

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
23-Jun	Phil Edwards - OGCA	John Paton	Meredith O'Neill	Rod bush	Dick Clay	24/6 Xenia Williamson, 26/6 David Williamson.
30-Jun	Change-over Dinner	Alan Keyse			Gary O'Donnell	1/7 Rod Greer, 2/7 Jennifer & Chris Foster, 7/7 Tony Haines

Our Club

President: Marion Walton

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We (usually) meet each Tuesday at the **Ocean Grove Bowling Club:**

18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

When: 6pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0457 315 900

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

During the COVID 19 crisis, we meet via ZOOM on Tuesdays at 7.

Theme: Rotary Fellowship Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

14/06/20 - 27/06/20 Pearl Macmillan

28/06/20 - 11/07/20 Meredith O'Neill

Past bulletins

- Available from this website via the 'Our Club' menu.

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

President's Report - Marion Walton

Celebrations this week - Birthdays: Marion Walton, Geoff Ford, Jan Brentnall: Wedding anniversary - Chris and Barb Watson. Chris and Barb went on a road trip to Findlay and Hillston, NSW and reported that the countryside was lush green everywhere.

Recovering Stories - **Adrian Schmidt** reported he is still very sore after his fall from the roof and has a badly bruised buttock. He has lost his memory for the five hours after the fall. It was a very lucky outcome for what could have been a lot worse. **Vic Harnath** has an injured finger from a cat attack and an injured leg from a collision with a table that required a visit to A. & E. **Gerry Spencer** is feeling O.K. but has to have a M.I.R. to try and diagnose the cause of his vertigo.

Next week we will be meeting for real at the Bowls Club. An email has been sent out detailing the conditions for this meeting. Members will be invoiced for the meal. Pay for drinks at the table using a card only. Please take your name badges home, including partner's badges, and bring them the following week.

Change-over Dinner on the 30th June will be able to cater for up to 100 attendees so Partners are very welcome.

Next meeting, three new members will be inducted. **Jenny Wright, Isobel Paton** and **Amy Hawker**. We look forward to them joining us !



Members: Coming Events:

Saying of the week

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

Humour

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

**Guys I need your help.
I'm in the middle of an
argument with my wife
and she just told me that
I'm right. What the hell
do I do next?!**

Reports:

Community Service - Noel Emselle reported that the Landscape Plan for installing the sculpture at the Lookout Reserve was completed but had been held up by technology.

Foundation - Gordon King advised that the Strong Foundations magazine covering Foundation projects had been sent out to all members. Donations were welcome.

Footy Tipping - Graeme Chamberlain reported that two people had picked seven winners this week. Ron Ayers had won by the margin.

Geoff Ford made an impassioned plea - DO NOT CLIMB ON LADDERS OR GET ONTO ROOFS. Geoff had his fall four years ago and was now experiencing lung problems as a consequence of that fall which began 12 months ago. Adrian said he had also experienced a partially collapsed lung from his fall.

Marion Walton said they had picked up 45 old notebooks and three computer mice from Ocean Grove Primary School and taken them to DIK. She also reported that she would be attending Queenscliff Rotary Club's last meeting next week.

Rod Bush said he was making a Movie of Marion's year as President. He asked anyone who had suitable material to forward it to him.

Adrian Schmidt reported that he had expressed an interest on behalf of the Club to do sausage sizzles at Bunnings and that the Market will resume and the Art Show will go ahead in the coming financial year.

Rod Greer reported that a fourth container of playground equipment was now in Sri Lanka. More playgrounds were expected to become available in the future.

It was also reported that Clem Renouf, who began Rotary's connection with Polio Plus Eradication had died.

Guest Speaker: Shannon Tierney - Her Mallacoota Fire-fighting Experience

Shannon acknowledged the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of this land and paid her respects to their Elders past and present.

Shannon's story of her experiences was circulated to members a few weeks ago, and hopefully most received it. The report she sent out describes the horror of the day and is a powerful, well written account of her experiences. Shannon said the replies she has received have helped in her recovery. She also showed a series of photographs of the fire.

Shannon had joined Parks Victoria as a project fire-fighter in

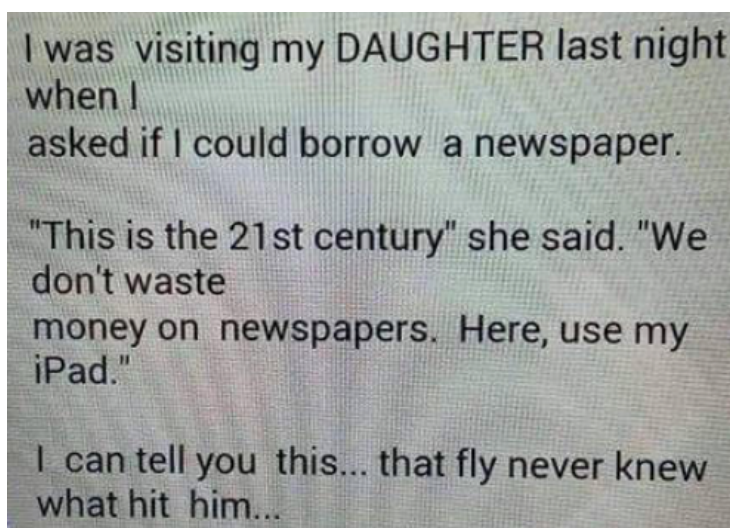
November 2019 and was posted to Mallacoota. She had received one month's training prior to this posting. On New Year's Eve 2019 they had four people in the Mallacoota forest management team plus 16 volunteers. Her report details their experience with the Mallacoota fire. After the fire, she stayed in Mallacoota for three months to help with the clean up and asset protection. Shannon only realised towards the end of February the magnitude of what they had been through and began to experience Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. She felt that she did not get enough support from the more experienced people she was working with to help her process her feelings. Eventually she resigned and came home. The Coronavirus Lockdown has helped by giving her time to recover.

Q & A

- Shannon received no pre-training for the emotional side of fire fighting, nor mention of how to respond to trauma in her training. The other members of the team had experienced trauma before and did not understand her problems and did not offer to help.
- She did not panic during the fire period, knew she had to remain calm and trust the other members of the team to make the right decisions. The other fire fighters did not want to talk about the situation. Shannon was very young and felt isolated. The other team members were male and over 50 so it was hard to relate to them.
- She was not asked by Parks Victoria to report on her experiences. She did do an exit interview and they asked for her report. She sent it to them but she has not received any feedback.
- Rod Bush congratulated Shannon on her willingness to share her story. It highlights the importance of training and that feeling valued is important. It will make her stronger.

If anyone hasn't seen Shannon's report of her experiences, they can view it on our website. rotaryoceangrove.org.au. Click the link on the front page: *Items of news, information and inspiration*

Next week's Speaker - **Phil Edwards**, Ocean Grove Community Association.



I was visiting my DAUGHTER last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this... that fly never knew what hit him...