

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine

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## Meeting Roster

| Date     | Topic                                      | Chairperson | Greeter/<br>Thanker             | Happy/Sad \$    | Raffle           | Birthdays/Anniversaries                 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sep 16th | Fellowship                                 | Lyndy Stagg | N/A                             | Noel Emselle    | Graeme Batrouney | 13/9 Noel Emselle, 14/9 John Karis,     |
| Sep 23rd | Defibs, Emergency Protocols Wal Kelly      | Wal Kelly   | Tony Haines                     | Lisa Hanley.    | Kath Venters.    | 22/9 Frank Rice; 25/9 Sue Hill          |
| Sep 30th | Cambodia Rural Students Trust - Aviv Palti | Rod Greer   | Graeme Batrouney/<br>John Karis | Pearl Macmillan | Greg Leece       | 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](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)Rotary District 9780: [www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)Rotary Foundation: [www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au)Footy Tipping: [www.footytips.com.au](http://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      28 Sept. None - Project on  
12 October. - Penny Broome and Marg Campbell  
26 October Kath Venters      9 Nov Gil Morgan  
23 Nov The Templetons      7 Dec Sue Hill  
18 January David Larkin      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](http://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 ....

**No amount of anxiety makes any difference to anything that is going to happen.**

**Meeting - Sep 9****President's Report:**

- **21 Sep** - Cleaning the trailer and lunch at Maz's - followed by a BBQ for the who help out ! !
- **13 Sep 8am - 3pm - Keizer** is having an open day – no cost. They will show you around the gym.
- **13 Sep OGBC's** gala for the opening of the new **OGBC** dome. It would be nice to have a table of Rotarians. Let Lyndy know if you are going. It is two courses live music Starts at 6pm.
- **Paper and biro thinking sheet**– think of something we can do, somewhere where we can advertise, or someway we can encourage people to become friends of Rotary. We would like some new and younger members.
- **Visiting Guests:** John Duthie - Guest Speaker: History of the Bluff; Helen Ziamos-Lascaris, Lorraine Batrouney, Liz Sutherland, Neil Sutherland, Sally McMahon
- **Family of Rotary** (Judy Greer) - Calnin's would appreciate a visit (not Wednesday or Thursday). Also Elaine Elliot - any day (at Ryman)
- **Footy Tipping End** of Season Prizes distributed. Congrats to everyone who participated !
- **The updated Constitution** has come through from the District Secretary. I will continue working on the changes to our Constitution compared to our existing constitution. Group be formed to check for appropriate wording for our Club.
- **Bellarine Training and Community Hub in Administration.** We'll need to follow up on our present donation and the proposed new vocational initiative.
- **Footy gates** - great contribution by Club members. Particular thanks to Peter Cullen and Adrian Schmidt.
- **RDA morning Tea** –thanks for donation.
- Bunnings – OGSLC raised \$1,733.30 also had a raffle - \$388. Text of thanks from Sharm, Youth Committee
- **World Polio Plus** 24<sup>th</sup> October – how to support?
- Thanks to all who helped with the **planting at the lookout** – What a team of workers. Wasn't it great to see all the small kids and their Mum's assisting.
- Lyndy wants to learn about **technology** – anyone volunteering to teach her please let her know.

**Guest speaker: John Duthie - Short History of the B Heads Bluff.**

**John Duthie**, an environmentalist, discussed the significance of the Barwon Heads Bluff, highlighting its geological and ecological importance. The Bluff, a local icon, features Mount Co Light, Point Flinders, and a Marine Sanctuary. It hosts 650-700 species in its sand dunes and salt marshes, and 13,000 species in Bass Strait. The speaker detailed the Bluff's history, including its formation 1 million years ago and its erosion by 1980. Friends of the Bluff, formed in 1994, focuses on natural regeneration and education. They conduct citizen science, such as Clean Up Australia Day, fish counts, and bio blitzes, to monitor environmental changes and engage the community.



## Introduction and Background of the John Duthie

- John introduces himself, thanking Lyndy for the invitation and hospitality.
- Mentions the focus of the talk will be on the Barwon Heads Bluff.
- Describes the Bluff as a local icon, a place for walking, jogging, and cycling, and a significant geological and marine protected area.
- Highlights the Bluff's historical and cultural significance, including its role as a nexus point for various habitats.

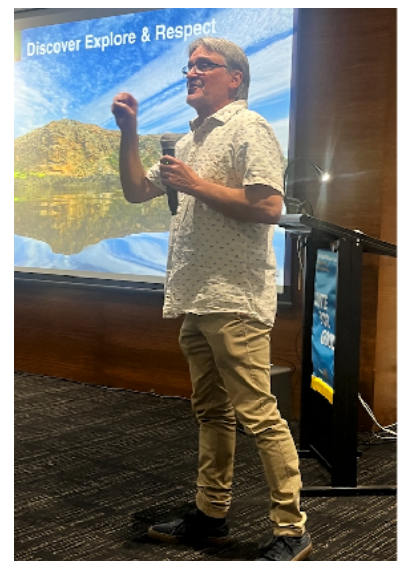
## Geographical and Environmental Features of the Bluff



- John details the geographical features of the Bluff, including Mount Co Light and Point Flinders.
- Describes the diverse habitats around the Bluff, such as sand dunes, salt marshes, and wetlands.
- Mentions the importance of sand for various species and the complexity of salt marshes.
- Highlights the significance of Lake Connewarre and the Barwon River, including its connection to the Ramsar wetland.

## Historical and Geological Context of the Bluff

- John provides a historical overview of the Bluff, including its volcanic origins and the formation of Mount Dani.
- Describes the geological processes of lithification and the impact of the last Ice Age on the Bluff's landscape.
- Mentions the arrival of Europeans in 1830 and the establishment of Barwon Heads in 1875.
- Details the erosion of the sand dunes by 1980 and the subsequent revegetation efforts.



## Formation and Activities of Friends of the Bluff

- John discusses the formation of Friends of the Bluff in 1994 and their initial focus on natural regeneration.
- Describes the activities of Friends of the Bluff, including running working bees and starting an indigenous nursery.
- Mentions the establishment of marine national parks and sanctuaries, including the Barwon Heads Bluff.
- Highlights the creation of the Living on the Edge education platform and its impact on marine education.

## Community Education and Citizen Science Initiatives

- John outlined the community education initiatives of Friends of the Bluff, such as summer holiday programs and rock pool rambles.
- Describes the Barwon Heads Nature Festival, a week-long event with walks, talks, and film festivals.
- Mentions the monthly conservation conversations and the involvement of community and school groups.
- Details the citizen science activities, including Clean Up Australia Day, fish counts, and bio blitzes.

### Challenges and Future Directions for Friends of the Bluff

- John discusses the challenges faced by Friends of the Bluff, including habitat degradation and biodiversity loss.
- Highlights the impact of human activities on the Bluff's ecosystems, such as the erosion of sand dunes and the loss of salt marshes.
- Mentions the importance of community engagement and education in addressing these issues.
- Concludes with a call to action for respecting and protecting the Bluff's remarkable habitats and wildlife.

**A wonderful presentation by and enthusiastic and entertaining presenter. Thankyou John !**



John Duthie & Noel Emselle

### Club Reports;

**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.

### 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.

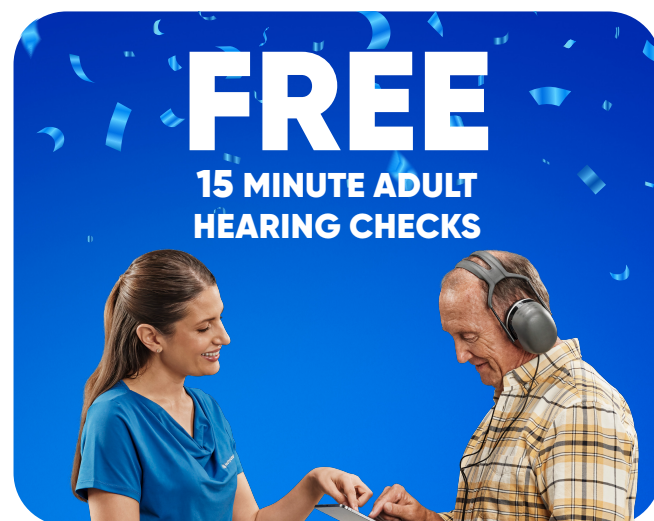
Link for tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rotarygreatergeelong/1791195>

**Free Hearing tests: David Larkin** has liaised with the Government Hearing Support Services to organised free hearing tests for those available on **Tuesday October 7th.**

The test will take place at 15 minute intervals before our meeting on that night. Places are limited so if you're interested, please see David.

Thanks for your work getting this done David.

 Hearing Australia



Hear this

Join us to discuss your hearing needs with a FREE 15-minute hearing check for adults at:

 134 432  [hearing.com.au](https://hearing.com.au)

Conditions apply under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program

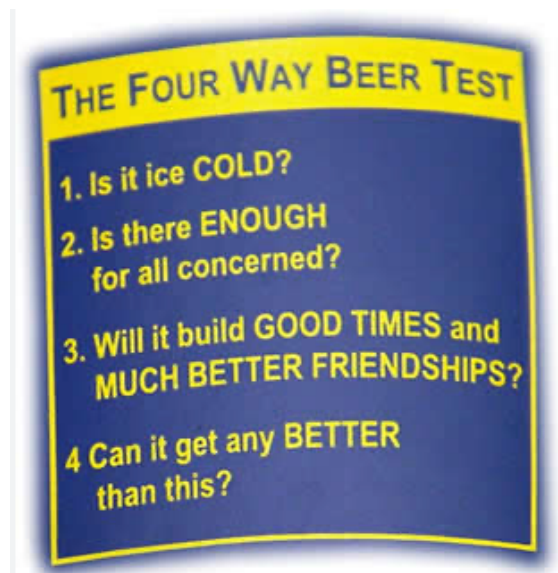
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**Crossing things off  
my to-do list.  
I didn't do them, I just  
don't want them on  
my list anymore.**



**Being in my senior years, I  
feel very fortunate to have  
someone call and check on  
me every single day. 📞  
He's from India, and he's  
very concerned about my  
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