

Agenda - RCOG BOARD MEETING

Monday 9th February, 2026 VENUE: OG Bowling Club

Meeting Opened – 3:00pm

1. Attendance:

	Jy	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Paul B	X	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Jenny T	X	X	X	A	X	X	-					
Kath V	A	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Lyndy S	X	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Rod B	X	X	X	X	X	X	-					
Graeme B	X	O	X	X	X	X	-					
Lisa H	X	O	A	X	X	X	-					
Beth E	X	X	X	X	X	X	-					
John P			X	A	A	X	-					

A = Apology X = Present R = Provided report O=on line

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting.

Motion: *That the minutes of December Board meeting be accepted.*

Moved: ***Seconded:*** ***Carried***

2. Action Points from PREVIOUS Meeting

List of the activities that were allocated at the last meeting; when completed, they can be removed for the next meeting.

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2	Rotary Signage	Jenny	Rotary Ocean Grove Public Signage, Location and Condition – see Noel’s report in correspondence.	February for Decision

3. **Correspondence** - List important correspondence including emails/messages (See separate list)

***Motion:** That inwards correspondence be accepted and outwards correspondence be ratified.*

*Moved: Seconded: **Carried***

4. **Reports** activities of interest/relevance; status updates

Admin. Reports:

- President’s Report (LS): In Dropbox.
- Treasurer’s Report (LH). In Dropbox.
- Secretary’s Report (RB):
- President Elect’s Report (PB):
In Dropbox

Service Chair Reports:

- Community/Environment (JT):
- Youth (PB): in DropBox
- International: (GB)

Membership (BE):

***Motion:** That all reports be accepted.*

Moved: Seconded: Carried

5. Business on Notice –

ITEM #	TOPIC	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	FOLLOW UP ACTIONS/OUTCOMES	Date feedback required by (If appropriate)
1.	WWW	LS/All	Review monthly.	On going
2	By Laws Committee update	PB	Committee members: Paul B, Meredith O, Greg L	On going
3	Duck Race update	LH	Duck race planning commenced. See document on DropBox from Heather Willson – Club Board Communication – Duck Race.	Ongoing
4	School support review update	PB		
5	Eat Up	KV		
6	Starthrower	KV	Update on behalf of Larrie Winzar on offers of mini break to women who lost homes in bushfires.	

7	District Grant 2026-27	KV	Paul Hicks of Queenscliff Coast Guard has indicated that they would really appreciate being the beneficiary of our Club. \$6k will buy a boat hull to be used in training for rescues etc.	Decision
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6. General Business - items raised by members or discussion from Business on Notice.

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Action Points from THIS Meeting

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- Next RCOG Board Meeting March 9, 2026 – OGBC 3pm

MEETING CLOSED AT 5pm.

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Moved: Paul Seconded: Beth Carried

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2	Rotary Signage	Jenny	Rotary Ocean Grove Public Signage, Location and Condition – see Noel's report in correspondence. Stage 1 Wallington Road, Grubb Road and Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove Park fence. All 4 sites to be upgraded to an updated sign. QR code and website need to be updated. John Paton will request quotes for updated signs from John Phillio and Bellarine Signs (sponsor Duck Race). Sign to include Meet Tuesday evening, email address, QR code, website. John to request quotes and Rod to put together a mockup sign.	February for Decision KV thank you to Noel and Committee

Apple Fair – March 14th Saturday. Lyndy to talk to Adrian Schmidt and Peter Cowburn and confirm they are in touch with the School.

Request for someone to take on a Grants Role at the next meeting.

3. Correspondence - List important correspondence including emails/messages (See separate list)

***Motion:** That inwards correspondence be accepted and outwards correspondence be ratified.*

Moved: Lyndy Seconded: John Carried

Please refer to the Correspondence list for decisions made regarding particular items.

4. **Reports** activities of interest/relevance; status updates

Admin. Reports:

- President's Report (LS): In Dropbox.
Interested in guest speakers on history and the local area.
- Treasurer's Report (LH). In Dropbox.
General - \$19770.70
Charities - \$30528.71
Lisa will look at predictions for market income.
Duck Race budget – direct expenses \$300. Donations to Surf Club, Scouts and Barwon Coast as usual. Bendigo Bank grant is being prepared by Heather.

***Motion:** That schools receive \$5 back for each duck sold linked to a school. Nothing for enrolment and all based on duck sales. Contact Parents and Friends Association at school rather than Principal.*

*Moved: Rod Seconded: John **carried***

- Secretary's Report (RB):
- President Elect's Report (PB):
In Dropbox
PE's online last night and there were 6 attendees instead of 50. PELs District Assembly in Horsham 3rd and 4th May. Note new District Secretary Paul Barrett.

Service Chair Reports:

- Community/Environment (JT):
Cadel Evans was an excellent event for the Club to be involved with as marshals.
- Youth (PB): in DropBox
- International: (GB)
- Membership (BE):
Welcoming two transfers and a new member.

Motion: That the Board recommend Stephen Finlay's membership be circulated to the Club members on receipt of relevant paperwork.

Moved: Lisa Seconded: Beth **carried**

Motion: That all reports be accepted.

Moved: Paul Seconded: Lisa **Carried**

5. **Business on Notice –**

ITEM #	TOPIC	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	FOLLOW UP ACTIONS/OUTCOMES	Date feedback required by (If appropriate)
1.	WWW	LS/All	Review monthly. New members. Market. Cadel Evans x 2 Dinner meeting of the year, very successful. Feedback from guest speaker on Club – so good. Bare Foot Bowls – Pt Lons Bowls Club Geelong Jail	On going
2	By Laws Committee update	PB	Committee members: Paul B, Meredith O, Greg L. Will meet in person soon. Paul will keep the Board updated.	On going
3	Duck Race update	LH	Duck race planning commenced. See document on DropBox from Heather Willson – Club Board Communication – Duck Race. QR code for Event Booking will go live March 2 nd . Rod and Lisa will update Heather on discussions Motion: That the Club will provide \$100 for an Easter Land	Ongoing

			<i>prize to Duck Race Committee. Moved: John Seconded: Jenny carried.</i>	
4	School support review update	PB	Report in DropBox. This highlights where money is spent and how it is allocated. This ensures we do not duplicate donations or favor one school over another.	Completed
5	Eat Up	KV	Community. Jenny will take over this project.	On going
6	Starthrower	KV	Update on behalf of Larrie Winzar on offers of mini break to women who lost homes in bushfires.	On going
7	Menu at OGBC	RB	OGBC want to provide a short list of items for a Rotary menu. We can also order from Specials menu. Lyndy and Rod met with Nathan and the catering manager. The Club was asked to provide feedback which Rod collated and sent to OGBC.	Completed
8	Art Show	RB	Funding for the start of the Art Show \$1,500 as a line item from Charities Bank Account. This will allow for payment of accounts prior to entry payments being received.	Noted and Lisa to include as a budget line.
9	Our impact	LS	Reasons behind what we do and consistent analysis of review and themes. Post funding report.	On going.
10	Club Assembly		3 rd March	

11	Youth Club at the Hub		We would support the establishment of another Youth Club at the Hub. We would need to see a business plan.	On going
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Action Points from THIS Meeting

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1.	Rotary sign quotes	John Paton		March meeting
2.	Rotary mockup of signs	Rod Bush		March meeting
3.	Implement plan for induction of Stephen Finlay	Beth Eustace		March meeting
4.	Inclusion of \$1,500 budget line for Art Show	Lisa Hanley		March meeting

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Correspondence list OGR Feb 2026 Board Meeting

Date	Source	Subject	Action
28/12/25	Secretary	Apple Fair	Peter Cowburn
10/1/26	G Crawley	Request for funding Black Dog Institute	Decision Been sent to Club, Rod to attach letter when he sends Bulletin and refer people to document for their information.
26/1/26	Christian College Bellarine	Request for funding – grant for garden at school	Decision Paul will contact Bellarine North Club and he will to discuss and reply.
22/1/26	COGG	Request for contact details	Lyndy provided
30/1/26	Libby Coker	Grants newsletter	Information
20/1/26	RDU	RDU Invoice	Payment Lisa will pay
21/1/26	Tony Hudson	Tour de Cure request for funding	Decision – No Kath to email Tony.
11/12/25	Consumer Affairs Victoria	Registration of new rules	Paid
11/12/25	RDA and SD	RDA and Surfing for Disabled Meeting on 24 Feb	Confirmed Rod is the contact person.
9/12/25	OG Business association	Yearly invoice	Payment Lisa will check and pay if required.
6/1/26	Noel	Pedestrian walking signs	Decision Thank you for interest. VicRoads.
29/12/25	Rotary	Regional Council News	Information
23/12/25	ROMAC	Newsletter	Information
18/12/25	Rotary	Rotary Brand News	Information
18/1/26	Noel	OGR Public Signage	Decision made, see minutes.
15/12/25	Greater Geelong RC	School of St Jude event Geelong	Information
23/1/26	ShelterBox	Newsletter	Information
4/2/26	RSL BH/OG Branch	Invitation to attend Barwon Heads and lay a wreath ANZAC Day	Decision Heather Wilson – Barwon Heads Lyndy Stagg – Ocean Grove

			Kath to find out Queenscliff and Pt Lons. Kath to contact Maz re plastic bases for wreaths.
4/2/26	Request for contact details	For Melissa Mathews – previous winner of an award	Decision Rod will look to see if we have the details
9/2/26	Invitation	21st Rotary Week of the Iblean Baroque	For Bulletin

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Date	To	Subject	From
11/12/25	Nathan OGBC	Thank you to you and all staff	Lyndy

Presidents report 9th February Board meeting

- Guest speakers with a history and Environment and sustainability bias.
- End of year break up at Barwon Heads Golf Club was a fun night and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone who attended.
- Several social functions during January.
Barefoot bowls at Ppt. Lonsdale where several of our cohort are members.
Geelong Gaol visit
Unfortunate cancelation due to fire ban and temperature (Australian Day BBQ)
- Brand awareness important.
- Many members volunteered at the Cadel Evans Bike Race and raised significant funds for the club. Thank you, Pearl McMillian, for organising the contact with the organisers.
- Information may be forthcoming re. (GROWN) Geelong Recovery Outreach Wider network from Libby Preedy, who is a Senior Emergency Management officer for the city of Greater Geelong.
- Apple fair coming up on March 14th – need Coordinator/ driver and roster.
- There is a vacancy in the accommodation for the Horsham Rotary Summit 27/28/29 March

Rotary Board Communication

9th Feb

Duck Race Committee met and :

- Won't hold a BBQ on the Easter Saturday
- Have gained permissions from Barwon Coast and Rotary Insurance
- Organized jobs for when Heather Will be away (16th Feb – 13th March)
- Heather CAN be contacted via text/email during that time and isn't bothered if people do as she'd rather have things run smoothly

- **Jobs are as follows as per now**

Jenny Wright will organize the prize wrapping and the Rotary packs of 5 tickets – she'll probably need help tracking the returns though

Lisa will make a budget – although we have few outgoings until after the race – some \$100 for Easterland prizes and probably \$100 for printing of tickets/posters

Rod will organize the printing of posters and I hope club members will help put them up this year

He will also create excel spreadsheets for the ticket packs and the total prize/purchasers to use on the day of the race as he did last year – basically it's the same, so the same spreadsheet base could be used

Richard is in charge of collecting the prizes and sorting them into the correct categories

He is also a spokesperson to talk to either **RT Edgar** (who Lisa will approach) and **Bellarine Property** (Heather approached) to organize the 3 signs – 1 at APCO Barwon Heads and one in Ocean Grove near the Orton St. Roundabout – I'd like a 3rd on Grubb road if anyone can organize it

- Sales Sites organization: Point L **Margaret Campbell**

Ocean G **Paul Brews**

BH **Jenny Wright**

Each of these has their materials pack and only needs Rod to provide the tickets and Recording sheets – they'll need Lisa to give them their "float" for cash payers

- Schools have been allotted to committee members and hopefully they can liaise with them during the next month

Future hopes:

That Richard or someone contacts K-Rock for a possible outdoor broadcast

That Richard or some can co-ordinate the Bellarine times and Geelong Advertiser articles (which Heather has pre-written)

That the Bendigo Bank grant application can be finished by Lisa and sent in before 13th feb

This is the best I can organise

Heather Willson

Timeline of Duck Race

This is a WORKING document and will have additions as necessary!

November

check Barwon Coast for updates, changes and tides to determine Race Time

create a committee of senior Duck race members

Notify Rotary Insurance officer – fill our appropriate forms

December

Begin discussions of sponsors and interview/contact selected ones

Create a communication list of numbers of interested parties and associated groups we might need to talk to during organization

Initial emails to – Barwon Heads Scouts, Barwon Heads Association, City of Greater Geelong, Vicroads Ocean Grove Surf life Saving Club, Paddlers Club, Philip Bade (boat owner)

January

Begin formation of a poster

Begin formation of on-line ticketing

Begin formation of ticket hand-sales grids and actual paper tickets

Fill out and submit the Barwon Coast Booking (with map of required spaces)

Fill out and submit the insurance forms

Contact and shore-up any sponsors

February (8 weeks out)

Begin prize collections

Corporate duck sales

Revisit the initial email list and confirm the participation of these groups

Create the lists of: prizes and who provided them

Where the money goes to advertise (board to decide)

Begin advertising on social media

Begin organizing the advertising boards for the townships

Contact the primary schools and TALK personally to principals to ensure the race is appropriately noted – this hasn't always been the case in past years

Set up a schools participation – board to decide if it's worth it

Create the prize to purchaser document to allow quick identification of prize winners (see Rod)

March (4 weeks out)

Begin hand sales in 3 locations

Contact newspapers and other advertising media (social)

Begin on line sales

Re-contact schools with the “duck Suited” Lisa to advertise

Send Participation Instructions to Surf Life Saving Club, Barwon Heads Scouts and Barwon Heads Association and Paddlers

Provide a Jobs on the day list to members with times and job descriptions

Create prize “Bags” and create winning tags and decorate

Decide which prize will be given with each race

Provide lists for hand sales!

April (1 week out)

Collect ducks

Collate sales

Collate decorative items

Collect and check items for colouring competition, clay duck making, kiddie-pool event,

A Rotary Satellite Club is designed to be a flexible extension of a Host Club, potentially becoming independent in the future, while a Companion Club remains closely tied to its Host Club with no intention of separation.

Rotary Satellite Club

- **Purpose:** The Satellite Club model was created to accommodate individuals who are interested in Rotary but may not be able to join a traditional club due to financial, scheduling, or distance constraints. It allows for more flexibility in meeting times and structures.
- **Independence:** There is a possibility that a Satellite Club may eventually break off from its Host Club and operate independently. This model encourages growth and adaptation to the needs of its members. [↪ 1](#)
- **Membership:** Members of a Satellite Club are considered part of the Host Club but have the autonomy to set their own meeting schedules and project focuses. They can also have their own bylaws and Board of Directors. [↪ 1](#)

 [↪ 2 Sources](#)

Companion Club

- **Purpose:** A Companion Club is an extension of an existing Rotary Club, primarily focused on community service. It provides an alternative membership route for individuals who cannot attend regular meetings, emphasizing inclusivity and service. [↪ 1](#)
- **No Intent to Separate:** Unlike Satellite Clubs, Companion Clubs do not have plans to become independent. They operate under the umbrella of their Host Club and are designed to support the Host Club's initiatives while also pursuing their own service projects. [↪ 2](#)
- **Operational Structure:** Companion Clubs can have their own Board of Directors and bylaws, but they typically align closely with the Host Club's operations. Members may choose to attend meetings of the Host Club but are not required to do so. [↪ 1](#)

 [↪ 3 Sources](#)

Summary

In summary, the key differences between a Rotary Satellite Club and a Companion Club lie in their intended independence, operational flexibility, and focus on community service. Satellite Clubs offer a pathway for potential independence and flexibility in structure, while Companion Clubs maintain a close relationship with their Host Club, focusing on community service without the intention of separating. Both models aim to enhance membership engagement and service opportunities within the Rotary framework.

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Ask Yourself...

Does your Rotary Club need more members?

Would your club like to have more service projects?

Does your club want younger members?

Would your club want more women?

Does your club want to look more like your community?



If you answer YES to any of these questions, you should consider a Service Companion Club!



What is it?

A Service Companion Club is simply an extension or satellite club of an existing Rotary Club!

This club has no plans to separate from its host club, and is organized around community service, without the parameters of a traditional Rotary setting.

As a club model, there's also no need to include it as a part of the name.

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Service Companion Clubs

What is the purpose of a Service Companion Club?

- The Service Companion Club is committed to engaging in community service.
- This club offers an alternative membership option for people who are unable to attend regular meetings.
- By eliminating the need for typical club meetings, the Service Companion Club provides an inclusive approach that allows more individuals to have a positive impact on their communities!

When do the members of the Service Companion Club meet?

- The Service Companion Club members meet to plan and complete service projects.
- Meetings are held either in person or via technology, including Zoom, Microsoft Teams, What's App, etc.
- The Service Companion Club members can optionally attend their Host Club meetings.

Do members of the Service Companion Club pay Rotary dues?

- Yes, the Service Companion Club offers a cost-effective option for members with a suggested annual fee of \$200, which includes Rotary International and District dues, as well as basic club expenses.
- No additional fees for facilities or restaurants.

Who makes the decisions for the Service Companion Club?

- The Service Companion Club is the Rotary International Satellite Club of the Host Club.
- The club can have its own bylaws and Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors are responsible for making decisions within the club.
- The club has the option to have its own bylaws, or it can operate under the Host Club's bylaws with modifications to suit its needs. The choice is up to the Service Companion Club.

Who decides what service projects a Service Companion Club can do?

- The Service Companion Club engages its members by creating and executing its own projects.
- Members of the community and Host Club are invited to join in on the fun.
- They also provide invaluable support to projects hosted by their Host Club and other Rotary Clubs.

Service Companion Clubs

Are Service Companion Club members Rotarians?

- Yes, The Service Companion Club members are member of the Host Club and boosts it membership numbers.
- MyRotary.org provides Service Companion Clubs with an "Active" status as Satellite Club members of the Host Club.
- Through 3rd party club management systems like ClubRunner, DACdb, etc., the Service Companion Club has equal access to the same functions as a Host Club.
- Subscribing to an individual club management system is an optional choice for the Service Companion Club.

How are Service Companion Clubs organized?

- **Board of Directors:** The Service Companion Club operates independently with its own Board of Directors. Led by a Chairperson who is typically a member of the Host Club Board of Directors, the club is self-governed. Additionally, the club democratically elects its other key leaders to ensure effective leadership.
- **Committees:** The Service Companion Club will have important committee chairs including Service Projects, Membership, Club Administration, Public Image, and The Rotary Foundation. The clubs are encouraged to establish a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion committee, or appoint a chairperson.
- **Secretary:** The Service Companion Club's Secretary is the manager of club administrative tasks. From adding new members to handling terminations, they ensure smooth operations and seamless communication with the Host Club Secretary.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer of the Service Companion Club oversees all financial aspects of the club. This includes managing dues billing, collecting payments, and maintaining accurate accounting records. They work closely with the Treasurer of the Host Club to ensure smooth coordination and financial transparency.

Common Questions & Tips

Although a Service Companion Club meets at a different time, all members are Rotarians who belong to your club. You are one club that meets at two different times.

For prospective new members, having two meeting options is a big advantage.

Most after work Service Companions Clubs meet from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This allows those who get off work at 5:00 to come to Rotary and still be home for dinner and evening activities.

Clubs that meet at 5:30pm do not usually serve a meal. Often, beer & wine are available for purchase.

Some Service Companion Clubs meet weekly; however, many meet twice a month; for example, 1st & 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm.

Spouses of current members often join a satellite club to get more involved in Rotary....they are frequently among the first to join.

For parents of school-aged children, after work clubs are quickly becoming a preferred Rotary meeting time. This is especially true of working mothers because it fits their busy lifestyle.

After work clubs are also popular among young professional couples who frequently attend together. For teachers and those in healthcare, this is a meeting time that often works best.

Service Companion Club members pay the same dues as other members; however total membership cost is usually less if no meal is served.

Fears of members switching from host club to the satellite because of lower cost are unfounded. Members select their preferred meeting time based on establish friendships, work schedule and current family demands.

It's not unusual for some members to attend both meetings. Having a satellite option can also help current members stay in your club if they experience a change in their work or family responsibilities.

Common Questions & Tips

Finding a few members from the host club to attend Service Companion Club meetings during the first year is critical. Often, these members are motivated to help because their own work or family responsibilities have changed.

Originally, satellites had the same name as the sponsor club plus a "satellite" qualifier like Rotary Satellite Club of Ashland. This caused confusion. Now, most extensions adopt club names that help prospective members know when and where they meet, like Ashland After Work Rotary, Ashland PM Rotary, Ashland After Hours Rotary, Ashland Sunset Rotary or Ashland Evening Rotary.

Many clubs amend their current bylaws to incorporate the Service Companion Club once it is fully established; some allow satellites to develop their own bylaws that then must be approved by the host club.

Once a club extension is fully established, many host clubs continue to maintain one board with satellite representation guaranteed.

Rotary International recognizes one president per club. The leader of the extension is often referred to as the chair.

The decision to start a Service Companion Club does not require RI approval because no new charter is involved.

Every Rotary club is different. Don't try to create a carbon-copy of your club. Let Service Companion Club members decide what kind of club they want to be!

Want to learn more?

Rotary



1. Contact your Club President.
2. Contact your District Membership Chair.
3. Contact your Zone Innovative Club Advocate.
4. Contact your Zone Assistant Rotary Coordinator.
5. Contact your Region Rotary Coordinator – Alex Johnson

Schools Funding

Youth Committee projects can be to specific groups or individuals. All schools currently receive funding from/for

- Transition Bursaries
- Duck Race

Individual schools receive assistance with BBQ (labour supplied free of charge)

- Apple fair (Ocean Grove Primary)
- Strawberry fair (Wallington).

Individual students receive funds

- Indirectly from Salvo's (to individual students similar to transition bursaries)
- Indirectly to individual students via donation to Barwon Institute of Sport (in Youth budget)

Other awards are made to students in Bellarine Secondary College

Since Bellarine secondary college is partly in North Bellarine Rotary Club area, their donations to be investigated to see if there is a double-up.

Negotiations underway with Duck Race committee to rationalise how money is earned/distributed to schools.

Awards from other entities

Alison Marchant, the Member for Bellarine, is involved with various primary school awards and recognition programs in her electorate, including presenting the Bellarine Leadership Award, supporting grants for school environmental projects (like Landcare), and celebrating teacher service, but there isn't one single "Alison Marchant Primary School Award" — she facilitates government funding and acknowledges student/teacher achievements across many local schools.

Libby Coker, the Federal Member for Corangamite, presents the Corangarnite Leadership and Community Spirit Award at primary school graduation ceremonies in her electorate, recognizing students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, compassion, and role-modeling within their school communities, highlighting community spirit and dedication.

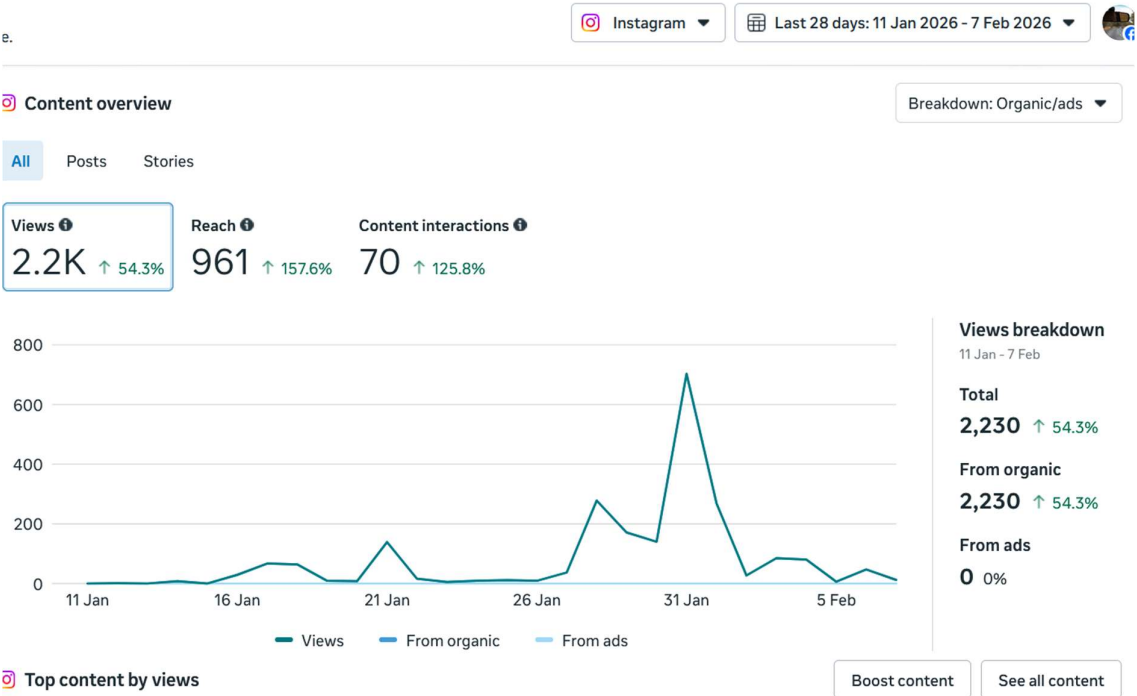
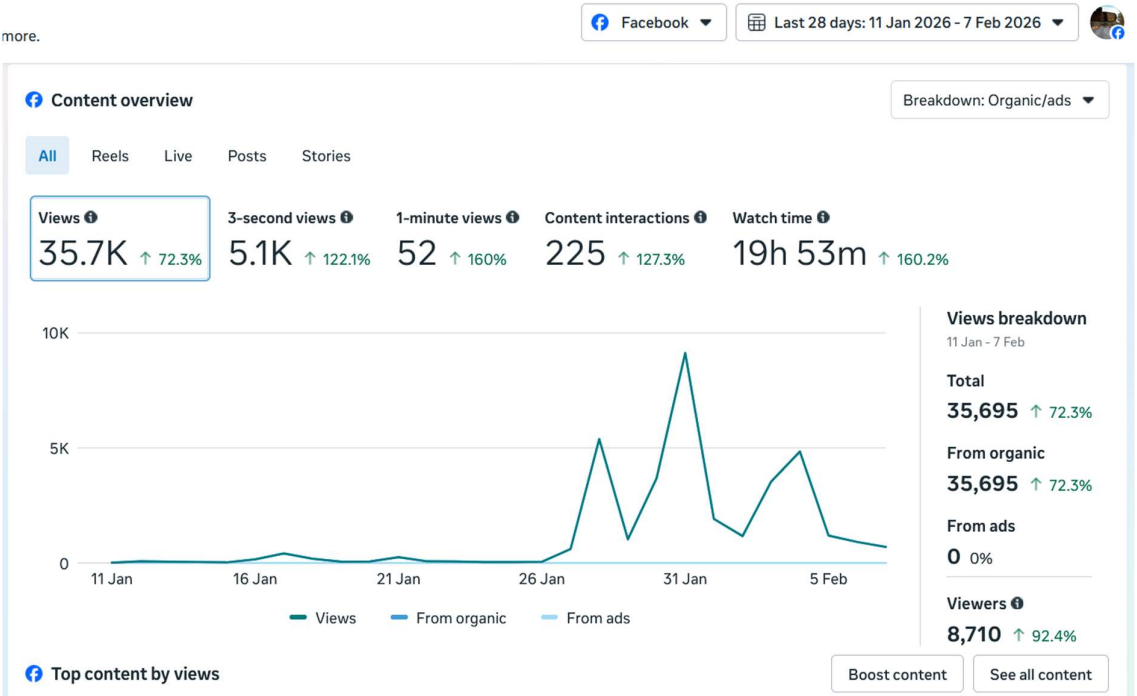
The Cosmopolitan Lodge Community Award recognises community contribution, service, or citizenship by graduating Year 6 students.

The Lions Club on the Bellarine Peninsula presents Encouragement Awards to students from local primary schools recognizing positive attitude, good citizenship, and personal achievement often with certificates and sometimes cash cards to foster community involvement. These awards celebrate students who show great effort, leadership, and overall contribution to the school community, with specific awards varying by school.

There may be others – eg the Barwon Heads Association makes 2 awards to the Barwon Heads Primary School.

Schools generally ensure that there is no double-up – ie a student does not receive multiple awards except for different categories.

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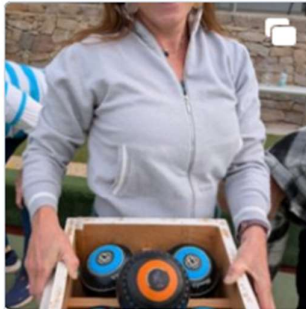
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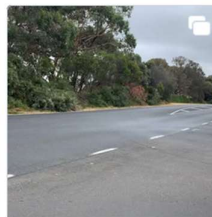
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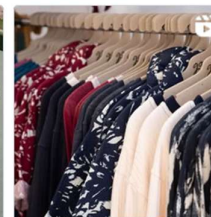
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17 January 17:34

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Yesterday evening
Darcy O'Donnell fro...

4 February 15:52

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Youth Committee Board Report February 2026

1 Continuing projects confirmed

- RJCA - Preparation for 2026 commenced. Diaries ordered.

2 Immediate tasks

- Bellarine community youth programme – wait and see if youth programme is continuing.
- Defying the Drift yet to be investigated
- Deakin Science and Engineering Challenge to be followed up with Bellarine Secondary College
- Marine science – follow up with Noel Emselle to see if we can get this going.
- Theatre/Arts/Literacy – possibility of partnering with Barwon Heads Primary School being investigated

3 New projects to be investigated and reviewed when overall budget available.

- Cooking – Paul to follow up – could be similar to RJCA with a couple of attendees from each school and then a presentation meal at end of year. Research required to identify possible cooking venues, chefs, costs etc. Deferred to 2026 school year.
- Debating – investigate which schools have debating teams..

Suggestions for other committees or club generally – Australian Rotary Health (indigenous nursing scholarship)

Statement of Financial Position

Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc

As of 8 February, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
2000 General Account 4749	18,441.41
2004 Trading Account 6663	-8,814.00
2009 Petty Cash	300.00
Charities Account	49,087.77
debit card acc	1,114.70
Uncategorised Asset	1,182.14
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total for Current Assets	A\$61,312.02
Long-term assets	
1 Fixed Assets	
Trailer	31,173.00
Total for 1 Fixed Assets	A\$31,173.00
Total for Long-term assets	A\$31,173.00
Total for Assets	A\$92,485.02
Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	
Current Liabilities	
Total for Current Liabilities	
Non-current Liabilities	
Shareholder's Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	31,266.70
Retained Earnings	42,953.04
Net Income	18,265.28
Total for Shareholder's Equity	A\$92,485.02
Total for Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	A\$92,485.02

Eat Up notes

Background:

A number of Clubs in the District support Eat Up <https://www.eatup.org.au/>

The vision of Eat up is Feeding hungry kids so they can learn, grow and succeed.

Cheese sandwiches are made, frozen and then delivered to schools where they can be defrosted and given to students who have no lunch.

Initial investigation:

I contacted Eat Up to enquire if there are schools who are registered for assistance around Ocean Grove. In Ocean Grove the Bellarine Secondary College is registered. Armstrong Creek Primary School.

There are 26 schools around Geelong that are registered to receive assistance from Eat Up. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AccE2cro8rT46NHEA>

These schools are already having sandwiches delivered, see email for more information. Eat Up have suggested that one way to assist is a one-off donation of snack packs could be packed and delivered to schools and have provided a shopping list. <https://www.coles.com.au/join/list/27064a8d-4255-4781-aa83-cafacc95984b>

Snack packs are to be delivered to the schools during term 1 or 2.

Suggestion:

That the Club decides on a dollar amount of snacks to purchase. I am happy to arrange purchase, arrange a packing workshop and deliver to schools. There are some estimated quotes provided.

Future:

If the Club does decide to proceed then I will also promote with the other Barwon Group Clubs to hopefully see all 26 schools are provided with snack packs.



Kath Venters <kath.venters@gmail.com>

Re: Eatup on the Bellarine

1 message

Kath Venters <kath.venters@gmail.com>

28 January 2026 at 15:02

To: Mel Edwards <mel@eatup.org.au>

Cc: Laura Bristow <laura@eatup.org.au>, Deb Robertson <debrobertson.dr@gmail.com>, Lindy Susskind <lindy@eatup.org.au>, Lyndy Stagg <Lyndystagg@gmail.com>

Thanks Mel. This information is very helpful. Our next Club Board meeting is Monday 9th of February and I will place this item on the agenda.

Most likely we would be interested in assisting Bellarine Secondary College and Armstrong Creek Primary School.

Cheers

Kath

0418 570 726

<https://www.rotaryoceangrove.org.au/>

On Wed, 28 Jan 2026 at 14:53, Mel Edwards <mel@eatup.org.au> wrote:

Hi Kath,

Thanks for the call yesterday, nice to chat with you.

Here are the schools that we support in the Geelong region, so you can see which fall into the Ocean Grove: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AccE2cro8rT46NHEA>

In terms of the snacks/fruit, this is a sample list of what we might provide from the supermarket: <https://www.coles.com.au/join/list/27064a8d-4255-4781-aa83-cafacc95984b>

Let me know how you go.

Kindly,

Melissa Edwards | Mobile 0466 629 670
Regional Coordinator, Eat Up Australia

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Working on the lands of Aboriginal clans who are the Traditional Owners of this country; the Wotjobaluk, Wergaia, Jupagalk, Jadawadjali and Jaadwa peoples.

On Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 1:48 PM Kath Venters <kath.venters@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mel

Thank you for your email. Could you please provide the name/names of schools registered in the program in Ocean Grove?

Our Rotary Club would be interested in delivering snacks to local schools in Ocean Grove.

Cheers

Kath

0418 570 726

On Tue, 27 Jan 2026 at 13:21, Mel Edwards <mel@eatup.org.au> wrote:

Morning/afternoon, everyone (and thank you, Laura, for the intros),

I'm conscious of the bushfires happening nearby in Lorne, so I hope you are all keeping okay. Absolutely no rush to get back to me.

It's my morning as I am in the Perth timezone at the moment :)

I'm interested to see how the Ocean Grove Rotary might become involved in our Geelong Eat Up program, so before we jump into that, I'll run you through how it currently operates. We currently support 26 schools (high schools and primary schools) in the region, with schools in Norlane all the way down to Ocean Grove. The program is made possible in collaboration with *Community Correctional Services, Grampians and Barwon South West Region*, who make and deliver the sandwiches to the school almost every week throughout the school term.

A unique opportunity we have this year is to support participating schools with an extra one-off delivery of health snacks. Unfortunately, with everything the correctional service is doing already, they do not have the capacity to pack and deliver an extra snack delivery to the schools.

So... we were wondering if Ocean Grove Rotary would be interested in supporting us in this capacity? Basically, we could really do with your volunteer support to purchase, pack and deliver snacks to around 22 schools in the region! The schedule would really be up to you, but would need to be during school term so they can accept them while they are open, and ideally, we can complete the deliveries before the end of either Term 1 or 2.

If this sounds of interest, then let me know and I can send through more specific information :)

Kindly,
Melissa Edwards | Mobile 0466 629 670
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The logo for 'Eat Up.' is displayed in a large, bold, teal-colored font. The word 'Eat' is followed by a space and then 'Up.', where the period is part of the word 'Up'.

On Thu, Jan 22, 2026 at 8:35 AM Laura Bristow <laura@eatup.org.au> wrote:

Good morning Deb and Kath

I hope you're having a nice week!

I'd like to e-introduce you to Mel Edwards, Eat Up's Regional Coordinator who oversees the Ocean Grove area. Mel is the best person to speak with about anything happening within the Bellarine!

Have a lovely day.

Kindest

Laura

On Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 4:08 PM Deb Robertson <debrobertson.dr@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Lindy, Laura and Kath,

I wanted to put you in contact with each other after Kath rang me to ask about our Eatup program and wondering whether this would be a good project for Ocean Grove Rotary members.

Of course, I am sure it would be, but I'm not sure whether current Eatup programs cover the Bellarine Peninsula.

Lindy & Laura, I'm not sure which of you is the correct person to contact Kath, but whoever it is, Kath's number is 0418 570 726

Cheers,

Deb

[Deb Robertson](#)

Proud Member of D9780 Defying the Drift Committee and

Alfredton Rotary

"Working together to make a difference locally & globally"

I would like to Acknowledge Wadawurrung People as the traditional Custodians of the land and waterways on which I live.

I pay my respect and thanks to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Mob: +61438720197



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Laura Bristow

Regional Partnerships Coordinator (Mon, Tues, Wed)

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Trolley - 62 items



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SPC Aussie Diced Peaches in Juice 120g | 4 pack

\$70.50

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100 packs - \$465 approx

200 packs - \$927 approx

1 pack - \$4.64