

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
04th June	Aboriginal Artist Helen Brotherton	Margaret Campbell.	Rod Greer.	Coral Barker.	Martin Geerings.	4/6 Chris Watson, 7/6 Gil Morgan,
11th June	5 on me. New members.	D Clay.	Fred Andrews.	Geoff Brentnall.	Heather Willson.	11/6 Wilma Andrews, 14/6 Marion Walton, 16/6 Jan Brentnall, 16/6 Geoff Ford.
18th June	Surf Club Build.	Gerry Spencer.	Rod Bush.	Noel Emselle.		19/6 Barbara Watson.

Our Club

President: Graeme Chamberlain

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: Youth Services Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

26/5/19 - 01/6/19 Peter Cullen

02/6/19 - 08/6/19 Gary O'Donnell

09/6/19 - 15/6/19 John Patton

Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Report of Meeting: 28/05/2019

Guests: June Hanson, Pam Dawson, guest speakers.

President's Report

All reports for the Annual Report must be sent to the Secretary, Pearl Macmillan, by the 31st May.

Change-over Board meeting will be held on Monday 3rd June. Social function on the 7th June. If you are not already registered and want to go please let John Calvin know immediately to finalise numbers.

Wal Kelly has had a few misadventures on his current trip north. He was in hospital in Darwin but is O.K. His truck broke down in Alice Springs, but he has brought a new one. Hazel Ford is running a Big Morning Tea this Wednesday, 29th May, at their home.

Reports:

Rod Greer, International - We have donated \$1,000 to Interplast. There are five playgrounds in a container to be sent to Sri Lanka, plus one coming from Sunbury. One more is needed before the container is full and can leave.

Noel Emselle, Community Service - The planting day at Lookout Reserve will be on the 28th June. A maintenance roster for next year is being circulated. Please amend it if necessary.

Rod Bush, Membership - Updated members details list is being circulated. Please confirm or amend your entry if you have not already done so.

Adrian Schmidt, Fundraising - We are holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on the 15th June. A roster is being circulated. Please indicate if you are available.

Members: Coming Events:

8/9 Jun Queenscliff Bricks Point
Lonsdale Primary School

Saying of the week

One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least somebody's listening.

Humour

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at his face.

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.

Alex McGee, Footy Tipping - James, son of Coral, won this week with 8 winners. Graeme Chamberlain is still leading from Geoff Chandler. The leader after round 12 in two weeks time will get the interim prize.



Guest Speakers: June Hanson and Pam Dawson, Volunteer House Building in Cambodia.

Pam and June met while teaching at Clifton Hills Primary School. They have had two sessions volunteering with Volunteer Building Cambodia (VBC) which they became aware

of through social media. VBC aims to improve the living conditions of rural Cambodians. After the Pol Pot regime, Cambodia was left denuded of skills and infrastructure. While significant amounts of foreign aid have come in including from Australia, most has gone to the major cities. VBC was set up by Sinn Meang in 2014 to develop facilities in rural areas. They currently have a staff of 17 and have built 255 houses plus numerous toilets and water wells. They also have a community centre (school) where they teach English to rural Cambodians. It has a computer room and workshops to train builders. They are always looking for teachers to come and help.

Volunteers need to raise \$US3,000 (\$A4,200 approx.) to cover the cost of one house and then come over to help with the construction. Some of this money also goes to help support the community centre, teachers, and the trained building staff. They raised their first tranche of money on Facebook in 2017 and took four people over for the build. In January 2019, they raised a second tranche of money sufficient to build two houses and took 17 volunteers across. A house takes four days to build using a combination of volunteers and local villagers supported by a few trained Cambodian builders/foremen. Volunteers do not need special skills to be involved. Volunteers only work in the mornings and so have time for sightseeing, relaxing and socialising. The Cambodian villagers however work all day.

The building process involves first putting in stumps which are topped with a leaf and some money to signify longevity and good fortune. Then three large frames are built and raised. As women volunteers, they measured and sawed floor boards helped and trained by the Cambodian foremen. Each house is well above the ground and consists of one large room 5 metres by 4 metres with a wall down the middle. One part can be securely locked. The donated money also provides furniture, household chattels and fittings for the house and may include other items such as a bike or solar panel for electricity if needed. The finished house belongs to the recipient family. These families are among the poorest in the village and are selected by referral from social workers, the village chief or a government department. Each family is researched and assessed before being selected. They are also monitored on an ongoing basis.

The keys are handed over on the 5th day of the build. Complex ceremonies are held on completion of the build. These include blessings by the monks to cleanse the house. The volunteers are also blessed. There is then a feast with the local villagers. Pam and June revisited their first house on their second visit. The family had made improvements to it, expanded it by adding a room and cleared land around it for a garden. The house also appeared to be used for community activities.

Next week: Helen Broughton, Aboriginal Artist.