

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
OCEAN GROVE**  
Serving the Southern Bellarine

Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X

ABN: 13 501 173 192



## Meeting Roster

Date	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
May 27th	Australian Rotary Health - Gary Wilson	Janet Alexander	N/A	Sue Hill	Alan Keyse	1/6 Wal Kelly;
June 3rd	Community Night - About Rotary	Kath Venters	Paul Brewster	Penny Broome	Adrian Schmidt	5/6 David Larkin; 6/6 Neil Templeton; 7/6 Gil Morgan

### Our Club

President

Secretary



Meredith O'Neill



Rod Bush

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



**When:** 5:30 pm for 6 pm  
Visitors are Welcome

**Meeting enquiries or apologies:**  
Janice Nation - 0417 332 742

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

Monthly **Theme:** May is Youth  
**Service.**



### Meeting May 20th

#### Club Meeting

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 22/5 Pearl Macmillan, 23/5 Jenny Clairs, 24/5 Anne Geerings, 25/5 Graeme Chamberlain, Marita Scott, 26/5 Jenny Wright

**Reports:** (See later)

**9780 District News:** Click the link: <https://rotary9780.org/bulletin/viewsent/880b9f0b-d7a3-47f2-aa1d-e1cf8d7e89c0/65d156aa-be24-4d3d-a6f2-4640e979fdaf?mid=QW5HZigHkeTWEATLotG+XR8aHyVa2iUI9oOgj3AEL8k=&type=m>

**Magic Happens Around D9780 May Edition: Click**

**the Link:** <https://rotary9780.org/bulletin/viewsent/aa43df0f-c221-4a64-b649-241dde04f617/32dff2e7-49a9-4e11-92db-9cc9e4d60b4b?mid=Zp0nmNdXov8DdK58tMfz0A7Gz9POFqL/4V/RcSPS9o=&type=m>

Feedback from OZ re meals

#### President's Report

##### 1. Constitution and By Laws Changes.

Our Constitution and By Laws were last updated in August 2020 and are available on the member section of the club website. The new RI Standard Constitution is due to be published on June 19 and there is an RI expectation that our by laws be updated to be consistent with these changes. Proposed changes to the Club Constitution and By Laws have already been circulated to members but the final proposals and club voting have now been postponed until July.

## Past bulletins

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

## Contacts

**Market:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show:** 0410 471 005.

## Wisdom quote ....

*You will remain the same until the pain of remaining the same is greater than the pain of change*

## 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:

**Member Activities** - Please check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.

**Lookout Maintenance Roster:**

**Contact Noel Emselle**

25 May	Harry Hanley
8 June	David Larkin
22 June	Ron Ayres

## 2. Privacy Policy

We have been advised that our club requires a Privacy Policy. There is a Privacy Policy on the District website but this only applies to the use of member data by Club runner which is the data management system used by RI. Our club needs to be able to answer the following questions:

What personal information do we collect from our members?

Why do we collect this information?

How do we use this information and who do we share it with?

How do we store this personal information and keep it safe and secure?

Personal information can include forms we fill out, photos, information shared about members at meetings and financial information that is collected.

John Karis has had experience in developing a privacy policy for an organisation and I have asked him to lead a workshop session at the combined old and new Board meeting next month. Hopefully, we will be able to come up with a draft that will be finalised by the new Board.

## 3. Club Budgets

Our budget for the current Rotary year is close to balanced. We are able to cover our expenditure that was approved in the club budgets at the start of the year. Second line expenditure or the additional 'wish lists' from service clubs can not be covered. The club aims to keep the same level of reserves that we had at the start of the year. This is necessary due to our fundraising reliance on outdoor events that can be subject to extreme weather and the possibility of disaster funding being required. This month the club has funded the following budget lines:

Rotary Foundation	\$ 7 000
End Polio Now	\$ 2 000
Australian Rotary Health	\$ 2 000
Hope Bereavement Centre	\$ 1 000

The Youth, Community and International Service committees are currently working on finalising their spending commitments.

Thank you to John Paton for all his work on responsible financial management of our club.

## 4. Meeting charge.

The Board agreed to drop the \$5 meeting charge which had been set to cover guest meals and additional meeting costs. This charge has been replaced with a voluntary raffle.

**15 on me: Contact Rod Bush**

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

**100 Trees Maintenance Roster:  
Contact Pearl Macmillan**

100 trees maintenance – March to June 2025.

May; – Gary Willson (leader), Beth Eustace, Heather Willson, Judy Greer, Rod Greer.

June; – Adrian Schmidt (leader), Peter Cullen, Delia Naumann, Jenny Templeton, Neil Templeton.

**Where you can use your OGBA voucher:**

Driftwood Cafe, OG Cellars, Ian Pattison Jewellers, 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

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the next meeting - **please**

**5. Regional Community Group Meeting Geelong Saturday 10 May**

This was attended by Meredith and Lyndy and Meredith was asked to do a report on 'How we do things at Ocean Grove'. This report covered:

Who are we? – our demographics

How our Board operates – well structured agenda, consultative, informed decision making, strategic approach that sets key goals and directions and alignment of different parts of the club.

Our effective system of 10 committees and teams and a strong commitment and work ethic.

Very successful fundraising.

We are the largest club in District 9780 and it is appropriate to consider us a leading club.

*Additional Information* – We were told of a Geelong Service Club Network that has been set up to contribute to the development of a shared vision and mutual support for like minded community service clubs. This network meets quarterly and involves representatives from Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, VIEW and Zonta. Lyndy and Meredith attended the meeting in Belmont on Monday night where Sam Hayward, Rotary Club of Geelong East was the guest speaker on Mental Health in Geelong.

**6. The Rotary Multi District Impact Summit, Morphettville Racecourse, Adelaide, 16 -18 May.**

Gary Willson was the chair of this summit and had a lead role in the planning and implementation of this summit covering Districts 9510 and 9800. Heather was part of a panel on Duck Races. They will both provide some reflections at our next club meeting.

There was a strong Peace and Social Justice theme running through the choice of speakers. Meredith attended the conference and after listening to a number of speakers from not for profit organisations and Foundations there were some key messages that could apply to what we are doing in our club.

- A. Partnering with organisations to provide food security in our local communities is important work where Rotarians can have impact.
- B. Support for vulnerable children, including children in out of home care, is work that has an impact.
- C. The early years of child development are vital for a person's mental health later in life. Our youth and community service teams are providing financial



assistance to programs for young children and teenagers in our community. There was reinforcement of our prevention and early intervention approach.

## 7. RI and District Matters

Next year RI will not have a Presidential theme but a message 'UNITE FOR GOOD'

There will be no District 9780 stand alone Conference next year. We will be part of Multi District 9510, 9780 and 9800 Conference at Horsham on 27-19 March 2026. We were advised to get in quick to book accommodation as we wish to attend.

Lyndy is attending a mandatory President Elect Learning program (previously PETS) at Horsham this Saturday and on Sunday she will be joined by Paul, Beth and Lisa at the District Leadership Program (previously District Assembly).

Meredith O'Neill, President

## Duck Race Presentation:

Duck Race Chair **Heather Willson** presented the 1st Barwon Heads Scout group with their proceeds from the Duck Race - \$2500.

The troop does an amazing job organising, cleaning and re-bagging the ducks after the race.

All other payments to local Primary schools, Barwon Heads Association and the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club have been made making a total of almost \$10 000 that has been passed back directly to the local community in a variety of places across the Southern Bellarine.

The last Duck Race meeting for the year was held. The contributions of all involved was acknowledged and Heather was praised for her fine work as Committee leader.



## Reports:

Secretary	Rod Bush	Sheet of Roles distributed (look at it, email back any changes that you want) Annual Report booklets – not published next year will be on the website. Ask if you want a printed copy. Member directories will be printed as usual. Art show planning commencing soon
Treasurer	John Paton	Any potential Centurion (\$100) donors - please contact John P for details.
Public Relations	Kath Venters	Shine on awards – Advocacy for disabilities by people living with disabilities. Our joint nominee Leanne Watson won. Kath received the award on her behalf.
Environment	Noel Emselle/ Pearl	Upgrade to Lookout reserve Applied for a grant and succeeded - \$4000 from Barwon Water
Footy	Greg	Winner – Larry; Peter – last; Adrian – still in front
Social Committee	Lyndy	Visit to Geelong Gaol with dinner following Going to see a film and dinner Xmas break up 16/12/2025 Suggestion - One day a month, bring a partner

**A 🧐: Who is the AI person this week.?? (See last page)**





Kath Venters giving us Feedback from the Shine-on Awards



Jenny Baxter hard at work taking bulletin notes.



How many can you recognise ?

Bellarine North are having their 50th Anniversary celebrations. Follow the contact details if you would like to attend.

**Bellarine North Rotary Club**  
(formerly Rotary Club of Drysdale)

# 50th Anniversary

## 1975 - 2025

You are invited to join current and past members to celebrate 50 years of service to the community of the Bellarine North Rotary Club (formerly Rotary Club of Drysdale). Partners and family welcome.

**Sunday June 1st, 2025**  
**2.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

**Portarlington Golf Club, 130 Hood Road, Portarlington 3223**

**Cost: \$30 per person**  
(finger food provided, drinks at bar prices)

**Pre-purchase tickets (see below), or To pay on the day you must by RSVP to rickard\_9@hotmail.com by Monday 26th May**

Scan the QR code below to book your tickets



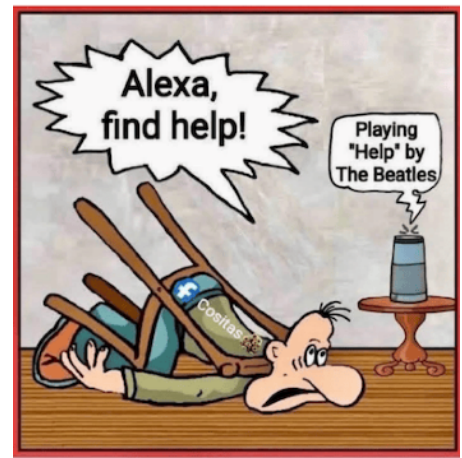


**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**

or copy the link below and paste in the address bar of your browser  
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1396874?embed>



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If you spell the words "absolutely nothing" backwards, you get "Gnihton yletulosba", which ironically means absolutely nothing.

I saw a snake that was 3.14 meters long.

I think it was a  $\pi$ thon.

If a man says he'll fix it, he will fix it.

There's no need to remind him every six months. ✂

Restaurant bathrooms are really, really dangerous. So many of my 1st dates have gone to use them and vanished.

If drinking energy drinks causes short term memory loss.

Just Imagine what drinking energy drinks would do.

People who say their wedding day was the best day ever have clearly never had two KitKats fall out of a vending machine. 🍫😂

A lot of women say their husbands never listen to them.

I'm proud to say I've never heard my wife say that 🙄🙄

