

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Assistant Cashier	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday Feb 8th	Rotary conference Stephen Lamont	Rod Greer	Gordon King	Alex Magee	Graham O'Donnell	Barb Watson 12/2; David Larkin & Mary Treleven 13/2
Tuesday Feb 15th	Club Assembly	Alan Keyes	N/A	Peter Cullen.	Neil Templeton.	Peter Cowburn 13/2; Wal & Val Kelly 15/2; Marian King 16/2
Tuesday Feb 22nd	John Calnin Retirement; Fellowship	Coral Barker				Lorraine Batrouney 20/2; Geoff Chandler 21/2; Paul Tierney 24/2

Our Club



Alan Keyes



Heather Willson

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

When: 6pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Late Apologies: Lyndy Stagg - 0429 436 858

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Rotary Awareness - Vocational Service

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

12 Feb - Andy McKoy

26 Feb - Meredith O'Neill

12 Mar - John Paton

Past bulletins

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

Market: 0401 606 036 **Art Show:** 0417 319 465

Members: Coming Events:

- Feb 1st - Meeting back at OGSLSC !

We acknowledge the traditional First Nation custodians 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.

Meeting: Tuesday February 1st

Visitors and Partners: Heather Margetts, Leon Trethowan, Gary Willson, Jan Brentnall, Barbara Watson, Marian Coppins, Anne Barker.

President: Alan Keyes

Chair: Lynne Carlson

Induction: President Alan welcomed Sue Hill who has transferred from the Rotary Club of Geelong East. We will benefit from her previous experience in Rotary. She has been appointed to the Art Show Committee under Rod Bush. All club members offer her our friendship.



President's Report

Coral Barker will be organising the ANZAC Day dawn service breakfast. She will be asking for volunteers to help in the near future.

DG's Newsletter asks Clubs to become involved in the Clean Up Australia Day on the 6th March. However, it will clash with our market.

Helen Trigg, past President of this Club and past District Governor, has been awarded an OAM. We have sent her our congratulations.



Helen Trigg

Andrew Thornton

died yesterday after being in hospital for two weeks. The funeral will be on Friday. An email will be sent out with details.

Andrew Thornton

Wisdom for the week

Without a Goal, you can't score ...

"Letter words" - with new definitions. 1

Immorality: The morality of those having a better time.

Intellectual: A man who doesn't know how to park a bike.

Internet: A shortcut to plagiarism.

The Irish: A fair people - who never speak well of each other.

One liners

- Money talks. Mine always says goodbye.
- I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems — the first thing he did was make me pay in advance.
- I have a dog to provide me with unconditional love, but I also have a cat to remind me that I don't deserve it. It's all about balance.

Links

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Rotary Foundation:

www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

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

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Instagram: [#rotarycluboceangrove](https://www.instagram.com/rotarycluboceangrove)

Please remember:

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

Australia Day BBQ: Hard work at the sausage sizzle.



Reports

Heather Willson, Secretary - inserts for the membership book with details of new members can be picked up at the meeting.

Kath Venters, Publicity - asked for some additional photographers to cover events. If you can help, please let Kath or Rod Bush know.

Janet Alexander, Social - thanked Lynne Carlson for organising the lunch at One Day Winery with around 30 attendees. The **next event** will be a Wine and Cheese night on the 19th February. It will be hosted by Ann Hodgkinson's son-in-law, Tom Van Etten who has completed a Wine Masters course and will be providing a range of local and overseas wines for tasting.

Lynne Carlson, Vocational - Nomination forms for this year's Community Awards have been put on line and are now open. It will close on 15 March.

Rod Bush, Art Show - There is a surplus of \$8,500 to distribute. As usual, 25% will go to each of Riding Develops Abilities and Surfing for the Disabled. If you know of any other charities that could benefit, please let Rod know.

Gil Morgan, Conference - this year's conference at Port Fairy on 18th - 20th March is going ahead. Numbers are limited to 150 in the main hall and 120 at the dinner. Let Gil know immediately if you want to come.

Elaine Elliott sent a message to all Rotarians thanking them for the support shown to Norm in his last days, particularly Rod and Judy Greer for their help. The family is grateful for all the kind words sent to them by members.

Guest Speaker: Anne Barker, ABC Indonesian Correspondent

Anne last spoke to Rotary in September 2018 when she was just leaving for a three year posting to Indonesia. However, just one and half years into this time in March 2020, the COVID pandemic hit that country. All correspondents and camera people were pulled out at short notice. Some foreign correspondents have gone back or left their positions. Anne has continued to cover stories from that area remotely from a small office in Melbourne. She had expected to go back on 13 January. However, Indonesia is still banning people from coming into the country. She has not been able to get her residency visa renewed. Some correspondents who did go back became very ill with COVID and had to be medevacuated out.



Anne has been trying to record stories from Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia remotely. She has had to hire people locally to organise and film interviews. It has been difficult to find suitable people in the Philippines, but there are good producers in Indonesia so she has been able to cover stories from that country. She has not been able to do anything in Malaysia. She has also been able to use material from agencies like Reuters, do Zoom interviews and use material from social media. Previously, they had never used social media coverage but it is now becoming more common. They also use YouTube material for political press conferences. Then this material has to be edited together as best possible. One advantage from the new system is that she has been able to cover subjects which they could not before such as vaccine rollout in Indonesian Papua. This was a logistical nightmare to put together and not as professional as she would have preferred but was still usable.

Anne has started the visa process to return to Indonesia again and is hopeful to be back within a few months. Many correspondents have relocated to Singapore but she felt that was not feasible.

Q & A

The funding cuts to the ABC have not affected the international bureaus as much as other areas. In the last few years, the editors have been less interested in broad topics and mainly only interested in COVID stories. Generally, interest in Asia has declined with more focus on Europe and USA. Environmental and social issues have also received less coverage.

Indonesia has been very careful to be politically neutral on China. It has not spoken out and has been less affected by expansion into the South China Sea than the Philippines. A number of large Belt and Road projects have been developed by China in Indonesia probably using a combination of Aid and interest incurring loans, although the exact financing details are not known. The ABC's Chinese correspondent has been expelled from China and has had to cover issues from Australia. He has now gone to Taiwan. There was someone based in South Korea but that office has been closed.

Many people in Bali and Kuta employed in the tourism industry have had to give up their jobs and have gone back to farming. The ABC has a 'stringer' based in Bali who has sent back photos of empty facilities.

One of Anne's favourite stories was about the children stolen from East Timor by the retreating military. It was very difficult to put this narrative together as everything had to be approved by official organisations, so they were not able to be too critical of the Indonesia military. East Timor is no longer well covered. It used to be covered from Indonesia, then Anne did some stories when based in Darwin. There is less interest in these issues today and it is not anyone's specific 'patch' at the moment.

Kath Venters thanked Anne for her talk. It was very interesting to hear how news is being covered in the current circumstances.

Next week's speaker is Stephen Lamont on the forthcoming Rotary International Conference in Melbourne.

Environment Committee:

- **Bellarine Peninsula | Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program | Engage Victoria:** <https://engage.vic.gov.au/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/bellarine-peninsula>

