

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	Assistant / Cashier	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday Sep 21st	Footy Quiz Night - ZOOM					Nil
Tuesday Sep 28th	Junior community awards history		Meredith O'Neill			26/9 Michelle Fox, 26/9 Andrea Tierney, 27/9 Elaine & Norm Elliott, 28/9 Gary Wilson, 1/10 Kath Venters
Tuesday Oct 5th	Guided meditation / Zero point yoga					5/10 Fred & Wilma Andrews, 6/10 Marion & Bill Walton,

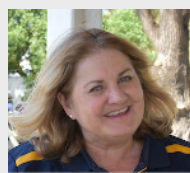
Our Club

President



Alan Keyse

Secretary



Heather Willson

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club - unless we're on ZOOM !

When: 6pm for 6:30pm (or 7pm ZOOM)

Visitors are Welcome

Late Apologies: Lyndy Stagg -

0429 436 858

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Basic Education and Literacy

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

TBA once we are out of lockdown

Past bulletins

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

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Members: Coming Events:

Lockdown easing 🙏🙏🙏

We acknowledge the traditional First Nation owners 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.

Report of ZOOM Meeting - 14th September 2021

As September is Rotary Basic Education month Alan proposed a toast to all teachers.

We welcomed our speakers from Box Hill Central Rotary Club - Bruce McEwan and Moinul Islam.

Presidents report.

1. At the Board meeting it was agreed to purchase a second Square Reader to help at the market etc. We will need to train some extra people to use it.
2. Speaker gifts. Instead of offering our speakers a small gift we will pay an annual donation on their behalf to charity. It was agreed at the Board meeting to donate \$500 to Feed Me Bellarine on behalf of our speakers.
3. The strategic plan will be ratified at the next Board meeting and will then be put on the club website.
4. There is a need for a fund raising committee. The Board is seeking volunteers, particularly new members to form this committee and bring some new ideas. One of the past Governors has suggested forming a data base of successful fund raising ideas to be shared with all clubs. Alan suggested our Golf Day and Wine Drive as two successful ideas.
5. A Questionnaire will be sent out asking for feedback on the wine drive. Please respond so we can get an idea of the viability of the proposal.
6. The weekly raffle. It has been suggested that instead of wine we should raffle a \$25 voucher for Grove Money which is now up and running. Currently there are 18 businesses participating and it is hoped there will soon be over 40 businesses involved, giving a wide choice of gifts to choose from.
7. One of our Small Business Award finalist has asked for our help. Karin McGlynn runs the Art'Skool, teaching disabled children to paint etc. She would like to take her business to the next level and is looking for a mentor. Any members with business experience who can offer help with this, please contact Alan.

Wisdom for the week

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

Joke of the week

EXERCISES FOR SENIORS

You know how important exercise is, as we grow older. Here are a few suggestions.

I start by standing outside behind the house and, with a five-pound potato sack in each hand, extend my arms straight out to my sides and hold them there as long as I can.

After a few weeks, I moved up to 10-pound potato sacks, then 50-pound potato sacks, and finally I got to where I could lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold my arms straight out for more than a full minute!

Next, I started putting a few potatoes IN the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level.

One liners

- My father has schizophrenia, but he's good people.
- I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.
- My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the roof!
- My therapist says I have a preoccupation with revenge. We'll see about that.

Links

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryOG>

Instagram: #rotarycluboceangrove

Please remember:

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the following meeting. - **please respond when you get it** - it's a very simple process.

8. Alan received a very nice thank you letter from Virginia MacDonald who had received a sympathy card from our club on the death of her mother Judith MacDonald. Judith was the wife of Jim MacDonald a past President of our club in 1987/88. Judy Greer had sent the card which had been much appreciated by the family as they had all been involved with Rotary.

Directors Reports.

- **Community Service.** Gordon King reported that the meeting with the Council had been postponed because of Covid restrictions. The Grubb Road project is on hold as the Council can't yet give approval.

The Ocean Grove Entry Identification is looking positive. The Council is preparing guidelines for this and will be in contact. Rotary 100 - plant 100 trees. We now have an agreed site on Wallington Road, about 200 m north of Thacker Street. We are now tendering for trees. We will plant a double row. The Council will prepare the site and do the mulching. Sometime later this month or early next month we will be looking for volunteers to plant the trees.

Gordon had sent out a video on the Southern Bellarine Coastal Strategy which had been appreciated by members. Gordon acknowledged Noel Emselle's input.

- **Environment.** Pearl Macmillan suggested that the club members collect bottle tops for recycling. The See All Dolphin Shop in Queenscliff can recycle these. They also offer an education program in schools where children can recycle the bottle tops and each child gets a key ring. If you look on the inside of a bottle top you will see a recycling logo with a number. Numbers 2 and 4 are the easiest to recycle, but they will take others. They also recycle the plastic tags on bread wrappers. If you start collecting all these Pearl will gather them in at the next face to face meeting and deliver them.

- **Youth Services.** Meredith O'Neill reported that the Junior Community Awards Program had been modified and was now winding up. Judy Greer and Tony Haines will collect the work this Friday. The committee are planning a function to give out the certificates.

All other projects have been cancelled or postponed because of Covid.

- **BBQ Trailer.** Gil Morgan reported that the axel is being delivered to Ballarat today, and will come here in about three days. We should get it in about a week. Then it will go to Geelong for the Sign Writing.

- **International.** Graeme Batrouney expressed his pleasure at having Bruce and Moinul from Box Hill Central here tonight.

- **BBQ:** Adrian Schmidt has received an email from Bunnings offering a slot for a BBQ on 9th October. Adrian asked if we were willing to run the BBQ. Enough people volunteered, so Adrian will confirm with Bunnings.

• Footy Tipping. Janet Alexander stated that only 2 people tipped 2 winners - they were Janet herself and Jenny Wright. No one got close to the winning margin! Gil and Adrian were the closest. At least the good news is that there are two Victorian clubs playing in the Grand Final! Peter Hawthorne is still on top, 1 point ahead of Coog and Peter Cowburn. The rest of the group are up for the weekly contest. Janet had a bonus question- 'Who did Melbourne lose to in their last two Grand Final Appearances?' Rod Greer answered correctly - Essendon in 2000 and Coog answered correctly Hawthorne in the 80's. They will share a bottle of wine!

• Shelter Box: Heather Willson gave us some good news. We have received a Bronze Champion Award from Shelter Box. There is to be Zoom Awards Ceremony on the 5th of October which will be attended by Graeme Batrouney.

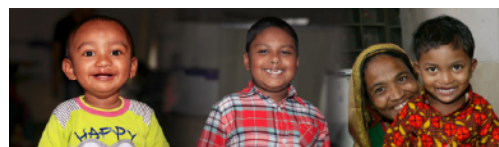


Guest Speaker

Coral Barker introduced Moinul Islam from the Box Hill Central Rotary Club.

Moinulis from Bangladesh, where he joined Rotoract in 2006. In 2014 he became Rotary Ambassador for **Operation Cleft**. He came to Australia in 2019 and was welcomed into the Boxhill Rotary Club and immediately recruited to work on Operation Cleft.

Moinul began his presentation by showing real life pictures of children who had been helped by Operation Cleft. These were from his own experience and show how the project can change lives. Some of the 'before' photos were quite confronting.

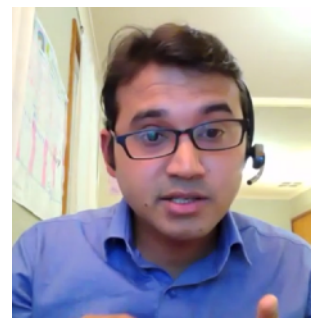


Moinul thanked our club for our support over the years.

He got involved 16 years ago when Colin McFarlane from Box Hill Central Rotary Club visited Bangladesh and was shocked to see the number of Cleft Palate cases there. Colin returned to Australia and set up Operation Cleft.

Moinul had been interested in Rotoract since childhood, and when he joined he got involved with Operation Cleft and was motivated to lead it all over the country. He joined the project in 2015 as Country Manager, and has supported it as a Goodwill Ambassador since 2018.

He heard good things about Australia and decided to come here in 2019 where he joined Box Hill Central Rotary Club. One in 700 children across the globe are affected by this condition. There has been lots of research into the causes but there is no clear understanding of why it happens. It occurs in the first 6-8 weeks of pregnancy. Every three minutes a child in the world will be born with a cleft palate. 12% of children with the condition die under the age of 5.



It causes many problems with feeding, eating and dental problems. This leads to malnutrition and poor health. It leads to social rejection, stigma and humiliation. Parents are often blamed as if they are bad people, and it can lead to marriage problems and divorce. Often it is seen as a punishment for parents, or something supernatural or caused by black magic. Moinul asked us to give two words to describe the feelings of sufferers. Two words that stand out are - rejection and humiliation.

To solve these problems the project offers free surgery for the children of Bangladesh. To give them the opportunity of surgery and the chance to lead a normal life.

Why Bangladesh?

- There are 170 million people in Bangladesh. It is crowded and very poor, with a very high birth rate. More than 5000 babies are born each year with cleft palate problems. They suffer with poor health and physical and emotional problems.
- There is acute malnutrition in the country - 95% of children are underweight.
- There is a limited Government Program to help them.
- It is good to give 'A Smile for Life'.
- It has been 16 years of Miracles. 16000 children have been helped.

Moinul showed pictures of smiling children and pleased parents. The program is still working in Bangladesh.

Although it is normally children who are helped, there was a man in his 60's who came for surgery. His daughter's wedding was cancelled when the groom's family saw the father who had a cleft palate. He had surgery to improve his appearance so that his daughter could get married in the future. It's all about how society looks at them. After surgery the whole perception changes. The cost of each surgery is \$350.

Thanks from all the 1600 families who have been helped, and thanks to our club from another 6 children who will have the operation. The operation brings joy, social acceptance, good health and confidence.

Thank you

Questions

1. Alan asked why it was so cheap as \$350 wouldn't go far in Australia

Answer- because the surgery is carried out by Bangladeshi surgeons who are committed to helping these children.

2. Gordon asked about Interplast, who send in teams of surgeons to help, and if locally Rotary clubs are involved.

Answer - Colin McFarlane started working with Interplast but realized that a local solution would be better as there are so many cases. The Bangladeshi surgeons are highly trained in the US and UK, and are there in the country, and not flown in. This has been really important in these Covid times when borders are closed. The local Rotary clubs are used for publicity and information giving.

3. Lorraine asked - How are the children chosen for the surgery.?

Answer - An announcement is made in newspapers etc, and people are invited to come to the surgical tent for assessment. Each candidate is assessed on health issues, weight, age etc. they must be over 5 kilos in weight and over 3 months old. Sometimes older children get priority as it gets more difficult with age

4. Coral asked how surgeons deal with having to reject people.

Answer - it is very difficult. The surgeons make a contract with the hospital and the hospital management contacts the patient. They maintain a waiting list based on the assessment of health, age etc.

Coral Barker thanked Moinul and Bruce. "We are overwhelmed by the work you do.

Thank you for coming to talk to us. Our donation should already have been paid into the bank to pay for 6 operations."

Bruce thanked the club for our contributions.

Next week. We will celebrate Grand Final week.

Please wear your AFL footy colors - a scarf, a hat or a beanie. To make it a footy night please get a pie to eat during the meeting and we will pretend we are at a match! There will be a footy quiz so check up your footy knowledge.

Raffle: This was won by Geoff Chandler, who will receive a bottle of wine.

Environment News:

South East Bellarine Coastal Strategy

<https://youtu.be/PoiVf0eZr6U>

Bill & Melinda gates Report for 2021:

https://www.gatesfoundation.org/goalkeepers/report/2021-report/?utm_source=TGN&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=RPT_GK21



TOM GAULD for NEW SCIENTIST

Reputedly an image taken from a camera on the back of a bicycle rider's helmet !

