

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE
Serving the Southern Bellarine

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Meeting Roster

Date	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
Sep 9th	Jon Duthie- Friends of the Bluff -a short history	Delia Naumann	Noel Emselle	John Karis	Sue Hill	5/9 Lynne Carlson, 6/9 Lynne & David Carlson, Lisa & Harry Hanley
Sep 16th	Fellowship	Lyndy Stagg	N/A	Noel Emselle	Graeme Batrouney	22/9 Frank Rice; 25/9 Sue Hill
Sep 23rd	Defibs, Emergency Protocols Wal Kelly	Wal Kelly	Tony Haines	Lisa Hanley.	Kath Venters.	25/9 Sue Hill; 26/9 Andrea Tierney; 28/9 Gary Willson;



Our Club



President - Lyndy Stagg

Secretary - Rod Bush

Meetings: We meet each Tuesday night at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club - 5:30 for 6pm. Visitors welcome !



Links

- Our Club Website:** rotaryoceangrove.org.au
- 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>
- Instagram:** #rotarycluboceangrove

Member Activities - Please check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.

Rosters: Contact **Delia Naumann**

Lookout Maintenance Roster:

- 14 Sept. Tony Haines
- 12 October. - Penny Broome and Marg Campbell
- 26 October Kath Venters
- 23 Nov The Templetons
- 18 January David Larkin
- 28 Sept. None - Project on
- 9 Nov Gil Morgan
- 7 Dec Sue Hill
- 1 Feb John Paton

100 Trees Maintenance Roster:

- September. Leader:** Peter Cullen, - Marg Campbell, Pearl MacMillan
- October. Leader:** Rod Birrell - Penny Broome, Lisa Hanley, Tony Haines
- November. Leader:** Beth Eustace - Geoff Chandler, Sue Hill, Janet Alexander, Alan Keyse, Lynne Carlson
- December. Leader:** Andy McKoy - Noel Emselle, Rod & Judy Greer, John Paton
- February. Leader:** Neil Templeton - Jenny Templeton, Kath Venters

Information:

Meeting enquiries or Apologies; Rod Bush - 0410 471 005

Monthly Theme: August is *Economic & Community Development Month*.

Past bulletins

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

Activity Contacts:

Market: 0401 606 036 **Art Show:** 0410 471 005

Members receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the next meeting - *please respond when you get it*

Wisdom quote

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." Groucho Marks

Meeting - Aug 26th

President's Report:

Request: I am writing to seek your support for a local hero, the majority of us know, **Jan McGowan**, from Christ Church Geelong. Jan has been nominated for the Westfield Geelong Local Heroes Award and she is one of 3 finalists.

Jan has been a tireless volunteer / coordinator of the Christ Church Geelong Meals Program for more than 35 years. Many clubs in the Geelong area have supported and are still supporting this much needed program for the many homeless, families and individuals, who are doing it tough, in our local community. No one is ever turned away. The program totally relies on the generous support of local organisations and individual donations. Over 80% of the food they prepare has to be purchased.

Winning this Local Hero Award will give the program much needed funds. So, today I am asking if you could spread the word to your members, family and friends, to put in a vote for Jan. How to vote - just **click the link:** <https://www.westfield.com.au/local-heroes/vote>

Voting must be done by September 8th. So please encourage everyone you know to vote by then.

Thank you so much for your support and let's Unite for Good. Warm regards,

Judy Beasley

President
RC Bayside Geelong
District Governor Nominee; Assistant Governor Youth Services

Welcome back: **Ron and May Ayers** from their overseas jaunt; and to **Jim and Kerry Ricchini** from their up north venture. **Peter and Jenny, Alan Keyes and Janet Alexander** will be back from the respective Northern breaks quite soon.

Travellers: Coogs and Sandy are heading off soon for a holiday in Canada - with no fishing planned !; Andy and Ros are also heading to Canada - including the Rockies, Bamf, Niagra falls; Penny Broome is heading North; Wal Kelly is Up North; Geoff Ford is up North; The Watsons are in the West; Jenny Clairs is in France; Beth is going to Vietnam and later to Croatia/Hungary. Rod Birrell is off North fro a couple of weeks too. Gordon King is off soon to the Kimberleys

Rod Bush: Family of Rotary. Rod Bush is still unwell. He is happy to have visitors but don't stay long. Only one at a time.

• Lyndy took part in a Membership seminar (recording)

Words of wisdom given

- Value the team
- Dreaming is indispensable
- Dreaming is a consequence of enthusiasm so dream big.
- We have to act

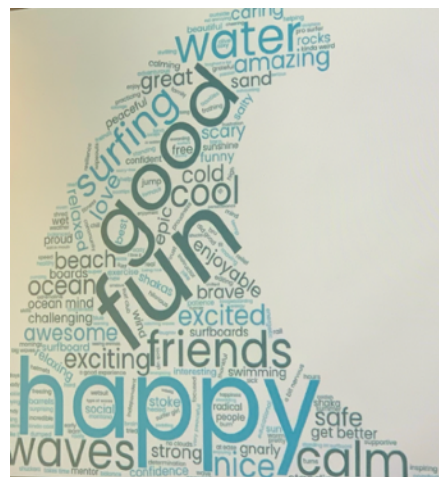


- **John Paton** has been asked to rejoin the board as we are short on members now.
- Lyndy attended the **Institute of Sport** breakfast and met Thomas Russell who is a sprint kayaker. Although he is a member of the A.I.S, he gets little to no financial support. More money is needed for our elite athletes.
- **Thanks to the social committee** for last week's Footy event - great job !
- **Thanks to Barwon water** for the plants for the Lookout
- Lyndy attended the Barwon Heads Scout group AGM where they thanked for our contribution to their club via the duck race.
- **Grand opening OGBC** is on the 13/9/2025. As we are all social members, we can also attend the events for the family fun day on the 14/9/2025 from 10am – 2pm
- **Jenny Wright - Barwon Heads Community Art Hub** – trying to buy a 2nd hand etching press – our club has donated \$300. If you would like to donate too, they would welcome it. They need to get about \$2000. They need \$6000-\$7000 but the balance will be covered from other grants.

Guest Speaker: Thank you **Ben Wilkinson** for speaking to us on the activities of *Ocean Mind*. If you think you may be able to help as a Volunteer, more info can be obtained from : <https://www.oceanmind.org.au/>



Ben Wilkinson



Ocean Minds: Ben is the acting CEP of Ocean minds

Ocean Mind is a therapeutic surfing organization that helps young people aged 8-18 years overcome mental health challenges through surfing. The program, which operates in various locations (Torquay, Ocean Grove, Anglesea and Point Leo), includes a six-week community group program with 10 young people and 10 volunteer mentors.

Each session runs for two hours over six weeks, focusing on teamwork, communication, and mindfulness. Ocean Mind also offers NDIS services and an ongoing surf club for participants. The organization relies on volunteers and funding from brands, philanthropy, and donations to keep its programs free. Because of the growing demand, the waitlist is currently around six to nine months.

Action items

- Explore ways to reduce the waitlist time for Ocean Mind's programs
- Recruit more volunteers to support the growing number of participants in Ocean Mind's programs.

- Get more equipment and maintain equipment

Community Weeding Activity - in cooperation with Barwon Community Network: A great activity!



Celia has a break to watch Andy have a morning tea break

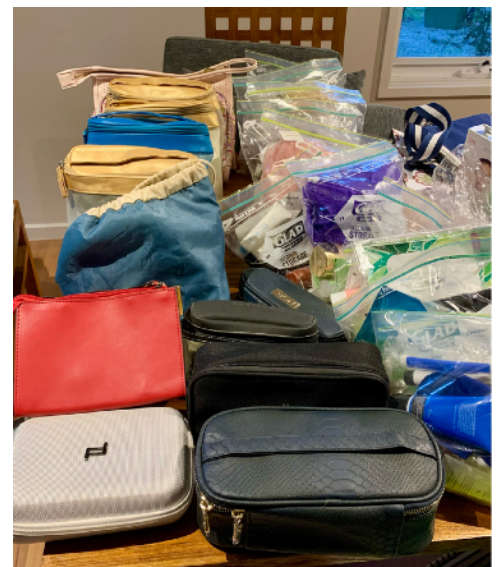


Lots of hard work required ...



Brilliant effort by all !

Community and Environment: the support of Andrea continues to great effect ! 25 hygiene packs dropped off at the Salvos for the outreach Van. Andrea is going out on Friday evening



Club Reports:

Youth Service - Paul Brewster: They will have visited all the schools by the end of this week. Some students have finished already. One girl has completed everything with all her reports on a usb stick

Community Service - Kath Venters: 25 hygiene packs were dropped off to the Outreach Van yesterday morning. When people are travelling could you please raid your hotel rooms for hygiene packs? Eg toothpaste

Social Committee: Rotary conference in Horsham is coming up on 27th – 29th March 2026. We will need to book the hotel soon. Let **Maz Walton** know if you are interested.

Environmental: Delia Naumann/Marg Campbell: We are doing the planting at the lookout next Wednesday 3/9 between 10am and 12am. Thanks to all who helped last week. We took 3.5kg of bottle tops to 'swimming with the dolphins' and Coles last week.

Rotary Market - John Paton: BBQ trailer is being altered. 21/9 will be a day for a clean out of a trailer at 11am in Point Lonsdale. Anyone available to help will get lunch. The first market is on the 5/10. Need to think about rosters soon.

Footy Tipping - Greg Leece: This weeks round is not finished, and 3 people have picked 8 so far. Coogs and Geoff on top – Geoff by margin. Frank is on the bottom.

GDFL Footy Gates: Rod Greer will have a roster ready upcoming meetings so please check your calendars and help out where you can. The money raised goes into our Admin fund to assist in keeping member fees at a minimum as well as cover assorted fees/dues etc.



• You can also add you name directly by clicking this link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15gNiG0mTSFklav6EdpRL8vj4XLW8E9sfeumN9WWuOpo/edit?usp=sharing>

• All of our members who are sunning themselves in Northern climes can add their names this way - as can spouses/friends who may be able to help.

• **As you will see on this Sunday we still need 1 person on the 7.30-10.30 shift, 1 person on the 10.30-1pm shift and 2 helpers on the 1-4 pm shift.**

Please contact Rod Greer asap.

Rotary in The Geelong Area - 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE.

Saturday October. 18 - 6pm to 10:30 pm Club Italia, Bellarine Highway, Moolap - Save the date if you are able to come.

Beware! : When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer, playing gold, a footy game I couldn't miss. Always something more important to me.

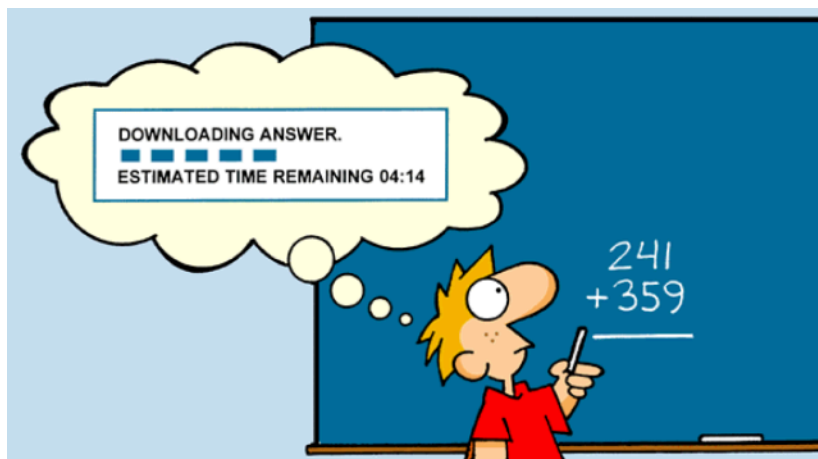


Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.



AI image of the week - Who is it ?



Cars these days have too many gadgets. I tried to reverse, and it played a video of somebody getting run over by a car.

