

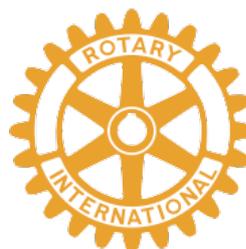


Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc

Annual Report

2022 - 2023

**Ocean Grove
Rotary**
Serving the Southern Bellarine



We acknowledge the traditional First Nation custodians 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.

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Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc.

Office Bearers and Directors

President of Rotary International	Gordon R. McInally
District 9780 Governor	Ian McKay
Assistant Governor	Gil Morgan

Board of Directors

President	Lynne Carlson
Immediate Past President & Vice President	Peter Cowburn
President Elect	Meredith O'Neill
Secretary / Club Administration	Rod Bush
Treasurer	Frank Rice
Youth Services	Paul Brewster
Community & Environment Services	Pearl Macmillan
International Services	Kath Venters
Vocational Services	Marita Scott

Special Purpose Committee Chairs and Other roles

Community & Environment Services	Pearl Macmillan
International Service	Kath Venters
Vocational Service	Marita Scott
Bulletin Notes	Alison George/Ann Hodgkinson, Pearl Macmillan Geoff Chandler
Bulletin Editor/Publisher	Anne Hodgkinson, Rod Bush
Market	Adrian Schmidt/Graeme Chamberlain /John Paton, Coral Barker /Alison George/Lisa Hanley
Attendance	Geoff Ford/Lyndy Stagg
Family of Rotary	Judy Greer
Property	Rod Birrell
Risk Management	John Wynn – (on request)
Meeting Program	John Paton
Art Show	Rod Bush
Social	Janet Alexander; Lyndy Stagg
Club Historian	Geoff Brentnall
Public Access Defibrillator Project	Wal Kelly
Merchandise	Marian Walton
Grant Sourcing	Kath Venters
Duck Race	Heather Wilson; Lisa Hanley

Past Presidents and Secretaries

<i>Past Presidents</i>	<i>Past Secretaries</i>
1983-84 Wal Kelly	Alan Kilpatrick
1984-85 Frank Mountford	Alan Kilpatrick
1985-86 Henry Hudson	Denis Joseph
1986-87 John Calnin	Denis Joseph
1987-88 Jim MacDonald	Maurice Barwick
1988-89 Hans Franken	Maurice Barwick
1989-90 Trevor McArdle	Jim MacDonald
1990-91 Maurice Barwick	Geoff Brentnall
1991-92 Peter Robinson	Bob Osbourne
1992-93 Geoff Morphett	Bob Osbourne
1993-94 Eric Bare	Ken Thibou
	Bob Osbourne
1994-95 Geoff Chandler	John Dodgshun
1995-96 Gerry Spencer	John Dodgshun
1996-97 Barry Reid	John Dodgshun
1997-98 Coral Barker	Mark Donehue
1998-99 Martin Geerings	Mark Donehue
1999-00 Peter Cullen	Mark Donehue
2000-01 Hans Franken	Geoff Morphett
2001-02 John Powell	Tony Haines
2002-03 Colin Brown	Tony Haines
2003-04 Geoff Brentnall	Tony Haines
2004-05 Tim Kemp	Dennis Saliba
2005-06 Helen Trigg	David Cornwell
2006-07 Richard Grimmett	Rod Greer
2007-08 Alison George	Rod Greer
2008-09 John Calnin	Victor Harnath
2009-10 Rod Greer	Victor Harnath
2010-11 Noel Emselle	Victor Harnath
2011-12 Margaret Campbell	Victor Harnath
2012-13 Richard Clay	Victor Harnath
2013-14 Gordon King	Victor Harnath
	Rod Greer
2014-15 John Paton	Martin Geerings
2015-16 Adrian Schmidt	Tony Haines
2016-17 Judy Greer	Fred Andrews
2017-18 John Calnin	Pearl Macmillan
2018-19 Graeme Chamberlain	Pearl Macmillan
2019-20 Marion Walton	Pearl Macmillan
2020-21 Gillian Morgan	Pearl Macmillan
2021-22 Alan Keyse	Heather Willson
2022-23 Peter Cowburn	Rod Bush

Service Recognition

Paul Harris Fellows in our Club:

◆ = Sapphire Pin PHS = Paul Harris Society 📌 Ruby Pin (= 6th, 7th & 8th ◆)
◆ = Diamond [Major Donor (≥ 9 x ◆)] ** Deceased

Janet Alexander

Fred Andrews

Moya Armstrong

Eric Bare

Coral Barker ◆

** Graham Bath ◆

** Wilma Bath

Graeme Batrouney

Rodney Birrell

Carol Birrell

Geoff Brentnall ◆

Paul Brewster 📌

Colin Brown

Rod Bush 2 ◆

John Calnin 2 ◆

Nan Calnin

Margaret Campbell

Lynne Carlson ◆

Graeme Chamberlain ◆

Geoff Chandler

Warren Chapman

Richard Clay

David Cooke

Marian Coppins-King ◆

Peter Cowburn

Peter Cullen

** Charles Dawborne

** John Dodgshun

** Norm Elliott ◆

Elaine Elliott

Noel Emselle ◆

Geoff Ford

** Jan Fox

** John Fox ◆

Hans Franken

Martin Geerings

Alison George ◆

Robert Grant

Judy Greer 2 ◆

Rod Greer 2 ◆

Richard Grimmett

Tony Haines ◆

Pam Haines

Victor Harnath

Peter Hawthorne ◆

Sue Hill

Anne Hodgkinson

** Isabella Hudson

** Henry Hudson ◆

Wal Kelly ◆

Tim Kemp

Gordon King ◆ PHS

Alan Keyse

Pearl Macmillan ◆

Graeme May

Alex Magee 2 ◆ PHS

Trevor McArdle

Gill Morgan 📌 📌 PHS

Geoff Morphett

** Frank Mountford

Graham O'Donnell

Meredith O'Neill

** Bob Osbourne

John Paton 2 ◆

** Bill Penna

Peter Robinson

James Ricchini

Frank Rice ◆

** Roy Rose

Adrian Schmidt ◆

** Audrey Spencer ◆

** Gerry Spencer ◆ PHS

Lyndy Stagg

Bill Steains

Ty Symons

Neil Templeton

Jenny Templeton

** Andrew Thornton 📌

** Ron Todd

Richard Trigg

Helen Trigg ◆

David Tyrrell

Kath Venters 3 ◆

Bill Walton ◆

Marion Walton ◆

Chris Watson 2 ◆ PHS

Heather Willson

** Dennis Wooten

Jenny Wright

John Wynn

Four Avenues of Service Citation:

PDG Henry Hudson OAM,
John Fox
2022: Tony Haines, Geoff Chandler
2023: Rod Greer, Judy Greer, Rod Bush

Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Citation:

PDG Henry Hudson OAM

John Fox Memorial Award

2019: Rod Bush
2020: Alex Magee
2021: Rod & Judy Greer
2022: Meredith O'Neill
2023: Heather Willson and Lisa Hanley

Life Members

2022:

John Calnin (38 Years)
John Wynn (38 Years)

2023:

Gordon King (30 years)
Tony Haines (30 years)
Margaret Campbell (30 years)
Graeme Chamberlain (31 years)
Adrian Schmidt (32 years)
Rod Birrell (34 years)
Alex Magee (34 years),
Neil Templeton (32 years)
Geoff Brentnall (35 years)
Bill Steains (39 years)
Geoff Chandler (44 years)
Wal Kelly (Foundation member and Foundation President - 44 years)
Peter Hawthorne (58 years)



President's Report

Thank you to every club member for your support through my year as President.



Peter Cowburn

It's been a good year with no COVID interruptions and one I have enjoyed. Which has allowed me to really get to know members and listen to ideas and initiatives. I'm proud that, where practical, we've been able to implement many of them.

Public awareness of Rotary Ocean Grove and what we do in our community has increased. We have become more well known through print and social media. Our Facebook posts have been widely viewed with some in excess of 13,000 views

We said at the start of the year that we would encourage more fun. I think its fair to say we've achieved this, with the change in formats of weekly meetings to include games, trivia, and member presentations so we've got to know individual members better. We've had less but more relevant guest speakers. Communicating directly with the OGSLC has seen an improvement in our meal quality and choices.

I'd like thank my hardworking and inclusive Board of 9 members who have made a real effort to be transparent with decisions and communicate them to all members.

Congratulations to our 13 new life members who were recently acknowledged for their 30 plus years of service to Rotary. This is one of many Board initiatives of the year.

Donations across the year to local and international projects have been over \$90,000. Some significant ones are: Australian Floods \$11,000; Feed Me Bellarine \$12,000; Junior Local School scholarships \$4000; Earthquake in Turkey \$5000; Pakistan Floods \$3000, Myanmar Safe Water Filters \$5000

Majority of our club members are very active and involved in all projects and activities. This is evident in the successful activities we've undertaken such as the Summer Markets, Geelong Athletics catering and The Duck Race. There are a myriad of other tasks and activities that members take on, too numerous to mention, but a heartfelt Thank You!

I do want to acknowledge and thank the following members:

- Rod Bush for his assistance to all club members and especially to myself in aspects too numerous to mention.
- Kath Venters for her amazing work with our print and social media.
- Adrian Schmidt and the market team of volunteers for continuing to make our Summer Markets the biggest fundraiser and for adding some atmosphere with live music from Shedding the Blues.
- Lisa Hanley and Heather Wilson for their amazing work organising the Duck Race and sponsorship of \$5000 from Ocean Grove Real Estate. The Duck Race brought into the club \$20,000 in funds for redistribution.
- Noel Emselle for his enthusiasm and organisation in getting the White Mangrove Project underway. We look forward to hearing more in the future.

Our club continues to grow and thrive with an increase in members from 58 to 62. We are the biggest club in the 9780 district. I know we will continue to grow and thrive under Lynne's leadership in the coming year and I wish her the very best as incoming President.

Peter Cowburn

Secretary's Report

Like all Rotary Clubs, we had a busy year. The new Board approached their respective roles with enthusiasm and it was clear from the start that this was a focussed Board keen to get things done. And they did.

Our meetings were constructive, noting things we had achieved and what we needed to do for the next meeting. They were enjoyable - not always the case for meetings!

A few months in, Xenia Williamson (Vocational director) unfortunately needed to take leave because of family issues. We wish her and David all the best. John Karis stepped into the breach and has done a great job on the Vocational role.

We now have 4 square terminals that we operate at a variety of events and they have proven a boon to our financial collection process. We use them at our meetings and our members are now quite adept at tapping their payment as they arrive.

Our web site grows with each initiative but still has a good basic structure that makes important information easy to access and read. We post meeting bulletins as well as videos of guest speakers (were possible) for people who can't attend, to view later.

I can confidently say that we are a happy club, with contributors in all areas. We are effective in our activities and have made great contributions at local community, International and Rotary International levels.

Rod Bush



Rod Bush

Foundation Report



In 2022-23 Ocean Grove Rotary continued to be a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation, both as a Club and as individuals.

Foundation Report

Ocean Grove Rotary was again successful in obtaining a District Grant of \$2,500 which was matched by the same amount from the Club. This Grant enabled the installation of a water filter and water tanks (with Safe Water for Every Child

Myanmar as the implementing organisation).

Individual Rotarians have maintained their generosity through the Centurion program, PHF recognition and the Paul Harris Society. As at 7 May 2023, the Club has 44 Paul Harris Fellows, one Major Donor, numerous sapphire and ruby pin recognitions and five Paul Harris Society Members.

Gillian Morgan

Membership Report

The Ocean Grove Rotary Club welcomed 5 new members during 2022 – 2023. Martina Scott, Delia Naumann, Janice Nation and Jenny Clair. Paul Brewster transferred from the Rotary Club of Highton.

There were 2 resignations through the year - Richard Grimmatt (ill health) and Graeme O'Donnell (Transferred).



Graeme Batrouney

We all express our sincere thanks to these Rotarians for their active service and contribution to the Ocean Grove community.

Sadly, one Rotarian passed away during the year – Gerry Spencer (PP PHS).

Our membership as at the end of this Rotary year will be 61.

Graeme Batrouney

Public Image Report

I would like to thank President Peter and the Board for their confidence in me continuing with this role. Keeping our public image up to date and engaging takes a dedicated team. Thank you to Rod Bush for keeping the web site up to date and eye catching. Thank you to Lisa Hanley for her great work with Facebook and Instagram generally and the Duck Race. Thank you to Andy McKoy for photography and videoing duties. Thank you to Heather and Gary Willson for their work on Facebook and Instagram for the Duck Race. It is great when everyone takes photos and makes them available to the team, keep up the good work!



Kath Venters

One of our aims this year was to increase our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram and sharing to community Facebook groups, Ocean Grove / Barwon Heads, Queenscliff / Point Lonsdale and Bellarine Community Noticeboard. Our social media reach has expanded this year with a post relating to a donation to Feed Me Bellarine reaching more than 13,000 people and a post relating to ANZAC Day activities reached more than 12,000 people.

The team have been using media on our different platforms in an effort to work smarter not harder. An example of this is the use of short videos on social media and the web site. This approach was particularly useful when promoting the Community Awards, Art Show and Summer Markets.

It has been a very busy year with print articles in the Ocean Grove Voice, Bellarine Times, The Rip and Geelong Advertiser (thank you Heather for arranging this for the Duck Race). Thank you to the Directors for providing so many opportunities to promote the great work we do at Ocean Grove Rotary.

I would like to wish incoming President Lynne and her Board an enjoyable and productive Rotary year.

Kath Venters

Community Service



This year the Committee decided to make caring for people in the community our main focus. To that end we looked at food poverty, homelessness and prisoner release problems.

We sought information from officials working with people in those groups.

Food Poverty

We decided that we would concentrate our efforts to help two food programs - Feed Me Bellarine, and the Uniting Church Loaves and Fishes Program.

1. Feed Me Bellarine - \$1000 was raised at a Simple Supper in January, with the hot food being cooked by Graeme Chamberlain and Salads provided by lady members of our club. A very good night.

2. We provided a BBQ service at Feed Me Bellarine premises in May where customers could pay by donation. A Club member donated \$1000 to purchase the food, but we used mostly donated food that the Charity receives. Over \$350 was raised by donations and was presented to the Charity as well as the \$1000.



3. Our club members were asked to donate nonperishable goods to the Uniting Church Loaves and Fishes program. We had two collections which were very well received. We also provided home made shortbread to be included in the Christmas Hampers provided by the Church. The recipients were greatly moved that people they didn't know would actually make something for them. This was a good initiative.

Homelessness

4. Homeless- we had difficulty in finding a speaker on this subject but it is a very concerning problem. Our members donated Doonas, Blankets and Sleeping Bags to the Salvation Army Outreach to be distributed to those sleeping in cars, or sleeping rough.
5. Prisoner Release - although we were unable to get much information it appears that some prisoners when released will end up being homeless and have no prospect of improving their lives, and often end up in prison again.
6. We had a very interesting speaker on the Justice System's Community Service Sentencing where people are sentenced to working within the community instead of serving a prison sentence. It was suggested that our club could be involved with this program by having those on the program working with us in the community. There are quite a few rules and regulations around this and our club may not take part in the program.

Other projects

7. Foreign Coins

We are collecting foreign coins, donated to our local banks, and recycling them through a Rotary scheme to assist overseas projects. Our involvement started in October, and by December we had collected almost 2 Kilos of coins. This is an ongoing program and members are encouraged to bring their unwanted foreign coins to the Rotary meetings for collection.

8. Palliative Care

Two of our members completed training in Palliative Care and are now working with families. It was suggested that the club members could perhaps get involved by providing further assistance with gardening or odd jobs, but the COGG regulations would prohibit that. It is also a very personal and private service that the volunteers provide.

9. Children's Sand Digger.

Following reports on the vandalism that destroyed the children's sand digger in Ocean Grove Park, the Board agreed to replace the



digger and worked with the Ocean Grove Park Committee to install a new one. This has been very well received and enjoyed by our young visitors to the park. A plaque has been affixed stating that the Digger has been donated by our club.

10. Vouchers

Our latest project to help families was to provide Vouchers for those in need to spend at the local OP/Thrift shops to purchase warm clothing, bedding and household goods.

The families were identified by the Salvation Army chaplains and the shops cooperated by honouring the vouchers and claiming the cash from our club. The Board agreed to set aside \$800 to cover the Vouchers. This is a pilot scheme and will be assessed as to its benefits to the community, and may be rolled out further in the future.

11. Ocean Grove Entry Signs

This project was carried over from last year's Community Committee, and is awaiting a decision by COGG to implement it. Unfortunately nothing further has been forthcoming from the Council.

Environment

This year the Environment became Rotary's 7th Area of Focus.

We concentrated on maintaining the 100 trees, the White Mangrove Experience, the lookout reserve, and recycling bottle tops, and assisting Ocean Grove Park.

1. 100 trees. The tree plantation is growing extremely well and after a year we have only had to replace 5 trees. Our monthly maintenance program is working well and we have managed to keep the weeds at bay. Many of the trees have now been staked, thanks to the Council and to our maintenance teams.



2. The White Mangrove Experience. This is a major project which was started by Rotarian Noel Emselle, who has been trying get it established over several years. Our plan is to create an area for education and recreation, giving access to the mangroves without damaging them, while providing a space for fishing and for paddle boat docking. An area close to the 100 tree plantation has been identified as suitable.

Deakin University students undertook a study of the area and produced an information booklet informing the public about the project.

This booklet was printed and was issued to the community at our monthly Markets, at OG Community Association events and the Rotary Conference and was well received.

The CCMA (Corangamite Catchment Management Authority) are undertaking a major community consultation as to the best way to preserve our local waterways under the Rivers of Barwon Action Masterplan (Places of Many Stories)

Our White Mangrove Experience submission has been accepted by the CCMA and will be included in the Masterplan when it is distributed for public consultation on May 22nd.

3. We continue to maintain the Lookout Reserve, and have recently planted additional bushes supplied by the COGG.



4. We have successfully collected a great many bottle tops, pill blister packs and corks for recycling. However we are now waiting for new outlets for these as some of the distribution areas have been overwhelmed by the amount of goods delivered.
5. Assisting Ocean Grove Park Committee. We have provided and planted 45 Yellow Gums for Ocean Grove Park after the storms last year destroyed much of the plantation.

This has been a busy but rewarding year for the Committee, and I sincerely thank all the members for their contributions and support.

Thank you to Peter and the Board for their support this year, and best wishes to Lynne and the new Board for the next Rotary Year.

Pearl Macmillan.

International Report

I would like to thank President Peter and the Board for their confidence in me taking on this role. The International Committee this year comprised: Graeme Batrouney; Janet Alexander; Geoff Brentnall; Coral Barker; Marg Campbell; Peter Cullen; Rod Greer; Greg Leece; John Patton; Neil Templeton and Andrea Tierney. Thank you everyone for the work you have put into making the year so successful for the International Committee.



Kath Venters

Our aim this year was to participate in Rotary projects which aid international understanding and friendship. The preference is for educational or health projects for children and young adults. We will organise guest speakers in the international area. We will encourage diversity within the Club and advocate for an inclusive community.

Bali Smiles: This year we funded six students to attend school. We received photos and reports two times during the year. Once the reports were translated, they were placed onto the Club web site with relevant photos. As the school year commences in Indonesia in July, we have already paid for the 2023-24 scholarships.

Cambodia: With Highton Rotary we partnered with Phnom Penh Rotary to pay for three teacher trainees to complete their studies. These teachers will be teaching high school students in rural Cambodia. Photos and reports were placed on the Club web site.

Myanmar: We were successful in obtaining a District Grant to partner with Safe Water for Every Child Myanmar to install a water filter and associated infrastructure in Htee Wah Klay village in the Karen State. This was a wonderful achievement as clean drinking water changes the health outcomes for the village people.



Nepal: Through Seven Women we sponsor eight children to attend primary school. We receive reports on the project which are placed on the Club website.

ShelterBox Australia: This year the Club donated \$3,000 to the Pakistan Flood Appeal and \$5,000 to the Türkiye and Syria Appeal.

The Committee also investigated ways to assist with funding dog desexing clinics in Indonesia, playground demolition for Repurposing, Reuse and Recycling Heath and Education Equipment (RARE) and water projects in Papua New Guinea.

I would like to wish incoming President Lynne and her Board an enjoyable and productive Rotary year.

Kath Venters

Youth Services Report

The committee members are Meredith O'Neill (Chair), Judy Greer, Tony Haines, Jenny Wright, Lyndy Stagg, Geoff Chandler, Heather Willson and Paul Brewster. Sincere thanks to the members of the Youth Committee for their commitment and support in the past year. The Junior Community Award (JCA) sub committee met for the purposes of updating our insurance requirements, considering the implications of recent legislative changes and making necessary adjustments to our program due to these legislative changes and Covid restrictions. Thank you to Tony Haines for his competent leadership of this program.



Meredith O'Neill

Youth Services Goals 2021-23 (Part of the Ocean Grove Rotary Club Strategic Plan)

1. To connect young people to their communities, encourage environmental responsibility and promote active, informed citizenship
2. To contribute to an improvement in education opportunities for young people.
3. To contribute to the development of the next generation of leaders by helping young people to build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Youth Services Objectives 2022 -23

1. Implement the Junior Community Award (JCA) program in four local primary schools.
Progress – There were 35 participants in the 2022 JCA Program. A group of students attended a November Rotary meeting and Rotary members were impressed by the student presentations of their achievements in the program. Rotary mentors visited the local primary schools for the presentation of student certificates. The 2023 JCA Program involves students from Ocean Grove PS, Surfside PS, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic PS and Wallington PS. Rotary mentors have visited all schools and most students have completed their plans and are making progress with their activities.
2. Communicate with secondary college Science Learning Area Managers about student participation in Science extension programs including the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), Santos Science Experience, Deakin University Science Challenge Program and the district 9780 'Defying the Drift' program and offer Rotary support if required.
Progress – Meredith initiated some contact but the secondary college which was either not aware of or not planning to be involved in the programs. These programs are promoted to schools through the Science Teachers Association and are not initiated by Rotary.
3. Provide an award of \$1000 each per year to support three Bellarine Secondary College students to complete their VCE studies.

Progress – Two year 12 and one year 11 Bellarine Secondary College students have received these awards. There is a need for more follow up to ensure that students understand the club expectations of attending a Rotary Club meeting and speaking to members about their progress and career aspirations. Sophie, a previous student award recipient, spoke at a Rotary meeting and Meredith later reported to members that Sophie was pleased with her VCE results and was planning to enrol to study Health Sciences.

4. Recognise and celebrate student citizenship through a Citizenship Award program at Bellarine Secondary College.

Progress – Three Bellarine Secondary College students received the Roy Rose Memorial Citizenship Awards. Meredith attended the Bellarine Secondary College Annual Presentation Ceremony and presented certificates and book vouchers to these students.

5. Extend Youth Services programs to encompass all schools in the Southern Bellarine.

Progress – The club introduced a Junior Transition scholarship of \$250 per student to assist students with books, uniforms, camps and technology equipment as they moved from year 6 to year 7. This scholarship program was accepted by all the primary schools in the Southern Bellarine – Barwon Heads PS, Wallington PS, Ocean Grove PS, Our Lady Start of the Sea Catholic PS, Surfside PS, Pt Lonsdale PS, Queenscliff PS and St Aloysius PS Queenscliff. A total of 20 scholarships were awarded. Thank you to Frank Rice for his work in administering the payments. Peter, Heather, Meredith, Kath and Tony represented the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove at school presentation functions,

6. Promote and support involvement in the district 9780 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA program)

Progress – Sarah Barrot spoke to our club about her involvement in the 2022 RYLA program and there was positive feedback from our membership. Kath Venters assisted with the promotion of the 2023 RYLA program in our community. We did not receive any applicants for the April 2023 program.

7. Ensure that all child safe documentation and risk management for activities and programs is completed according to District 9780 requirements.

Progress – The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove met the July 2022 deadline for the implementation of the Child Safety Legislation. The Board has endorsed the following documents:

- Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Child Safety Policy
- Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Child Safety Standards Compliance Document
- Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Youth Protection Procedures.

The risk management and insurance documentation for the Junior Community Awards program has been approved. Thank you to Tony.

8. Establish links with the District 9780 Youth Services Committees and support new district youth services initiatives.

Progress – Meredith participated in a district Zoom program that had the intention of improved coordination of youth programs across the district and our club contributed to the program audit. The District forwarded a draft District Child Safety policy and our club did a further update to our policy and procedures to be consistent with the District advice. The District intends to resume the Youth Exchange program. Our club has decided not to participate in the International Student Exchange program in 2024 and the Youth Services Committee provided reasons for this recommendation to the Board.

9. Complete the required District Assembly professional development program for Youth Services Directors

Progress – This is ongoing,

10. Provide opportunities for our members to engage in discussion about current youth issues

Major Project – Junior Community Award Program

The Guidelines for the Junior Community Award Program were updated in January 2023 and again in April 2023. These guidelines were necessary to ensure that our club is compliant with three sets of legislation:

- The Child Safe Legislation effective 1 July 2022
- The Child Employment Act 2022 Amendment effective 1 July 2023 and which now covers changes to the definition of employment including children under 15 working in not for profit organisations
- Workplace Health and Safety

We have had to make some changes to what the children can do as part of the Community Service component of the Award and there is now a list of approved activities to guide future planning.

Meredith O'Neill

Vocational Services Committee Report

The Year 2022-2023 was a welcome relief from previous years impacted by covid and lockdowns. However, the organisation of the Vocational Community Services Awards event was faced with some challenges.

These included some members and family illness resulting in Xenia Williams unable to continue in her newly appointed role of Chair, which was vacated by Lynne Carlson. I was asked whether I could take over the Chair role this year in order to assist with running of the project.

It was a busy period involving a number of tasks with assistance from several Rotarians, within the committee and outside. The project certainly missed the strong leadership provided by Lynne, however, I was still able to discuss and resolve most issues with her when required.

The main event for the Vocational Committee was conducted on 6th June 2023 for which details are provided in this report.

Guest speakers

We believe we can obtain three speakers over the year, for our club, and this will be a strong focus the year.



John Karis

1. Barwon Sports Academy
Cameron Loftus will once again undertake interviews with each athlete to register what sport they are training for. They will be returning prior to the end of the year.
2. Joint project: We will potentially be working with another organisation which will enable access to speakers.
3. Additional avenues and opportunities: TBA

New projects for 2023-24

Business Sports Academy

Two members of the Board will attend a dinner and be seated with the nominated athletes and a member of BSA (*Date to be advised*).

What we have been able to do

Anzac Appreciation Packages;

This has been a consistent donation to Vets since 2020, when Ty Simmons (Driftwood Café) came up with the idea. Small businesses in the Ocean Grove area continue to donate food, fruits and vegies, general grocery items and even a bottle of wine! All which is delivered to Vets by our Rotarians. Here is a list of the packages delivered since 2020:

2020: 42 packages were packed and delivered

2021: 58 packages were packed and delivered

2022: 68 packages were packed and delivered

2023: 45 packages were packed and delivered

Thank you to all who assisted.

Community Service Awards

Our Vocational Awards Night was convened on the 6th June 2023 @ the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club.

Members, sponsors and guests were once again warmly greeted by Rotary Members and the Vocational Community Services Awards committee on arrival.

Not all sponsors were able to attend, however, those that did enjoyed the evening and were able to meet the Award Winner/Runner-up recipients for each category. The major overall sponsor was represented by Kellie Thompson (Manager) from the Bendigo Community Bank Barwon Heads. Kellie advised that the Bank was very committed to the event and keen to being able to assist further this year and in 2024.

Winners:

Small Business:

Winner : Coastline Alfresco – represented by Amanda & Craig Kristapsons &

Runner-up: Bellarine Chiropractic – represented by Scott Springer

Apprentice/Trainee:

Winner: Meaghan Vecoli, Ivy Creations.

There was no Runners-up due to challenges with obtaining nominations. There were some very strong candidates in the community, however, it's a sign of the times when businesses are unable to allocate sufficient time to the nomination process. This by no means detracts from the Winner this year who greatly deserves recognition for her achievements over the year.

Volunteer Organisation

Winner: Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club represented by Lyndie Freestone & Amenah McDonald

Runner-up: Australian Coast Guard Association Queenscliff represented by John McMillan and Peter Tressider.

Team Member

Winner: Bayden Mellington, Ryman Healthcare

Runner-up: Leah Blackmore, Bellarine Veterinary Clinic, Ocean Grove

Over the life of the project this year we have been fortunate in having a number of Rotarians who have provided their generous support. I would like to thank all committee members; Beth Eustace, Marion Walton, Gillian Morgan, Sue Hill, Chris Watson, Greg Leece, Xenia Williamson, David Larkin, Ann Hodgkinson, Allan Keyse, Andrea Tierney and Rod Birrell.

A special thank you to the Rotarians, outside the committee, who assisted with Judging and help to usher guests to their tables; Marita Scott, Kath Venters, Beth Eustace, David Larkin.

Also a big thanks to Lynne Carlson and Peter Cowburn for their direction and support plus Rod Bush in assisting with the preparation of certificates to Sponsors, Winners and Runners-up.

John Karis

Summer Market report



We had 7 markets this season with all markets being sold out with the exception of the first one in October.

Whereas last season we were plagued with wind and/or rain or both for 4 of the markets making them very unpleasant, this season we were hampered by very hot days for 3 markets, which would have seen many people at the beach in preference to coming to our market.

As we utilize 113 sites, and charge \$35 per site. We take in around \$3,800 per market given that we don't pay for our 3 Rotary sites and not for profit organizations. Our total income for the 7 markets was \$26,366 with expenses of \$5,644. Insurance cost was \$1,629.

Apart from the \$5 per occupied site going to the OG Park committee, overheads can be as little as \$27 per market (for marking out paint)

Considering many people do not carry cash anymore our Voluntary Gold Coin Collection was amazing with \$3400 collected on Easter Monday and a total of \$18,145 being collected over the 7 markets.

The Rotary BBQ co-ordinated by Coog, as always is a great fundraiser and made \$10,500 clear over the 7 markets.

In addition, the 2 Bunnings, 1 Point Lonsdale BBQ's (and the Landy field event) made an additional \$7,755 giving a grand total of \$18,253

Our car Raffle organized by David Larkin was again a successful money raiser and sold 2720 tickets and cleared \$4352 for the club.

At one market I counted over 50 members/partners helping out in some form or the other, and this is fairly typical of every market over the season.

We received generous support from **Ocean Grove Real Estate** as sponsors and thank them for this. Lisa Hanley was instrumental in organising this and we thank her for her work in this area as well as organising the roster for each market.

The help of our members in many different areas at the market makes it a combined Rotary effort and I thank all the Rotarians and partners for making each market and the associated events such a combined success.

Adrian Schmidt

Art Show Report

10th ANNUAL ART SHOW

A very successful show with a very high number of sales and visitors.

In all, the show raised around \$10 000 which was distributed as planned:

- Riding Develops Abilities (\$4000)
- Surfing for the Disabled. (\$4000)
- Rotary Member Selected causes. Each of the listed groups received \$750: Lazarus Centre: Geelong, Water for Myanmar, Ocean Grove Community Register.



Rod Bush



On behalf of the Committee I thank the Board and members for their continued support both financially and attendance at the show.

This year, our 12th show will return to its customary time, the weekend prior to the Melbourne Cup. (November 4/5)

Rod Bush - Chair

Meeting Program Report

The aim of this years programming was to facilitate more club camaraderie in our meetings. It was decided that we would include social evenings and 15 on Me's because of our growing membership and the importance of getting to know new members and form better relationships with people you may not get a chance to sit with.



Andrea Tierney

A big thanks to the social committee who ran some really great Quiz nights. And the standout for me was the Games Night.

There are also many regular evenings such as awards nights and Christmas functions that are organised by various committees. Congratulations to everyone involved in those evenings, they are certainly a big part of our Ocean Grove Club. A recent highlight for me was the Life Members induction, we are extremely lucky to have so many experienced and dedicated members in our Club.

We all enjoyed our evening with Gavin Bourke, ex army, a very entertaining speaker. Kath Rivett DG and District International Head Jessie Harman were able to join us. From our local community Marg Aldous - Compassionate Hearts, Faye Agterhuis - Point Lonsdale Principal and Peter and Di Hobbs Bellarine Salvation Army to name a few.

I would like to thank Rod Bush for his support and hard work, especially when I was away July/ August. Rod is such a valued member of our community; nothing is ever too hard. Thanks Rod for everything you do!

Andrea Tierney

Disabled Surfers Report

DSA Ocean Grove is all about putting Smiles on Dials and this years events didn't disappoint. Participants, family members and volunteers all enjoyed the days with many regular faces attending year after year.

With the winning combination of good weather and a reasonable swell the February and March events went off swimmingly.

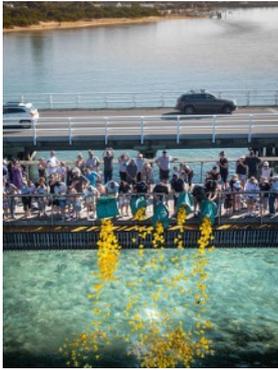
As the number of participants has continued to grow, this year participants registered on line and things ran smoothly.

Our bbq's are working well and DSA are very grateful to our Club for the continued support. We now man two shifts at the bbq which seems to be working well. Thanks to all the club members who came down and helped.

Special thanks goes to John Calnin and Rod Birrell who have assisted every year with DSA. Legends !

Andrea Tierney

Duck Race Report



This year the Duck race was a greatly improved and expanded event.

The addition of a sponsor - Ocean Grove Real Estate – meant that a further (approx.) 1000 ducks were purchased and most of these were raced

The flock of ducks now numbers 275 blue ducks, raced as Quacker Kids event and 1800 yellow ducks raced as the main event.

The addition of some 30 “corporate” ducks – large mallard style, created a third race.

Prizes, which were initially sourced in Barwon Heads only were now coming from Ocean Grove businesses and that allowed the club to create the 3 races.

The addition of a “Kiddy Pool” duck entertainment at the event area made it much more of a community occasion – something the club would like to expand next year

The financial results were excellent with the club netting in excess of \$20,000.

These funds will be distributed widely across the Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove Communities.

Barwon Heads Association received \$1500

Barwon Heads Scouts received \$2500

Barwon Coast received \$500

The Schools : Ocean Grove Primary \$1042, Barwon Heads Primary \$1080, Star of the Sea \$1028 and Surfside Primary \$1051 received the above amounts presented at their assemblies.

The remainder was spread across the Ocean Grove Rotary Club’s projects – including The Salvation Army, The Community Register, Feed Me Bellarine, Surfing for the disabled, Riding for all abilities, Art school for disabled and Ocean Grove Community Park environmental upgrades.

A committee will be organised as the event has become larger and more complex. Obtaining a boom to assist duck collection after the event will be a focus for the race next year

The organiser Heather Willson wishes to recognise the club for their support - especially on the day.

Also Lisa Hanley who single-handedly introduced and ran the Corporate event as well as attracting significant sponsorship from **Ocean Grove Real Estate**, was a tireless and outstanding “Duck mascot” at schools and on the event day.

We look forward to another great event next year

Heather Willson



Heather Willson



Lisa Hanley

Treasurer's Interim Report (July 2022 – May 2023)



Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc

Balance Sheet
As of May 30, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
2000 General Account 4749	6,863.76
2001 Art Show Account 7003	4,969.69
2002 Term Deposit #6184 (12mth)	0.00
2003 Term Deposit #6242 (6mth)	0.00
2004 Trading Account 6663	4,100.00
2005 Term Deposit #6148 (7mth)	0.00
2009 Petty Cash	300.00
Cash and cash equivalents	1,218.39
Charities Account	17,500.16
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Current Assets	A\$34,952.00
Total Assets	A\$34,952.00
Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	2,586.24
Opening Balance Equity	31,266.70
Retained Earnings	1,099.06
Total shareholders' equity	A\$34,952.00
Total liabilities and equity	A\$34,952.00

Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc

Profit and Loss

1 July, 2022 - 30 May, 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
0500 Charities Income	
0501 Summer Market Sites	26,366.00
0515 Market Entry Collection	18,145.40
0521 Community Sausage Sizzles	26,955.80
0525 Car Raffle	5,559.67
0530 Foundation	800.00
0535 Rotary Grants	1,000.00
0537 International	310.00
0540 Public Donations	2,400.00
0570 Sundry Projects Income	7,571.37
0580 Interest earned	1.73
526 Duck Race	20,345.66
527 Duck Race Sponsorship	5,000.00
545 Vocational Sponsorship	4,950.00
Total 0500 Charities Income	119,405.83
0600 Administration Income	
0645 Member Annual Subscriptions	13,249.99
0650 Meeting Receipts	42,274.59
0655 Meeting Sergeant	1,237.05
0665 Footy Tipping	50.00
0670 Sundry Admin. Income	10,436.83
Total 0600 Administration Income	67,248.46
0700 Art Show - Income	
0710 Sponsorship	15,160.00
0720 Art Raffle Sales	3,325.99
0730 Art Entry Fees	3,870.00
0770 Sale of Paintings	22,767.81
0780 Sundry Revenue	770.00
Total 0700 Art Show - Income	45,893.80
0800 Cash Card	17,490.18
0900 Trading Account Income	142,096.71
Total Income	A\$392,136.76
GROSS PROFIT	A\$392,136.76
Expenses	
1500 Charities Expenses	
1528 Summer Market Expenses	5,644.29
1530 Winter Market Expenses	253.00
1532 Market Insurance	1,629.10
1534 Youth Donations	7,450.00
1535 Youth Payments excl Exchange	448.28
1539 Vocational Donations	3,100.00
1540 Vocational Payments	1,816.20
1545 Car Raffle Expenses	1,088.00
1549 Community Donations	12,937.35

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Profit and Loss

1 July, 2022 - 30 May, 2023

	TOTAL
1550 Community Projects	9,374.48
1551 Duck Race Costs	12,264.98
1553 Sausage Sizzle Costs	10,794.89
1560 International Projects Donations	23,894.00
1563 Rotary Foundation (The)	4,800.00
1565 Other Charitable Donations	1,000.00
1580 Sundry Projects Expenses	22,009.04
Total 1500 Charities Expenses	118,503.61
1600 Administration Expenses	
1605 Rotary International Subscriptions	7,007.74
1606 RDU Magazine Subscriptions	3,491.85
1607 District Subscriptions	5,440.00
1609 Badges and Regalia	611.06
1610 Training Expenses	344.00
1615 Meeting Meals/Venue	50,793.46
1620 Meeting Raffle Expenses	600.00
1625 Postage, Printing, Stationery	89.56
1630 Secretarial Expenses	1,317.67
1632 Accounting Expenses	480.64
1635 Comms (Web host, Telephone etc)	826.41
1640 Public Relations	414.90
1645 Equipment Purchase	447.95
1650 Sundry Admin Expenses	457.45
Total 1600 Administration Expenses	72,322.69
1700 Art Show - Expenses	
1710 Prize Payments	11,160.20
1720 Payments to Artists	17,772.75
1725 Payments to Beneficiaries	10,250.00
1730 Raffle Costs	540.00
1750 Hire of venue	802.50
1755 Catering Costs	818.20
1760 Judges Costs	300.00
1770 Printing catalog	500.00
1785 Office/General Administrative Expenses	89.80
1790 Sundry Expenses	1,041.20
Total 1700 Art Show - Expenses	43,274.65
1800 Cash Card expenses	
1810 Card Admin Sec	435.83
1820 Card Admin Communications	1,075.41
1830 Card Admin Equipment	1,191.66
1840 Card Admin Sundries	2,382.20
1850 Card Charities BBQ	8,929.25
1860 Card Charities sundries	1,949.45
1870 Card Art Show sundries	308.00
Total 1800 Cash Card expenses	16,271.80

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Profit and Loss

1 July, 2022 - 30 May, 2023

	TOTAL
1900 Trading Account Transfers	139,177.79
Total Expenses	A\$389,550.54
NET EARNINGS	A\$2,586.24

2023 -> 2024 Board Members



President:	Lynne Carlson
Secretary:	Rod Bush
Treasurer:	Frank Rice
Pres. Elect: 2024 → 2025	Meredith O’Neill
Immediate Past President/Vice President:	Peter Cowburn
Youth Service	Paul Brewster
Vocational Service	Marita Scott
International Service	Kath Venters
Community Service	Pearl Macmillan

