

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
12th February	Backtrack.	Peter Hawthorne.	Chris Foster.	Rod Bush.	Judy Greer.	12/2 Barbara Watson, 15/2 Marion Coppins-King, 15/2 Val & Wal Kelly.
19th February	Linguistics	Geoff Chandler	Lynne Carlson	Gerry Spencer	John Wynn	21/2 Jan Chandler, 25/2 Paul Tierney

### Our Club

**President:** Graeme Chamberlain

**Secretary:** Pearl Macmillan

**Where:** We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club: 18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

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

Visitors are Welcome

**Apologies:** 0457 315 900

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

**Theme:** Peace & Conflict Prevention/Treatment Month

### Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

10/02/19 – 16/03/19 John Paton

17/02/19 – 23/02/19 Gerry Spencer.

24/02/19 – 02/03/19 Neil Templeton.

03/03/19 – 09/03/19 Noel Emselle.

10/03/19 – 16/03/19 Gordon King.

### Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

## Report of Meeting: 05/02/2019

### President's Report

Graeme Chamberlain welcomed ADG Di Crawford and Judy Beasley and around 40 guest visiting Rotarians from Drysdale, Queenscliff, Bayside and Lara clubs. Tonight's activities involves a presentation on the proposed new palliative care facility, Anam Cara Geelong by guest speakers, John Fitzgerald and Rod Threlfall.



President Graeme welcomed new member, Jim Delaney who has transferred from Port Fairy Rotary Club. He was presented with his badges. Jim has an education background and was a schoolteacher who joined Rotary on his retirement. He finds Rotary gives him a sense of belonging to the community.



### Reports –

**Lynne Carlson, Vocation** – A dinner – dance is being organised to support Parkinson's research. They raised \$960.10 at the market gates to go towards that cause. Members are also asked to nominate small businesses for the Vocational Awards.



## Members: Coming Events:

- Visit to Lions club - Barwon Heads - March 5th
- 9780 Conference - Maryborough - Mar 22 -> 24
- Car Rally - 17 February. 11am

## Saying of the week

- I do not believe that friends are necessarily the people you like best, they are merely the people who got there first.

## Humour .....

- When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.

## Links .....

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

Rotary District 9780:  
[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

Footy Tipping

## 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.

**Rod Greer, International** – Rod reported on progress on the recycled playgrounds project. The first container load left at the end of January. A new container is in the process of being filled with three playgrounds available. He will be meeting with other clubs to keep the program going in the near future. It involves collecting playground equipment that is being replaced and sending it to areas where it is needed in Sri Lanka.



**John Calnin reported on the Surfing for Disabled day** held last Sunday morning. There were 120 registrations. The Club cooked sausages for participants and helpers.



**Ann Hodgkinson reported on the Earth Fest** being held at Ocean Grove Park by the Star of the Sea Primary School on 15th February, between 4 pm and 8.30 pm. It will involve activities, stalls and music with a sustainability theme to raise money to establish a kitchen garden at the school. All are welcome to attend, entry \$5. The Club is supporting them by lending our gazebo shelters and the corn hole game.

ADG Di Crawford introduced the two guest speakers.

**John Fitzgerald** works in business development and philanthropy in the education, not for profit, and commercial sectors. He established fundraising operations at St. Joseph's schools, Geelong and Nudgee and St. Patrick's school, Ballarat. He then moved to the Bendigo Bank, Geelong Region and helped establish the Geelong Connected Communities grant program, which has given out over \$1.5 Million over the past 5 years. He is a Director of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Salvation Army Geelong Advisory Board and Director of Geelong Connected Communities. He is currently Campaign Director for the Anam Cara Geelong Hospice Capital Appeal.

**Rob Threlfall** is Vice-Chair of the Board of Anam Cara Geelong and is leading the development of The New Anam Cara. Rob was Chief Financial Officer of the Geelong Cats 2000 – 2015 and remains a Director of the Geelong Cats Foundation. He established a consultancy business in 2015 but also works with Campitelli Consultancy, which is the Campaign Director for the Anam Cara appeal. He grew up and was educated in Geelong where he lives with his wife, Fiona and three children.



### **The New Anam Cara Appeal – John Fitzgerald and Rob Threlfall**

The new Anam Cara Hospice appeal was launched in 2016 to raise capital funds to build a new facility on land provided by Deakin University on a ridge overlooking Waurin Ponds Creek west of the University. Anam Cara means 'sole friend' in Gaelic. They currently operate a small facility with 4 beds at St. Mary's Basilica Presbytery building in Meyer Street Geelong which began in 2007. The only other local facility is Barwon Health's McKellar Centre, which has 16 beds. With a growing and ageing population, it was recognised that the region needed more palliative care services.

An independent Business Case was undertaken which indicated that a 20-bed facility would be the most appropriate size for a new facility. The aim is to provide end of life support within a friendly, home like environment where families and pets can visit as they wish. It will also provide day respite for families caring for loved ones at home. It is anticipated the facility will be fully open in 2020.

They have received a grant of \$5 million from the Commonwealth Government and are hopeful of receiving a similar grant from the State Government. This leaves \$8 million, which needs to be raised in the community. Deakin University has provided the land on a long-term 20-year, renewable lease for a small cost. It will be used for student training on palliative care in their medical, health and nursing schools.

The campaign is collaboration with St. John of God Hospital, Barwon Health, Epworth Geelong, GMHBA, the Hospice Foundation Geelong and Deakin University. They would also welcome support for other organisations including Rotary. Barry Fagg, with John Fitzgerald as Campaign Director, chairs the Campaign Committee. It also includes Diane Taylor and Rob Threlfall as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Anam Cara Board and seven other members.

Members of the audience queried whether 20 beds were enough given the growing need in the community. John responded that this was the size recommended by the business case. It represented 7,300 person-nights per year, and if it were assumed the average stay was 4 weeks, it would allow 260 people per year to use the facilities. It also allowed for 50 people to use the day respite facility, provided an information hub on palliative care, as well as a student-training role.

Wal Kelly thanked John and Rob for their talk and congratulated them on the initiative.

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