

**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 13th	Social Night	Lyndy Stagg	N/A	N/A	N/A	16/5 Sally McMahon,
May 20th	TBA					

### Our Club

President

Secretary



Meredith O'Neill



Rod Bush

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



**When:** 6pm for 6:30pm  
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 6th

**Guests:** *Rhonda Rotheram - Neighbourhood Watch;*

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 9/5 Janet Alexander, 10/5 Rod & Carol Birrell, 11/5 Graeme Batrouney, Anne Magee, Jim & Kerrie Ricchini

- **Audio Issues:** Some of you may remember that we have had issues with our speaker over the last couple of weeks. Lisa took it home, dismantled it and replaced a faulty battery. She can now add Electronic Technician to her long list of skills !
- **Constitution changes:** With this newsletter, members will receive an attachment detailing proposed Constitution changes for our club. Please read this.

In summary, the proposed changes are:

1. Inclusion of a clause prohibiting the passing on of Club assets/funds to members (except in specified situations) - ATO requirement.
2. Removal of a reference to a Club Sergeant at Arms - we don't use this position any more.
3. Listed changes to membership application procedures.

After a specified period, we will vote on the adoption of these changes at a club meeting.

### Bowling Club Meals:

Discussions are continuing about including more small meal options on the menu.

Last night this was my meal - delicious !



## 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 ....

I, and I alone, am responsible for everything I think and feel.

## 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

11 May  
25 May  
8 June  
22 June

John Karis  
Harry Hanley  
David Larkin  
Ron Ayres

## Meeting Reports:

Secretary, Art Show	Rod Bush	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership cards for new members - will have them by next week</li> <li>• Storage cupboard finds:</li> <li>• Friends of rotary caps found. Missing for 8 years !</li> <li>• Rotary banners</li> <li>• Art show - Coming into planning mode</li> <li>• Sponsors being sought - eg Ryman</li> </ul>
Youth Service	Paul Brewster	Started talking to the students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• finding out what they intend to do</li> <li>• Visiting all the schools</li> </ul> Bellarine Secondary College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christian Cunningham will be coming to talk to us</li> <li>- Maddie Kirk Science forum will come to talk to us</li> </ul> Bernie – to talk about stuff/ Romac
International Service	Kath Venters	Yangon, Myanmar – video shown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthquake</li> <li>• Disease rife</li> <li>• Conflict occurring</li> <li>• Shelter repair kits being made available</li> </ul>
Social	Lyndy	Social Evening 13/5/2025 - no formal meeting - just fun !
Duck Race	Rod	Final figure - ~ \$17,000 profit; congrats to all involved
Rotary Gear	Marion	Rotary merchandise can be ordered for the next two weeks
	Andrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shine on awards – recognising work with people with disabilities; many of whom are doing volunteer work on their own – We in cooperation with Bellarine North have nominated Leanne Watson</li> <li>• Check out Rolling 'through Wednesdays' - Geelong Radio show.</li> </ul>
	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences from Geelong Region Soccer club – working with children checks v important</li> <li>• Apply for it online – see Lisa if you need help.</li> </ul>

**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.

April; – Andy McKoy (leader), Marg Campbell, John Patton, Paul Brewster, Frank Rice.

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 respond when you get it**

**Guest Speaker - Rhonda Rotheram***Neighbourhood watch*

- Creating a connected and safer community
- Since 1983 (42 years)
- Burglary - 20 year high
- For people wanting to protect their homes and neighbourhoods



**Rhonda Rotheram**

*About Rhonda*

- Newsletter editor, Geelong committee, board member of Neighbourhood Victoria

*What is NW?*

- Crime prevention program in partnership with Police
- Goals: To educate and Motivate
- Connect community
- 7/10 cars are stolen with the owner's own keys (keep keys out of sight)
- Electronic starts have been targeted – faraday pouch for the key fob
- Bikes and E-scooters are targeted (Attach an air tag to the scooter)
- \$33m tradies tools stolen 30% of homes burgled without forced entry
- 1 residential burglary every 24 minutes

Online quizzes available:- how safe is my place, apartment, farm, vehicle (business), School. The report is emailed

*Handy hints*

- dowels in sliding doors, empty letterbox
- Theft of mail – identity theft
- Keep bins away from the house

*Neighbourhood Watch for kids*

- travelling to school
- travel plans

Ubuild – protect your new home - new builds are targeted

*What works to prevent crime*

- Target hardening
- Surveillance
- Access control
- Territoriality
- Social cohesion
- Rapid response
- Situation awareness

*What doesn't work*

- Fear messaging
- Taking the law into your own hands
- Relying solely on tech
- Vigilantism



## President's Report:

### Community Connectedness

The club has a goal to 'Build community connectedness and provide support to community groups and individuals when needed'. It has been a busy month in this goal area and going forward the club is actively involved in the local community and broader Rotary community.

1. Completion of the summer markets and positive feedback from stall holders.  
Thank you to Adrian and team.
2. The successful Duck race.  
Thank you to Heather and team.
3. Money from the Duck Race and final market will be starting to flow through to community groups. There will be some work ahead at the next Board meeting.
4. Last Friday Jenny Templeton and I attended a meeting with Liz Womersley, the Executive Director Child, Youth and Family at Bellarine Community Health. We learnt about the services provided at the new Child, Youth and Family Hub in the Kingston Estate in Ocean Grove. This hub had its official opening in March 2025. This is a different hub to the Bellarine Training and Community hub near Shell road reserve that we are already involved with through a youth program. We have the offer of a site visit at about 5.15 on a Tuesday prior to returning to the Bowling Club to hear speakers from Bellarine Children's Services and Headspace. About 20 members or more indicated an interest in the site visit and we will go ahead and organise a suitable date. Stage 1 of the new hub has been completed and there are plans for stage 2 and the development of a specialist children and adolescent youth service to serve the whole of the Bellarine.
5. On Monday Lyndy and Meredith represented our club at the Ocean Grove CWA morning tea to raise funds for Breast Cancer support.
6. This Saturday Lyndy and Meredith will be at the Geelong Regional Community Group meeting of Club Presidents and President Elects. I am down on the agenda to speak on 'How we do things at Ocean Grove' and I intend to focus on the strength of our team work.
7. On Saturday 10 May I will also be attending the Ukrainian Women's Association Mother's Day market at the Ukrainian Community Centre at 57 Pakington Street, Geelong West to raise funds for women and children in Ukraine. The notice of this event came from The Rotary Club of Greater Geelong.
8. The Shine On Awards will be held on Saturday 17 May, 12 to 2.30 pm at Deakin Waterfront. The Rotary Clubs of Ocean Grove and Bellarine North put in a joint nomination of a disability advocate for this award. Thank you to Andrea for her assistance with this nomination. Kath will represent our club at this function.
9. The Rotary Impact Multi District Conference will be held in Adelaide from 16 -18 May. Gary Willson is on the organising committee and will have a Chairperson role at this conference. Meredith has decided to attend this conference and will have a nostalgic ride on the Overlander train to get there.
10. Lyndy will be attending the compulsory President Elect Learning Program at Horsham on 24 May and at this meeting she will be asked to be part of the President Elect vote on the District budget for 2025-26 that has just been released. Lyndy will be joined by Paul, Beth and Lisa at the District Assembly at Horsham on 25 May. This is the highest membership involvement in these important District assemblies for several years.

11. Tonight's speaker, Rhonda Rotheram for Neighbourhood Watch, is another example of how our club is connecting to what is going on in our community.

### A Personal Matter

After the Neighbourhood Watch talk Peter Cullen asked a question about the role of dogs in keeping people safe. I shared the story of the night there was an intruder in our street. My blinds were closed and I did not hear any noise. Charlie Cavoodle was somehow able to sense that there was movement in the street at the time that the intruder was walking up the street towards my car. The barking was so agitated that I woke up and was able to look to see what was going on and then did a bit of yelling from an external safe spot. Many people keep their dogs outside, on a deck or at the back of the house. There is a case for having them near the front of the house at night. I am unable to explain how Charlie was able to sense that a creepy person was coming towards my front yard. The police arrived more than an hour after a neighbour had reported that a drunk man had been knocking on their front door. I was unable to find out any more details of the incident. In the days of Neighbourhood Watch in Ocean Grove we were able to hear about troublesome incidents in our neighbourhood.

**\* Bowling Club building update:** Next time you visit the bowling club, the roof will be installed on the new frame covering the bowling area. Looks impressive !

### Following is an actual exchange of correspondence between a customer and the Irish Railway Company (?)

Gentlemen, I have been riding your trains daily for the last two years, and the service on your line seems to be getting worse every day. I am tired of standing in the aisle all the time on a 14-mile trip. I think the transportation system is worse than that enjoyed by people 2,000 years ago.

Yours truly, Patrick Finnegan

Dear Mr. Finnegan,

We received your letter with reference to the shortcomings of our service and believe you are somewhat confused in your history. The only mode of transportation 2,000 years ago was by foot.

Sincerely, Irish Railway Company

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your letter, and I think you are the ones who are confused in your history. If you will refer to the Bible and the Book of David, 9th Chapter, you will find that Balaam rode to town on his ass. That.... gentlemen, is something I have not been able to do on your train in the last two years!

Yours truly, Patrick Finnegan.

**Regional News and Updates - District 9780:** <https://rotary9780.org/bulletin/viewsent/ccd63e97-7aa2-4c5f-aecc-56dec12d6a72/30e61a7a-fc78-47ed-a983-b62ce0eac4d1?mid=FA/Ao4pEZRGsWMVg3dqXxoQ7nWz0uFF0fELKfEMFke0=&type=m>

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

Last week's pic was Neil Templeton. Who is it this week? 🤔



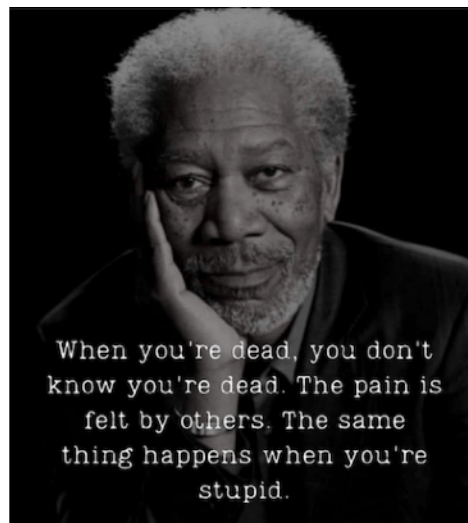
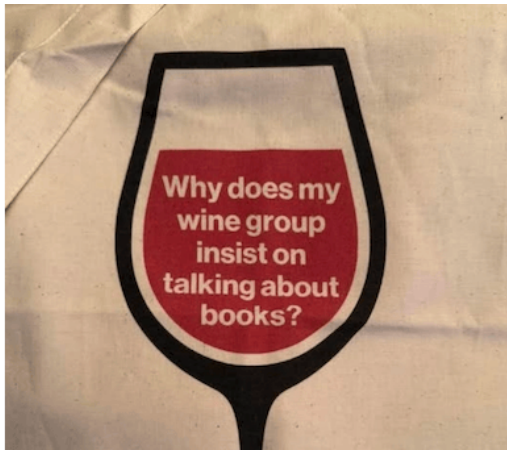


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Congratulations to "Bobby"  
Successfully completing  
his 30 year career as  
Police Drug Sniffer Dog



**How to politely tell  
someone they are stupid**



**Sad news — the inventor of  
auto-correct collapsed in  
the street yesterday.  
He was taken by ambience  
to the nearest horse piddle.**



**I've reached the  
age where I  
appreciate a nice  
handrail.**

**NOBODY TELLS YOU THAT  
THE HARDEST  
PART OF BEING AN ADULT  
WOULD BE FIGURING OUT  
WHAT TO COOK FOR DINNER  
EVERY SINGLE NIGHT FOR  
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.  
UNTIL YOU DIE**



**Q- Why do scuba divers fall  
backwards when entering  
the water?**

**A- If they fell forward they'd  
still be in the boat.**

And the .....

