

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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ABN: 13 501 173 192

Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Happy \$ /Server	Food Server	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday Aug 9	Art Show Launch	Rod Bush	Not required	Marg Campbell	Harry Hanley	Coral Barker	8/8 Carol Birrell; 9/8 Sandy O'Donnell; 12/8 Beth Eustace
Tuesday Aug 16	Vicci Funnell, Rotary Regionalisation	Noel Emselle	TBA	Alan Keyse	Rod Greer	John Paton	18/8 Geoff Chandler
Tuesday Aug 23	15 On Us: Lisa & Harry Hanley; Rod & Judy Greer	Heather Willson	Not required	Neil Templeton	Peter Hawthorne	Meredith O'Neill	22/8 Judy & Rod Greer; 23/8 Trish Emselle; 24/8 Jenny Schmidt; 26/8 Marg & Hamish Campbell

Our Club

President



Peter Cowburn

Secretary



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

Theme: Rotary Awareness, August
- Membership and Extension

Past bulletins

- Available from our website (rotaryoceangrove.org.au) via the 'Our Club' menu.

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

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.

Coming Events:

- * Aug 6 - Bunnings BBQ / Adrian Schmidt
- * Aug 9 - Salvo's bedding collection / Jenny Templeton
- * Aug 13 - Bunnings' Community Day, helpers needed / Pearl Macmillan
- * Aug 19 - Sept 10: Geelong Football League Finals,
- * Gate Volunteers / Rod Greer
- Rotary International Convention - 27 - 31 May 2023 (Melbourne)

The website through which to register is: rotarymelbourne2023.org

Report of Meeting: 2/8/2022

Toast: The Australian Commonwealth Games Team

Visitors: Sharon Anderson - Warne, Rotary Club of Seymour; Delia Naumann

Chair: Sue Hill

President's Report: Peter Cowburn

Welcome back to Graham O'Donnell. Our thoughts are with Graeme and Lorraine Batrouney on the loss of their daughter. Let Peter Cowburn know if you change roles. Also let Board know if you are starting a new project as they need to be approved.

Insurance. It is now compulsory that all Clubs send Risk Management Reports to Don Shields. This seems to be a little bureaucratic but is required to satisfy the interests of the insurance company. The reports should only take a few minutes and need to be sent to Board for approval.

Wisdom for the Week

I feel that the greatest products and project ideas are born from some sense of frustration. Scott Belsky

“Letter words” - with new definitions. *A*

Advertising: The science of arresting human intelligence long enough to get some money out of it.

Alimony: Something that makes you understand how short a month is.

Antique: Something that has been useless for so long, it's still in good condition.

One liners

Going for a walk because I want to stay healthy. Taking along a box of M&Ms because - let's be honest here.

What is the difference between baseball and politics? In baseball you're out if you are caught stealing.

I called my dog 6 miles so I can tell people that I walk 6 miles every day.

Links

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780: www.rotary9780.org

Rotary Foundation:

www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au

Footy Tipping 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. You will receive a return email advising your response has been registered.

Market Coordinator: Adrian Schmidt has been market coordinator for seven years. We are looking for members to learn these roles by helping him with tasks such as organising the stall holders.

Members Voice suggestions will be discussed at the next Board. In general, those making suggestions should become the leader of these initiatives.

Reports

Meredith O'Neill, Youth Services: The Committee will be meeting next Monday at Judy Greer's house at 4 pm. An email will be sent out.

Frank Rice, Treasurer: Thank you to all who have paid their subscription on time. He is still organising the change over with Bendigo Bank which is causing some delays.

Kath Venters, Rotary Leadership Institute program is starting soon. The first two weekends' programs will be held on Zoom and the last one in person. Talk to Jenny Wright about her experience if you are interested.

Pearl Macmillan, Community Service: Bunnings are holding a Community Day on the 13th August between 9 am and 1 pm to replace secure screws on number plates and are looking for helpers. This is a free event. Stealing number plates is becoming a problem in this area. It will also give the Club some publicity.

Jenny Templeton: Advised that the **Salvo's Outreach** Bus has put a call out for clean, warm bedding materials to help people sleeping rough. If you have any, bring them along next week and Jenny will take them to the Salvos.

Judy Greer, Family of Rotary: The funeral for Graeme Batrouney's daughter will be at Lilydale on Wednesday 10 August. See Judy for more information. They have asked that donations be made to Peter MacCallum Hospital in lieu of flowers. She has put a card in their letter box from the Club. Graeme will be away for three to four weeks. We will help them where we can. Peter Cowburn indicated that a donation will be made to Peter MacCallum Hospital by the Club in honour of the Batrouney family.

Noel Emselle, Environment: Tree maintenance was performed on Saturday. The trees are doing well but there is a lot of rubbish along the road in that area. We could make collecting that rubbish part of the project. We are considering doing a nature walk in the area and are working with students from Deakin University on this project. There is also a lot of rubbish along Thacker Street which we could take on as a project. The Lookout Tower will be torn down this year which provides us with an opportunity for a replacement project.

Rod Greer, Footy Gates Roster: There are still a few gaps if more people can help. A representative from the Geelong Football League will come to the Club to talk to us about using EFTPOS machines at the gates.

Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping: Round 20, four people got eight results correct. Chris Watson won on the margin. Alex

Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the leader if you cannot make that time.

15 on Me schedule	
Tue, Jun 14,	15 on me: John Karis/Sue Hill;
Tue, Aug 2,	15 on me: Meredith O'Neill /Martin Geerings
Tue, Aug 23,	15 on me: Lisa & Harry Hanley/Rod & Judy Greer
Tue, Sept 13	15 on me: Graeme O'Donnell/Rod Birrell
Tue, Oct 11,	15 on me: Coral Barker/Alex Magee
Tue, Nov 1,	15 on me: Greg Leece/David Larkin
Tue, Nov 22,	15 on me: Beth Eustace/Neil Templeton & Jenny Templeton
Tue, Dec 6,	15 on me: Frank Rice/Adrian Schmidt
Tue, Feb 8,	15 on me: Marion & Bill Walton/Kath Venters
Tue, Mar 15,	15 on me: Pearl MacMillan/Xenia Williamson
Tue, Apr 5	15 on me: Andrew McKoy/Andrea Tierney
Tue, May 17,	15 on me: Peter Cowburn/Heather Willson
Tue, Jun 7,	15 on me: Rod Bush/Alan Keyes

Lookout Maintenance Roster

- 13 August - David Larkin
- 27 August - Janet Alexander
- 10 September - Rod Birrell
- 24 September - Tony Haines

Tree Maintenance Roster

- August: Warren Chapman Leader but contact Pearl, Martin Geerings, Frank Rice, Marg Campbell.
- September: Rod Bush Leader, Geoff Chandler, Marion Walton, Alex Magee, Jenny Wright.
- October: Andy McKoy Leader, Lynne Carlson, Rod Greer, Judy Greer.
- November: Pearl Macmillan Leader, Peter Cullen, Xenia Williamson, Alan Keyse.
- December: Noel Emselle Leader, Coral Barker, Geoff Ford, 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, Wish Fish, OG Hardware, OG NewsXPRESS, Pavilion Property, Cleo Fine Jewellery, Ocean Eyes, OG Super Toys, Covenant Wine Bar, Roche Accounting, Bakers Delight

Magee is leading by two points ahead of Adrian who is one point ahead of Coog.

15 on Me: Meredith O'Neill

Meredith was born at Ouyen in the Mallee. Her parents had a wheat and sheep farm 40 kilometres from Ouyen. In 1971 she went to Monash University on a teaching studentship. She was sent to North Geelong High School as a Commerce and Politics teacher. She married Shane and they lived in Point Lonsdale then shifted to Collendina where they raised four children - Aaron, Fiona, Jarryd and Nicholas. During a period of extended family leave Meredith did further study and worked on a sessional or contract basis with The Gordon, Deakin and the Board of Studies. In 1995 she returned to North Geelong Secondary College, became an Assistant Principal in 2000 and held this position for 10 years.



The school had a strong commitment to multiculturalism. In the 1970's many students were from second generation migrant families who had come from the former Yugoslavia (They identified as Serbian, Croatian, Slovenian or Macedonian) or other parts of Eastern Europe that were under Communist rule including Ukraine and Lithuania. These students were often highly motivated as their families were hard working and had come to Australia in search of a better life.

From the nineties onwards there were more students who were born overseas and who came to Australia following wars and trauma. Some of these students came to our school as refugees from Bosnia, Myanmar (Karen and Karenni people), Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan. The school ran a New Arrivals program with specialist language learning and there was an emphasis on student connectedness and well being.

Meredith said that she was proud of the school commitment to access to education opportunities, diversity and inclusion. There was a well regarded program for Students with Disabilities and support for students who were from economically disadvantaged or transitory home backgrounds.

She concluded with some personal reflections of family and community life in Ocean Grove and the view that their four kids had benefitted from their education. sporting and social experiences in our local community. They all still call the Grove home and she hopes that they have been provided with a solid foundation as they move through life.

15 On Me: Martin Geerings

Martin migrated to Australia from Holland in 1957 with his parents, one brother and three sisters. They spent four years at Wynndean and he went to Primary School in Ocean Grove. Martin worked for twenty years in the Finance Section of the Ford Motor Company in Geelong and at their Head Office in Camblefield. He then moved to Amecon in Williamstown which were building ten naval frigates and ran their foreign currency exchange program. Martin and his wife Anne bought a dry cleaning business in Ocean Grove which they operated for 14 years.



Although retired, Martin took on a contract in 2006 with the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne which accommodated the L'Oréal of Paris Fashion Week and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games. His job was to look after the cleaning needs of dignitaries from both events. One day he was called in by Priscilla Presley, a lovely lady. He met the Presidents and Secretaries from the 71 competing nations. He also worked for Prince Edward, although only spoke to his butler. He met Sunil Gavankar and Sebastian Coe. The son of the Sultan of Brunei put on a farewell party for all the staff at the end of the Games which cost him \$32,000.

One of our club **survey requests** was that we record guest speakers. Members who couldn't be at a meeting can view recordings (where made) in the monthly meeting list section of our web page. <https://www.rotaryoceangrove.org.au/monthly-activities>

Next Week: Launch of our 2022 Art Show and some Arty quizzes !

Meal: Pork with Apple sauce and roasted veg.

