

The Basics

Membership of Rotary is by invitation. It is important to understand the expectations involved before a final decision is made. Joining follows a procedure that allows the individual and the Club to evaluate if they are suited to each other.

Basically, Rotary members are expected to be *"of good character and of good business, professional or community reputation."* We want people who are keen to make a difference in the community and the wider world !

1. Once you decide to go ahead with the application, it is presented to the Board and then the members, for approval.
 2. Once accepted (this process can take a couple of weeks) , a special induction ceremony will be held during a meeting, where you will receive your Membership Certificate, lapel badge, Dinner badge and some Rotary literature. You will be advised of your classification (linked to the experience that you bring to the club) and allocated to a Committee (we will endeavour to link this with your area of interest where specified).
 3. A mentor will be provided. They will be your first point of contact to answer any queries you have in regard to the operation of the Club and/or Rotary international .
 4. Our annual Club fee is currently \$200 but this varies with currency values. It is due around July each year.
 5. If you wish, you can purchase Rotary signature gear - Shirts, hats etc via the Rotary website.
 6. We have weekly meetings at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club. (Your Rotary membership fee includes a Social Membership of the Bowling Club.) The meeting procedure is usually:
 - arrive between 6 and 6:15 for a chat and a drink. The meeting starts at 6:30. Welcomes by the Chairman and Club President; reports from Committees. Then follows the meal. It costs \$22 - \$20 for the meal and \$2 goes to club administration costs. Usually it is a fixed menu, sometimes with alternating content. In winter it includes a soup, in summer a sweet. Tea and coffee is available at no cost.
 - Sergeant session - fines (a fundraiser) for various (sometimes fabricated) activities.
 - Guest speaker - varies - we have a comprehensive program
 - Raffle - 4 tickets for \$5; usually for wine/chocolates (a fundraiser)
- We are trialling some alternate meeting structures - we will explain these to you as they approach.
7. There are appointed jobs to perform at meetings - Greeter, Chairman, Raffle operator etc. These are allocated to all members on a roster system. Details will be provided.
 8. Meeting attendance is NOT mandatory - nor is there an expected %ge attendance. Just come when you can. It is a requirement that you apologise if you cannot attend - either by phone or SMS (0457 315 900). This should be done by 12 midday on Monday prior to the meeting. Clearly, the more meetings you attend, the more you become familiar with Club activities.
 9. We publish (via email) a weekly bulletin, detailing meeting content and appointments to meeting jobs (as described above). It covers details of the past meeting as well as upcoming meetings.
 10. We have a club website which covers a host of Club information. [www. rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://www.rotaryoceangrove.org.au) We also have a Facebook site - just search for Rotary Club of Ocean Grove in Facebook.
 11. The club is involved in a wide range of support activities. Members are asked to volunteer to assist in these where they have the time/ability to do so. Lists are circulated at meetings to enable you to volunteer.

We look forward to you joining us !