

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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## Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Happy \$ /Server	Food Server	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday Sept 12	Trivia Night	Lyndy Stagg	Not Required	Tony Haines	Frank Rice	John Karis	13/9 Noel Emselle, 14/9 John Karis
Tuesday Sept 19	Fellowship	Judy Greer	NR	Janet Alexander	Greg Leece	Graeme Chamberlain	22/9 Frank Rice; 25/9 Sue Hill
Tuesday Sept 26	Escape Bag Guest Speaker	David Larkin	Heather Willson	Penny Broome	Lisa Hanley	Geoff Chandler	26/9 Andrea Tierney; 28/9 Gary Willson; 1/10 Kath Venters

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.

### Our Club

#### President

#### Secretary



Lynne Carlson



Rod Bush

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

**When:** 6pm for 6:30pm  
Visitors are Welcome

**Late Apologies:** Lyndy Stagg - 0429 436 858

**Web:** [rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**Theme:** September - Basic Education & Literacy Month

#### Past bulletins

- Available from our website ([rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)) via the 'Our Club' menu.

**Market:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show:** 0417 319 465.

#### Coming Events

- September 16 GDFL Finals gates
- September 24 Sunday lunch - **Oneday Estate** - Curlewis 12 noon
- October 1: Rotary Markets Commence
- October 11 Club's 40th Anniversary Dinner
- October 28 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

**District Conference 15 -17 March, 2024, Mount Gambier.**

**Meeting 5 September 2023: Chair: Peter Hawthorne**

#### REPORTS

**Guest Speaker: Paul Brewster - 15 on me**

**President's Report: Lynne Carlson**

The next monthly information session will be held on Tuesday 5th September at 5.15 in the Surf Club Board Room. It will focus on the Environment Committee and be held by Noel Emselle.

**Next Tuesday's Meal: Lasagna Chips & Salad or Roast Capsicum stuffed with Risotto**

#### Reports:

**Foundation:** Paul Brewster. The funding chart was shown explaining how funds are distributed through global and district grants. Hr highlighted that members should remember that funding can be local as well as international.

A video showing how money from The Foundation has helped tens of thousands of people worldwide to live better lives. There were 2000 Global Grants given last year.

**Market:** Adrian Schmidt. Lisa Hanley has circulated the roster for various tasks associated with our most successful money raiser. Please notify her if you are unable to do the job allocated. Bookings are coming in steadily. The first market is on Sunday 1/10/23.

## Wisdom for the Week ....

Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change. Stephan Hawkings

### “Letter words” - with new definitions. ㉞

**New York:** A third-rate Babylon.

**New Zealand:** A country with thirty million sheep, three million of whom think they are human.

**Newlywed:** A guy who tells his wife when he gets a pay rise.

**Nymphomaniac:** A woman who thinks about sex as much as the average man.

## One liners ....

- My mum always used to say “80 is the new 60”. Lovely woman ... banned from driving.
- Time may be the great healer but it's a lousy beautician.
- You can't get on the same page with someone who has a different book.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

## Links .....

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Rotary District 9780: [www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

Rotary Foundation:

[www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au)

Footy Tipping [www.footytips.com.au](http://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** - it's a very simple process. If you enter your email address, you will receive a return message advising your response has been registered.

**Family of Rotary:** Judy Greer is progressing well, keeping Rod busy trying to curtail her activities. Geoff Brentnall is home.

**Rotary Merchandise:** Marion Walton. There is a polo jacket available, please see her if interested.

**Social:** Lindy Stagg. There is a lunch booked at One Day Estate on Sunday 24/9/23, at 12.00 pm.

**International:** Kath Venters. Information about the Cambodian student is available on the website as is more on the Bali Smiles students. Kath recently attended a conference where Shelter Boxes were discussed and whilst they are still being distributed, they have been refined in their packaging. Informative leaflets were available.

**Footy Gates:** Peter Cullen. Still short of helpers for Grand Final Day. Peter thanked all the people who have helped so far.

### Feed Me Bellarine:

Lindy Stagg. There will be a fundraising day at the Portarlington Golf Club. See Lindy if interested.

### Guest Speaker: 15 on Me. **Paul Brewster.**

Paul introduced his chat by telling us he was a 10 Pound Pom who travelled thousands of miles and got married!

This journey commenced in North West London around 1960. Like most lads of that time, he needed to earn money and for Paul it was by doing a paper round, even in the snow to pay for his road racing bike. At this time, he was a student at Christ's College Finchley where the headmaster had been in that position since 1929!

A school assignment in 1960 required research about one of the states of Australia. He chose Queensland. His Mother and Father helped with the research which included a trip to Australia House. Unknown to Paul his parents were thinking about moving from London, perhaps to Kenya, but the information about Australia intervened and it became the preferred option. Sponsors were required for assisted immigration as well as tentative employment. Temporary accommodation was found in Newtown, Geelong and employment was included in the employment opportunities. There was lots of paperwork, medicals, vaccinations as well as decisions about what to leave and what to pack into tea chests. The family was booked on a ship, but they were asked to consider flying. That was preferable (with 3 children), and about a week later after very hurried disposal of furniture and other residue they left England on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1963. They flew on a QANTAS 707 refuelling at New York, San Francisco, Honolulu, Fiji arriving in Sydney. Another flight to Melbourne and a red rattler to Geelong.



The family rented a house in Belmont where they encountered out native fauna, a Huntsman spider!

It took a few years to get established, with his father working at International Harvester and 'Bodycraft' and eventually Ford Motor Company, where he was paying more in tax than he was in London. Several relatives emigrated during these years and lived close by. Paul commenced a “preparatory” year to the Architecture course at the Gordon while his sisters completed their schooling.

[Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.](#)

[Lookout Maintenance Roster: Contact Noel Emselle](#)

3 September	Geoff Chandler
17 September	Heather Willson
1 October	Ann Hodgkinson
15 October	Jenny Wright
29 October	Meredith O'Neill

[15 on me: Contact Rod Bush](#)

I'll chat with members about availability and add names here as I get willing participants

Sept 5: **Paul Brewster**

[100 Trees Maintenance Roster: Contact Noel Emselle](#)

August

Pearl Macmillan (leader) - Peter Cullen, Peter Cowburn, Delia Naumann, Rod Birrell, Gordon King, Andy McKoy, Adrian Schmidt, Lisa Hanley, Martin Geerings, Noel Emselle

September

Adrian Schmidt (leader) - Beth Eustace, Jenny Wright, John Karis, Peter Cullen, Frank Rice, Greg Leece, Tony Haines

October – Understorey Planting Day?

Rod Greer (leader) - Warren Chapman, Heather Willson, Delia Naumann, Judy Greer, Geoff Ford, Beth Eustace, Andrea Tierney, John Paton,

November

Peter Cowburn (leader) - Meredith O'Neill, Alex Magee, Ann Hodgkinson, Frank Rice, Rod Greer, Geoff Chandler, Marg Campbell,

December

Andy McKoy (leader) - Jenny Templeton, Neil Templeton, Sue Hill, Lisa and Harry Hanley, Jenny Clairs, Kath Venters,

[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

3 years full time and 3 years part time was the diploma course at that time at the Gordon. Paul worked during the holidays to pay his fees the following year. At the Gordon the 'Arkies', as they were known were responsible for social activities. At the end of year 3, through hard work, a bit of subterfuge and good luck he and two other students had their required drawing portfolios for Architectural Design, Building Construction and Graphics accepted and then 3 years part time study began. Yunken Freeman Architects were his employers for 13 years. For the first three years he was working full time and attending night classes three times a week. It was 'pretty tough'.

During this time Paul was rotated around most areas the firm was involved in, including hydraulics design, and with the experience gained he was appointed manager of the Commercial Interior Design Department. By this time, he was doing another years study to gain his degree in Architecture. He ultimately became a Contract Administrator, one of a team of four who went on site to do inspections, issue instructions, and keep an eye on the financial side of things. Diplomacy was quickly learnt especially during the construction of BHP House. About this time Paul obtained two tickets for the final dinner of the Gas and Fuel Mrs Victoria Quest. After an ask around amongst the group, Jan said yes, she would accompany him. They changed into their finery in the toilets at work and looking very 'acceptable' they attended the dinner which was a bit of a disaster. Their relationship, however blossomed and the rest is history.

Following two other appointments Paul joined the Target Head Office as a store planner, doing a job which didn't really suit him. Through contacts he was offered a position with Yunken and Freeman as Office Manager and Project Manager for the Regent of Auckland. This required living in New Zealand, so with their house in Stinton Avenue under renovation the family moved to Auckland for about 2 years. The project was completed, and the family moved back to Geelong. Paul became the Site Architect for Bay City Plaza 1986-1988.

From then until retirement, Christian College has been his place of employment as Bursar initially then as the College expanded from 150 students to 2000 students, he became Builder and Project Manager. During this time there was \$60 million spent on work for the College. Paul and Jan have three children, Catherine and Stephen who have had experiences in Japan, Stephen has a Japanese wife and daughter. Alison, a 'change' baby has a daughter.

Paul joined Rotary in 200. He became an Australian citizen in 2017 (after 54 years). His two sisters are living in Victoria.

Paul completed his talk by stating that he is "now officially retired and enjoying life with Jan. I am convinced that education is the key to the survival of the human race and the preservation of the planet. Is it a coincidence that I married a teacher and all 3 of our children are teachers of some kind or another? I hope to contribute to education through Rotary now instead of an educational institution."

"Thank you for welcoming Mum, Dad and my sisters to Australia and paying the expenses involved through your taxes. I like to think that we've made a contribution to Australia, and I hope you think you've got your money's worth."

Next week: Trivia Night.

