

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tues 25th May	Community Service Awards	Lynne Carlson	John Karis	John Wynn	Marg Campbell	24/5 Anne Geerings; 25/5/ Coogs; 26/5 Jenny Wright
Tues 1st June	Future Directions of Vic Police on the Bellarine - Marc Ward					1/6 Wall Kelly, 4/6 Chris Watson, 5/6 David Larkin, 6/6 Neil Templeton, 7/6 Gil Morgan.
Tues 8th June	Vikki Funnell Assistant District Governor	Gill Morgan				11/6 Wilma Andrews, 12/6 Ros & Garry O'Donnell, 14/6 Marion Walton,

### 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](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**Theme:** Youth Service

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

29 May - Bill Walton

12 June - Chris Watson

26 June - Meredith O'Neill

### Past bulletins

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

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

### Meeting Notes 18 May 2021

**Visiting Rotarian:** Frank Rice, Strathmore Rotary Club

**Visitors:** Pat Johnson, John Johnson

### President's Report: Gil Morgan

- Two people volunteered to take out and put away flags for each meeting – Harry Hanley and John Karis.
- Letter received from O.G. Surf Life Saving Club thanking us for our donation and saying it will be used to put a defibrillator in the corridor.
- Letter received from Donations in Kind thanking us for our donation, saying that they especially need monetary contributions to pay for the container transport.
- Peter Cullen is in hospital awaiting surgery.
- Community Awards Presentation night next week. Must get your acceptances in immediately.

**Chair:** Gerry Spencer



## Members: Coming Events:

\* Golf day - Monday May 24th

## Saying of the week ....

It may look as though I'm doing nothing, but in my head I'm actually quite busy.

## Joke of the week ....

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway her. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" "Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."

## One liners ....

- Sometimes I drink water - just to surprise my liver.
- If you had to decide between a diet and a piece of chocolate, would you prefer dark, white or milk chocolate?
- Organised people are simply too lazy to search for stuff.
- I read a book about the Stockholm syndrome - eventually I liked it.

## Links .....

### Rotary International:

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

### Rotary District 9780:

[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

### Footy Tipping

[www.footytips.com.au](http://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.

## Reports:

### **John Calnin, Fundraising Committee:**

The golf day is all organised. Non-golfers should arrive at 12.30 for lunch. It will be followed by an auction.



### **Meredith O'Neill, Youth Services**

**Committee:** An email will be sent out regarding a meeting for next week.



### **Gordon King, Community Services**

**Committee:** The judges for the **Entry Signs Competition** have met. 60 submissions were reduced to 16 which have been sent to Council. The main themes identified were – waves, surfboards, Wadawurrung people. These will be considered for incorporation into the new design. A meeting with Council will be held regarding the **Plant 100 Trees** project and the Lookout Reserve. Stickers will be placed on the flagpoles to acknowledge our contribution to this project. The **Point Lonsdale Marconi memorial** will be relocated to a more prominent position. It commemorates the first overseas transmission to Devonport in 1906. The **sculpture** was installed on Friday at BASC.

### **Judy Greer and John Calnin, Family of Rotary:**

John reported that Billy Steaines was still in hospital as he needed remedial surgery but hopefully came home today, 18<sup>th</sup> May.



**Pearl Macmillan, Secretary:** She posted seven and half kilograms of socks to Port Macquarie Rotary on Friday.

### **Lynne Carlson, Vocational Committee:**

67 members and partners have responded as attending plus 26 guests. We will know by Friday if more guests can be accepted.

**Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping:** Gary O'Donnell is leading on 63, followed by Alan Keyse 59 and Alex Magee 58. This week's winner was Jenny Wright with 9 winners.

**Guest Speaker: John Johnson, past Police Commission for Tasmania.**

John joined the Victorian police force in May 1957. He was stationed at Russell Street and then the Victorian Docks where he was with the pillage prevention police. He then joined the ACT Police covering Canberra and Jervis Bay and became Deputy Commissioner aged 41. He helped form the Australian Federal Police (AFP) becoming Deputy Commissioner of the new force. He was then appointed Commission of the Tasmanian police force. After 40 years of policing, he now lives in this area in retirement with his wife, Pat.

John gave a summary of the role of the AFP. After helping advocate for a national police force, the AFP was formed in October 1979 with an Englishman appointed as first Commissioner. It has a wide range of functions and is supported by internal scientific and computer engineering skills. As well as the Australian Capital Territory, it covers Christmas Island, Norfolk Island, the Cocos Keeling Islands, and Antarctica. It also covers financial crimes against the Federal Government, the importation of narcotic drugs, and provides protection to senior politicians and diplomats if needed. AFP members have been sent to world 'hot spots' such as Haiti, protection of the Thai-Cambodian border refugee camps during the Khmer Rouge period and African countries such as Mozambique and Liberia. They were involved in the Ukraine aircraft crash incident helping to identify Australian victims. The financial crimes section deals with fraud and theft affecting Australian Government revenues and expenditures, enforcing foreign exchange regulations against fraudulent transactions and commodity futures trading. John provided some examples of the inventive ways the AFP have used to uncover drug imports, including the use of codes in intercepted telecommunications dialogue.



John Johnson represented Australia overseas at Interpol and United Nations policy meetings in Europe and throughout the world. He is still asked to do guest speaking functions on topics where Australia has recognised expertise, such as counterterrorism, forensic science, and gun law reform. In 1991, he was appointed Commission of Police in Tasmania and held that role for five years. There, he had to deal with internal corruption issues and the Port Arthur massacre when 35 people were murdered. This had a major impact on the local community.



**Next week** – Community Service Awards Presentation. Lynne Carlson, Chair.



