122

Djarra - 1800 105 303

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence - 03 9413 6500

1800 LGBTIQ

Lifeline - 13 11 14



Natasha Powles works at the Police Training Unit to upskill police when responding to family violence incidents. Their aim is to change attitudes about how to respond, how to prosecute perpetrators, gather evidence, etc. All recruits now undergo this training. In the past 12 months, police responded

to 84,500 incidents of family violence, 4,500 in Geelong. The role of the police is to ensure victims are safe and investigate whether criminal behaviour was involved. Police are obligated to investigate incidents to which they are called, refer the situation to other services and to issue intervention orders if needed. Police reports are sent to Orange Door and then referred on to other organisations. Where concerns exist, information is shared around other services. Police prepare a comprehensive report covering 39 standard questions for each incident.

There are now 10 detectives in Geelong just doing family violence cases. They are based at the same location as SAFV. All organisations undertake the same risk assessment when responding to family violence calls. Police carry iPads and body worn cameras to expedite investigations. 9,490 iPads have been used in police investigations and 7,892 body worn cameras have been activated during investigations. Some situations involve serious and complex violence and in these cases specialist investigative responses are undertaken. Family violence is a complex area in law and the police reports help unpack the situation. For example, adolescent perpetrators may

be reflecting past childhood trauma. Schools now run respectful relationship programs to provide younger children with information. Organisations are attempting to achieve cultural change by working with male perpetrators to help them understand the consequences of their actions. Mental health, drug and alcohol disorders also complicate family behaviours. Many incidents of family violence are not reported to the police. If you have concerns about a situation, contact one of the above organisations about possible actions. Callers can remain anonymous when reporting possible incidents.

At the close of the meeting, an excellent supper was provided to attendees. The majority of those attending were from the Rotary Club, but some other community members also came.