

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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



Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tues 27th April	Ian Friend - The First Aboriginal Cricket Team	John Paton	Alex Magee	Peter Cullen	Jenny Templeton	30/4 Richard & Heather Grimmett
Tues 4th May	Sally Edgerton (EDConnect)	Adrian Schmidt	Wal Kelly	Judy Greer	Coogs Chamberlain	9/5 Janet Alexander; 10/5 Rod & Carol Birrell;
Tues 11th May	Adrian Bickley - Ocean Grove Police	Janet Alexander	Michelle Fox	Martin Geerings	Tony Haines	11/5 Graeme Batrouney, Ann Magee, Kerry & Jim Ricchini, 12/5 Jan & Geoff Brentnall, 16/5 Sally McMahon & John Karis.

Our Club

President: Gillian Morgan

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club

When: 6pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0400 676 537

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Maternal & Child Health Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

06/03/21 - 19/03/21 Graeme Chamberlain

20/03/21 - 02/04/21 Jenny Templeton

03/04/21 - 16/04/21 Isobel Paton

17/04/21 - 31/04/21 Neil Templeton

Past bulletins

- Available from our website (rotaryoceangrove.org.au) via the 'Our Club' menu.

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Meeting Notes 20 April 2021

Visitors: David and Kathy Cox, Peter Syme

Induction: President Gil Morgan induced Jo Anne McDowell who had been proposed and elected to the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove. Jo Anne understands the requirements of service and strong bonds of friendship associated with Rotary membership. She was presented with information and badges outlining the objectives of Rotary and the four-way test to be applied to all actions. She has been appointed to Club Service for the rest of this year. Janet Alexander will be her mentor. Jo Anne responded that she had had some involvement with Rotary clubs over the last twenty years as an artist. She felt very welcomed at the last Market and enjoyed helping with the Duck Race.



Jo and President Gill

Chair: Janet Alexander

Reports

John Calnin, Fundraising: A Golf Day will be held on the 24 May at Point Lonsdale Links. 'Tom Morris' attended to explain the event and invited all the attend and help promote the event. It is a four person Ambrose Event and an information sheet is available. Non-golfers can attend the luncheon for \$40 per head to be followed by an Auction. An invitation will be sent out to everyone and attendees will be invoiced through the usual channel.



Rod Greer - a traditional golfer !

Members: Coming Events:

* Golf day - Monday May 24th

Saying of the week

“Winning doesn’t always mean being first. Winning means you’re doing better than you’ve done before.”

Joke of the week

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?
It had great food, but no atmosphere.

I took the shell off of my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster. But if anything, it made him more sluggish.

Links

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

You receive an email each week from our Secretary, Pearl Macmillan, asking about your attendance at the following meeting. - **please respond when you get it** - it’s a very simple process.

Gordon King, Foundation: Last week some asked for direct debit for Centurian program donations. This has been set up, see Gordon for details.

Heather Willson, Wyndham Rotary Club event: Information regarding the ‘Music of the Night’ musical event has been placed on tables. It is on the 16 May 2021, see Heather if you are interested in attending.

Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping: No one got nine winners last round but four had eight winners. Dick Clay won the round on the margin. Gary O’Donnell is top of the leader board.

Lynne Carlson, Vocation: The Community Service Awards close on the 30 April. We have \$2,800 in sponsorship from seven sponsors. See Lynne for application forms. We still need more applications particularly for Team Leader of the Year (Employees) and Volunteer Organisation of the Year. Lynne also reminded members about the ANZAC Day veterans’ packages. If you can help, contact Lynne. Packing and distribution will be at the Surf Club.

Guest Speaker: David Cox, Guitars for Vets Australia [G4V]

This program began in the USA, now operates in Australia and will be starting in the UK. It is designed to help veterans with P.T.S.D. David is an ex-service man himself. He played a video from Tommy Emmanuel who is an Ambassador for the Australian club. G4V is run by volunteers and funded from donations. It was established in 2017 and gives free guitars and music lessons to qualified veterans throughout Australia.



David Cox

Their mission is to provide veterans with guitars, lessons, a forum in which to learn to play and to discover the healing power of music. ‘Where Words Fail, Music Speaks’. Their objectives are to deliver professional lessons, encourage collaboration and teamwork among participants (although some may prefer an individual process) and to open new windows of thought. Mentors speak to participants after the lessons as part of the healing process. Music helps alleviate stress by engaging all the senses in one direction.

The process involves reaching out to all veterans who qualify through a simple application process aimed to filter out

those who are severely affected and need referral elsewhere. Each participant is assigned a team leader as a mentor who organises the guitar. These are obtained as donations. One guitar importer gives them any marked guitars they receive which are otherwise perfect, brand new instruments. They seek donations to cover the costs of the lessons. The participant is gifted the guitar and lessons. They started using Zoom lessons during COVID and found this worked well for a team approach, which increases motivation and reduces costs. Progress to date:

- 130 veterans have been taught to play at least one song, ‘Knocking On Heaven’ Door’.
- 150 guitars have been donated from the community.
- 1,300 lessons have been delivered.

It is also felt the program delivers other benefits in helping participants re-engage with the community. They receive community and corporate support but nothing from the Government.

David told the story of Jodi, a veteran of four years’ service in the army and four years in the navy. She was struggling with stress and wanted to learn ‘California Dreaming’. The ABC wanted to do a story on the program which included Jodi. She told the interviewer how she had been raped in the army and told to cover it up. This was the first time she had told that story. Learning the guitar had given her the self-confidence to bring it up.

G4V Australia needs dollar donations for lessons, instruments and volunteers to assist the program. Awareness of the program is promoted through social media marketing, working with the RSL, Ambassadors who tell the story when performing, special promotions and events, fundraising shows, etc. They are developing an album of donated songs as a fundraiser which will be out in June/July. David finished by playing a song based on a poem by an Afghan veteran, ‘Where Can I Go’.

Gil Morgan, President

- We need volunteers for the sausage sizzle at Queenscliff on Sunday.
- Also, sadly **Dick Clay** has resigned from the Club. Dick was thanked for his spark and support to the club in his many roles over the years.
- The Rotary Leadership Institute Courses will be run in May and August online. If interested, see Gil.
- The Board agreed to donate \$500 to G4V Australia as part of the disbursement of funds raised over 2020/2021.
- All members will be presented with a commemorative card with a special Rotary 100 year stamp.



Next Week: Ian Friend, a descendant of Charles Lawrence, coach of the Aboriginal team which toured England in 1868 will be speaking. Guests are welcome.

What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?
“Curses! Foil again!”

I invented a new word!
Plagiarism!

What do you call a Frenchman in sandals?
 Phillippe Floppe.

