

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X ABN: 13 501 173 192



Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tues 4th May	Sally Edgerton (EDConnect)	Adrian Schmidt	Wal Kelly	Judy Greer	Coogs Chamberlain	9/5 Janet Alexander; 10/5 Rod & Carol Birrell;
Tues 11th May	Adrian Bickley - Ocean Grove Police	Janet Alexander	Michelle Fox	Martin Geerings	Tony Haines	11/5 Graeme Batrouney, Ann Magee, Kerry & Jim Ricchini, 12/5 Jan & Geoff Brentnall, 16/5 Sally McMahon & John Karis.

Our Club

President: Gillian Morgan

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club

When: 6pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0400 676 537

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Maternal & Child Health Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

03/04/21 - 16/04/21 Isobel Paton

17/04/21 - 31/04/21 Neil Templeton

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

Report of Meeting: 27/4/2021.

President: Pres. Gil.

Guest Speaker: Ian Friend.

Visitors: Peter Chomley, John Graham, Paul Jubber (coach of the Grubbers), Garry Williams.

Pres. Gil:

- A letter of thanks from David Cox, a speaker on baru threads was received.

- The new BBQ trailer is having its final tuning. Signage will have to be done. More information to come.

- ANZAC Day BBQ from 8am to 200pm.

- The mobile screening unit of Breast Screen Victoria will be in Ocean Grove for the first time between 17th and 28th May for women 50yrs and over. The hot pink van will be at the Shell Road Pavillion and you can book online or call 13 20 50. This will save a trip to Geelong for those who may be due for a screening.

-

- Rotary Leadership instruction starts in mid May and there is another one in July. Go to www.rotary9780.org and on the home page, scroll down to book. Newer members are encouraged to do the course as it gives an insight into the breadth of what Rotary is all about, here and overseas. The \$35 cost can be reclaimed back from the club.

- Conference this year is an online multi district one to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia. All 5 districts in Victoria will participate. Booking details are on the District 9780 website. It is/was on this weekend.



ANZAC day wreath laying at Ocean Grove Cenotaph

Members: Coming Events:

* Golf day - Monday May 24th

Saying of the week

I grew a beard thinking it would say "Distinguished Gentleman." Instead, turns out it says, "Senior Discount, Please!"

Joke of the week

It's been proven that girls reach the age of puberty earlier than boys. Girls develop tits around the age of 13, boys around the age of 40.

Links

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

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

- **District Assembly** is now called D9780 Learning and Development Assembly. It starts on 10th May at 7.30 online. Book through the District website. Again a useful tool for new Rotarians and a refresher for the 'oldies.'

- **Veterans' care Hampers:** thanks to everyone who volunteered to help pack the hampers and to those who delivered them. They were well received, all 60 of them! Most thanks to Ty from 'Driftwood.' Leftovers were given to Pearl's neighbour whose house had burned down. Many thanks for this gesture.



Jenny & Noel hard at work in the kitchen



48 Boxes being filled



A happy hamper recipient

- **Queenscliffe market** was sluggish but \$920 was cleared. Thanks to Wal Kelly who filled in for Coogs and to Alan for picking up all the perishables.



Sausage time at the Queenscliff market

- **Secretary:** Pearl reported that RI Port McQuarie West are holding a fund raiser for the longest line of socks. See Pearl if you can contribute to this.

- **Vocational:** Lynne Carlson reported that award Sponsorships have been received from: Ryman Health Care, APCO Ocean Grove, Pavillion Real Estate, Fine Jewellery Ocean Grove, DC Roofing.

- The total is \$1,150. Lynne reminded members to continue to submit nominations. These close on Saturday.

Fund Raising: see above.

Community: Bowel Scan kits are available. Marion has the information.

Foundation: Gordon reminded members the donations are welcome for Rotary Foundation.

International: The donation from the Club to the Shelter Box project was well received.

Footy Tipping: Gary O'Donnell is leading the competition so far. Ron Ayres won this round.

Guest Speaker: Ian Friend. "The first Aboriginal Cricket team to travel to England".

Ian opened his talk with an acknowledgement of the Indigenous people of this area.

His great-grandfather, Charles Lawrence grew up in England where he fostered his fanatical love of Cricket. Ian learned much of his story when he found his grandfather's diaries. Charles had managed to see well known players at Lords. Charles ran away to Scotland as a youngster and played for Perth against England. His talent for bowling was discovered at this time.

In 1851 he was selected as a member of the English Team and at this time became friendly with Tom Wills who came from Geelong. Charles also developed an all -Irish Team that played at Lords.

In 1861, as a member of the English team he sailed to Australia on the Great Britain. He continued his very successful bowling prowess in the many matches held around Australia. He was invited to play with NSW as a bowler and coach in 1862. At this time he ran a pub in NSW where he was able to observe the natural talent of the Aboriginals who were playing in the Sydney area. He was able to obtain enough Sponsorship to enable him to take an indigenous team to England. These men were mostly from around Warrnambool and the Western District. The men were encouraged to play athletic games and to make Boomerangs and Spears that were shown after the matches.

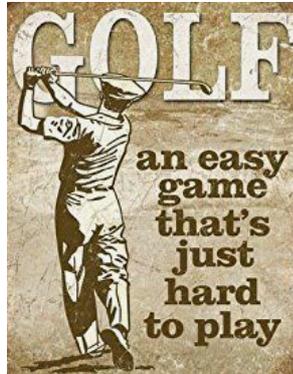
He wanted to instil into the team members a feeling of security and to assist with this he tried reading the Bible around the campfires at night.

Before leaving Australia, a match was played in Corio where some opposition to the team leaving was encountered because of the proposed introduction of the 'Protection Act.' The match in Melbourne was abandoned but they did play the Naval and Military Club in Sydney. During the journey he tried to teach the men reading and writing but without much success.

The team was in England for 5 months, where they played 47 matches. After the matches demonstrated their skill with their hunting implements and even managed to hit a spectator. The trip was a great success and the players were well accepted. Unfortunately there was very little recognition when the team returned and because of the Protection Act most had to return to the missions.



Ian has finally succeeded in having the Aboriginal team recognized in the Sports Hall of Fame at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The best player at the Boxing Day Test against England is awarded the Johnny Muller Medal in recognition of his skill in the touring Aboriginal Team. Ian reminded the members about the Museum at Harrow where there is some fascinating memorabilia.



**WHAT DO YOU CALL
A BOOMERANG THAT
WON'T COME BACK?
A stick.**