

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
Monday Aug 24th	Corrine Eccles. Wadawurrung Corporation.	Pearl Macmillan	JoAnne McDowell	John Karis	Andy McKoy	22/8 Rod & Judy Greer, 23/8 Trish Emselle, 24/8 Jenny Schmidt, 26/8 Marg & Hamish Campbell.
Tuesday Aug 31st	2 truths and a lie - member presentation (Via ZOOM)	Alan Keyse				29/8 Hazel Ford, 31/8 Meredith & Shayne O'Niell, 2/9 Rod & Patsy Bush, 4/9 Graeme & Sandy Chamberlain
Tuesday Sep 7th	Port Arthur Project	Coral Barker	Bea Travers	Graeme Batrouney	Jenny Wright	5/9 Lynne Carlson, 6/9 Lynne and David Carlson, Lisa & Harry Hanley, Jo McDowell, 8/9 Martin Geerings

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: Membership & New Club Development Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

TBA

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

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 - 24th August 2021

President:

- President Alan reported that the DG will not be at the meeting on the scheduled date but will meet with the Board via Zoom next week.
- An Instagram workshop will be run by the District. Contact Alan or Kath for details.



Reports:

Foundation: Gordon King reported that there have been 2000 global grants awarded totaling \$us440 million this last year.

Community Service: Gordon reported that the working bee proposed for the Lookout Reserve on 9/9/2021 maybe rescheduled. Details next week.

Fund Raising: Peter Cullen reported that 'manning of the footy gates has been cancelled. Covid again!

Family of Rotary:

- Judy Greer reported that Jenny Wright's husband Nick has been discharged from hospital after a heart attack while surfing.
- Adrian Schmidt and his little finger are recovering after an attempted amputation.

Treasurer: John Paton. Membership fees are all paid. Thankyou.

Footy Tipping: Round 23 Alex Magee won last week. Alex, Fordie and Peter Hawthorn were the competition leaders. Round 24: John Paton won this week. Peter Hawthorne won the competition overall. Congratulations Peter. The wooden spoon was won by Richard Grimmett.

Members: Coming Events:

Lockdown 🤔 🤔 🤔 🤔 🤔

Wisdom for the week

Sometimes the tide is with us and sometimes against. But we keep swimming either way.

Joke of the week

The World Health Organisation announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out”

One liners

- I didn't want to believe that my dad was stealing from his job as a traffic cop, but when I got home, all the signs were there.
- When I was a kid, my mother told me I could be anyone I wanted to be. Turns out, identity theft is a crime.
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.

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 asking about your attendance at the following meeting. - **please respond when you get it** - it's a very simple process.

Social Committee: Hopefully we can meet the new BBQ trailer after lockdown.

Survey Results: Janet Alexander, Responses have been good, and many suggestions will be used. Dinner in private homes will be held if possible, in November.

It is hoped the Club's Christmas Function will be held at 360Q again this year.

Next week: Nominated members (mostly recent) have been asked to tell the club at the next meeting, (via Zoom) three facts, two true and one false. Members will try to guess which fact is false.

Our Guest Speaker:

JoAnneMcDowell welcomed and introduced **Corrina Eccles** 'as an inspiring young woman, community leader and a Wadawurrung woman. Describing Corrina: 'as being like her Grandmother (the late) Aunty Joyce Eccles who loved her culture, family and her community. Corrina has worked on government and industry boards, volunteered with and inspired communities and groups; and initiated programs and activities that enhance cultural awareness and better health outcomes for our regions indigenous peoples'.



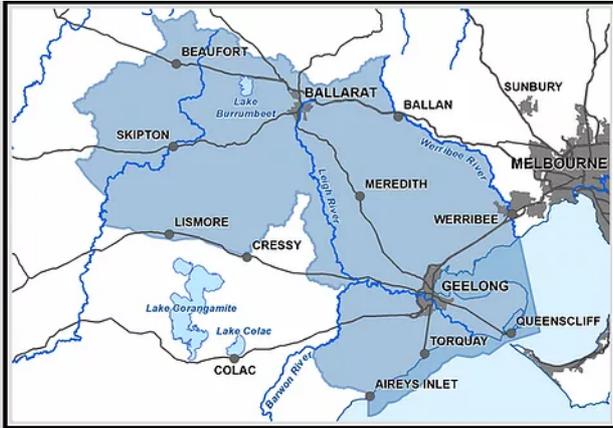
Corrina responded modestly accepting Jo's description of her as '*awkward listening to how others perceive you*'. Corrina acknowledged her Grandmothers recent passing being still raw and emotional for her family.

Corrina then proceeded to welcome Rotary with: '**kim-barne Wadawurrung tabayl**' (Welcome to Wadawurrung Country). Then continuing in Wadawurrung language Corrina acknowledged her ancestors who nurtured and cared for Wadawurrung Country for tens of thousands of years. Also acknowledging all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living on Country and in broader Australia.

Corrina explained how welcoming others to Country has been a part of Aboriginal culture for thousands of years. A '**Welcome to Country**' is when a Traditional Owner or Custodian of the land (usually an Elder) welcomes people to their land. It occurs at the beginning of a meeting, speech or formal occasion and can take many forms including singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech in traditional language or English. **While an 'Acknowledgement of Country'** is an opportunity for anyone to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal peoples to Country. An acknowledgement of Country can be given by both non-Indigenous people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Corrina explained that this response of acknowledging the traditional owners does not need to be overdone or

complicated and that a more simple response is often more appreciated by Traditional owners.

Corrina described how history recorded: that in 1837 the dispossession of Wadawurrung land within 25-mile radius of Geelong was complete. Between 1837-1850 Aboriginals continued to be rounded up, hundreds were killed, and others sent to camps where clans were mixed. The First European mission (Buntingdale) was established (1839) in Victoria on Wadawurrung borders at Birregurra with many more 'missions' established to house surviving aboriginals from all areas of Victoria.



Corrina identified her family line as seven family groups descended from their apical ancestor John Robinson (Robertson), 1846-1919, who was born on Terrinallum Station. John Robinson managed to escape from Geelong and hide. John had two children with his wife Esther in Skipton. Then in 1892 John walked to Woolsthorpe with Margaret Anne Matthews where he fathered another five children with Margaret.

The Descendants of John Robinson researched their ancestry and succeeded in 1997 to acquire enough information to be

recognised as **Traditional Owners of Wadawurrung Country**.

The Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) was formed and first recognised in 1976 to act on behalf of and represent the interests of all Wadawurrung people. The cooperative aims to support the social, economic, and cultural development of Aboriginal people, particularly within the Geelong and surrounding areas. It provides a range of services including; family and community services, support to young people, justice support services; cultural heritage services, and health services. From time to time the organisation also undertakes special projects and economic development opportunities.

The cooperative was incorporated in 1990, with the corporation recognised as a registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) by the Victorian Aboriginal Council in 2007 with further and full recognition of traditional ownership of the entire Wadawurrung country (as per map) in 2013. Seven traditional owners direct descendants of John Robertson sit on the Cooperation's board today. In 2009 The WTOAC, was accorded Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) status.

Corina described **how Geelong was named** with Governor Bourke deriving the name from the local Wathaurong / Wadawurrung Aboriginal name for the region, 'Djillong', which was understood to mean 'tongue of land'. She described the layout of the Bellarine peninsula and the shape of the bay having facial features that Traditional owners provided names for that reflected cultural practices and provisions that the land provided for their people.

Corina then presented a video "Healthy Country Plan" which presents the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners collective dream and vision to keep their country healthy. The Plan invites partnerships with others to assist them in their plan.

[To watch this video again: <https://www.wadawurrung.org.au/healthy-country-plan-video>]

Members were invited to ask questions in what Corrina described as 'a culturally safe space to do so'.

Rod (Bush) asked about the Indigenous people's cultural respect for their elders and if in modern times this has changed.

Corrina expressed how all Indigenous peoples continue to care, respect and be connected with their Elders. She described the terms 'Aunty' and 'Uncle' as a title of respect and endearment for Elders in acknowledgement and appreciation of their wisdom, knowledge and past care for Country.

Ann asked if cultural sites or significant areas of Country were listed to enable groups such as Rotary who are providing land care projects can be more culturally aware of these areas.

Corrina described that there is no official list of sites for the Geelong region as this is only known to the Traditional owners. The reason for this is to protect sacred sites such as graves from being vandalised or other significant sites are accidentally disturbed. When developments and or other activity is initiated, parties must apply under the Heritage and Indigenous overlay provisions before commencing any type of work being a building or Landcare work no matter how small the project. This is then passed through to the Traditional owners who consider the work proposed and advice on how to sympathetically move over or around the site or perhaps leave the site intact.

Jo Thanked Corrina for sharing her family story and for expressing her identity as a Wadawurrung Woman which is sometimes difficult for many Indigenous people to do today.

Jo acknowledged that the video presentation was informative and that it may have provided an insight into country to assist Rotary with their focus when planning projects into the future.

Jo invited Corrina to join Rotary for a meal, hopefully not in the too distant future when socialising becomes more normal again.

Corrina responded explaining that there is no Wadawurrung word for 'goodbye', however the expressions 'see you later', 'take care'... are more commonly used.

Corrina ended her time with us on zoom with: '**Koling wada ngal nyatne**' (Let's walk together, Thankyou).

Note: Further reading that might be of interest to Rotary members has been suggested by the Wadawurrung Corporation:

'History of Djillong (Geelong)': https://www.djillong.net.au/images/Djillong_Timeline_Banner_-_update_FINAL_Aug18-compressed_2.pdf

Jo McDowell thanked Corrina for her presentation (and prepared the notes)

- **Poll:** We had a quick poll that demonstrated how much COVID has impacted the travel plans of our members - very sobering ! Our resident Travel Agent thought so too !!
- A quick online raffle followed with **Michelle Fox** claiming a nice bottle of red !

Rotary Safe Houses



The Rotary Club of Melbourne have developed an initiative called SAFE families. They urge Australians to become 'active' bystanders by Stopping Abuse in Families Everywhere.

More can be seen at: <https://rotarysafefamilies.org.au>

Environment News:

- Dogs on Beaches: Have your say

<https://barwoncoast.com.au/dogs-beaches?fbclid=IwAR3N0v4eoD6Q2u3bK2NzSJJWY9C5LnLw3S-zTiE98clpEqjJvW3AJpYlwxo>

- Have your say about a range of proposed developments in Geelong

<https://yoursay.geelongaustralia.com.au/>

- A large (rather scientific) but very interesting document detailing potential **flood impacts in the Bellarine** come the 'big one'.

<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/common/public/documents/amendments/8d8c14bb1962deb-C339ggeeLowerBarwonRiverandLowerMooraboolRiverFloodRiskManagementStudyMarch2019.PDF>

- Flood Overlays and Zones (Lara Flood Study, Lower Barwon & Moorabool Rivers, Bellarine Peninsula Coastal Hazard) - City of Greater Geelong

<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/amendments/item/8d8c14bb1962deb.aspx>



We are still battling Covid 19 and the next thing is here already.

The NILE Virus, type C

Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C

It appears to target those who were born between 1940 and 1970

Symptoms:

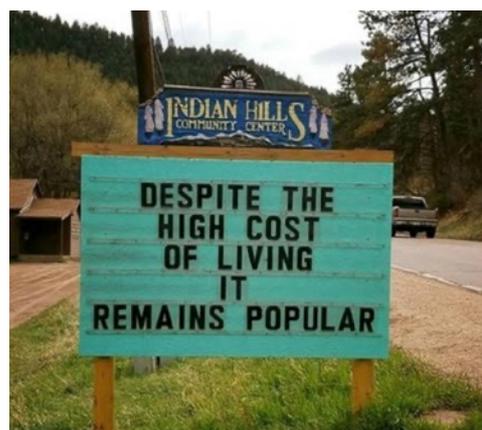
1. Causes you to send the same message twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank message.
3. Causes you to send a message to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND
8. Causes you to SEND when you should DELETE

It is called the C-NILE virus!

And if you can't admit to doing the above you've obviously caught the mutated strain, the D-NILE virus.




Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The gps blurted out you have reached your final destination.



March 2021: Pretty much the same as March 2020 but now we have toilet paper