

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

# **Meeting Roster**



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
16-Jul	Lazarus Center - Michael Nolan.	Sam Ho.	Bill Walton.		John Wynn.	Nil
23-Jul	Rynan Health Care	Jenny Templeton.	Fred Andrews.	Meredith O'neill.	Heather Willson.	23/7 Nan Calnin, 23/7 Elaine & Norm Elliott.

# **Our Club**

#### **President: Marion Walton**

#### Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club: 18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

When: 6 pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0457 315 900

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

#### Theme:

#### Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

14/07/19 - 27/07/19 Noel Emselle

28/07/19 - 18/08/19 Adrian Schmidt

11/08/19 - 24/08/19 John Wynn

25/08/19 - 07/09/19 Geoff Brentnall

#### **Past bulletins**

- Available from our club website Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

# Report of Meeting: 9/07/2019

Visiting Rotarian: Xenia Williamson, Seymour Rotary Club.

Guest speaker: Bill Kerr, Cottage by the Sea

#### President's Report, Marian Walton

• Our sympathies to Lynne Carlson who lost two family members in the past weeks, and Vic Harnath who has recently had an operation.

• If you are going to the Swan Hill Conference and need a room, contact Graeme Chamberlain. If you have any spare coats for the homeless, please bring them in next week.

•The Barwon Community Health bus is getting its logos and should be ready soon.

• It was agreed to hold the Christmas dinner at 360Q restaurant at a cost of \$45.

#### **Chair: Richard Clay**

#### **Reports:**

*Lynne Carlson, Vocational* - The Community Award process will start in August, with nominations between September and November, closing 16 December.

**Noel Emselle, Community Service** - The committee has a number of projects arising from the Lookout Reserve strategy plan. They need assistance from members who are prepared to take the lead to develop plans and costings for any of the following:

Signage for the entry points to the reserve;
Relocation of water point in the picnic area;

# Members: Coming Events:

## Saying of the week .....

You only need to tools in life. WD40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD40. If it does move and it shouldn't, use duct tape.

## Humour ..... Some difficult questions to answer !

• Why is the person who invests your money called a broker ?

- Why is the time when traffic moves slowest called 'rush hour'.
- Why do doctors and lawyers call what they do a 'practice'?
- Why is abbreviated such a long word ?
- Why isn't there mouse flavoured cat food ?

Links .....

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780: www.rotary9780.org Footy Tipping www.footytips.com.au

### **Please remember:**

• APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING. THOSE WHO DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE SENT A BILL, AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY IF NO APOLOGY IS REGISTERED. 3.Design for a viewing platform in partnership with Barwon Coast replacing the stairs;

4.Design of the Children's Moonah Woodland Walk (see Lookout Master Plan);

5.Council and Barwon Water liaison on the removal of the unsightly sewer vent and need for a toilet facility;6.Grubb Road Walking Track reinstatement?7.Gordon King is handling the Sculpture project.

National Tree Day is on Sunday 28 July. Anyone keen to do some planting can work with Ocean Grove Coastcare at Lake Reserve or BCN along Lovers Walk and Narrows Beach in Queenscliff. Coastcare will do their own catering this time.

Geoff Chandler, Footy Tipping - most got 5 this week. Janet Alexander got 8 winners. Graeme Chamberlain is still the overall leader.

#### Guest Speaker: Bill Kerr, Cottage by the Sea

Bill Kerr has worked for Cottage by the Sea for 30 years. He was previously teaching in Werribee and had sent some students there. His wife's employer had just made a large donation to them when he saw, applied for and obtained a position as coordinator.



They have a staff of 25, with 80 volunteers who contribute around 180 hours a week and take in 1,300 students each year. They have an annual budget of \$2.6 million but also receive many donations in kind, including a supply of knitted goods such as teddy bears, slippers, and covers which are given to each new bed occupant.

The Cottage started 130 years ago to care for convalescing children. They provided fresh sea air, healthy food and outside activities such as exercise, walks along the beach and surfing. They now focus on children and young people from disadvantaged families and aim to give each occupant a unique experience tailored to their individual needs and basic life skills. They encourage them to be active at school, volunteer in their community, help in their homes, and care for others.

Bill showed a video on the history of the Cottage. Its annual fundraising fete started in 1935. The new cottage was built between 1936 and 1938 but was immediately taken over as a military hospital in World War 11 and not returned until 1943. They were given 24 hours to remove the children but were able to find temporary facilities in Sandringham. The Activities Hub was built in 1989. New programs focusing on individual children's needs and giving them the skills to overcome their disadvantages were introduced in 2000. Few exhibit severe behavioural problems while at the Cottage.

Children are referred through welfare agencies, Department of Human Services and schools. Most come for about a week. There is also a program to help children transition between grade 6 and year 7 at High School. A Mentor program is used to provide older children with skills to get part time for full time work or move into study. No technology or mobile phones are used during their stay at the Cottage. Visitors are always welcome to come in and see the Cottage in action.

Next week: Michael Nolan, Lazarus Foundation

Pictures speak a thousand words - but extra words sometimes assist !



