

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
22-Oct	The Mental Health of Youth	Rod Bush.	Ann Hodgkinson.	Coral Barker.	Andrew Mc Koy.	23/10 Pippa & John Paton 23/10 Bill Walton.25/10 Jo Hawthorne
29-Oct	Graham Bath Awards	Judy Greer	Lynne Carlson.	John Wynn.	Gordon King.	2/11 Don Ho.
5-Nov	No Meeting. Art Show Opening on 1/11/2019 in lieu.					

### 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](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**Theme:** Economic and Community Development Month

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

20/10/19 - 02/11/19 Gil Morgan

03/11/19 - 16/11/19 Jim Delaney

17/11/19 - 30/11/19 Geoff Chandler

01/11/19 - 14/11/19 Peter Cullen

**Past bulletins**

- Available from our club website

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

## Report of Meeting: 15/10/2019

**Guest Speaker:** Gaynor Schols RC of Torquay.

**President:** Members were reminded that we will acknowledge Mental Health awareness with 'Lift the Lid' hat wearing on 22/10/2019. The most representative and inventive hat will be awarded.

**Announcements:** Jessie Harman has been nominated for Zone 8 Director.

-Janet Alexander notified members that there will be a fund raising dinner at 360q on Oaks Day for the View Club.

-Peter Hawthorne asked members who have not done so to please consider becoming an Organ Donor. He has forms available.

**Secretary:** The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 12/11/2019. Pearl reminded members that nomination forms are available for names to be considered for the vacancies which exist for office bearers in the next Rotary year.

**Administration:** There is a collection being made "Fighting for Farmers" who are drought affected. Donations can be made through the Bendigo Bank.



**Art Show Sub Committee:** Please return Raffle books ASAP. The Judge, Ben Winspear will do a painting at the show.

**Youth:** Junior Community Service Awards (Graeme Bath Awards) work of students will be presented on 29/10/2019.

**Community:** There will be a meeting in the Bistro at the Bowling Club after the Club meeting on 22/10/2019 to discuss

## Members: Coming Events:

### Saying of the week ...

Don't let ageing get you down.  
It's too hard to get up.

### Humour .....

If you ever get cold, just sit in a corner for a bit.

They're usually around 90 degrees.

### Links .....

Rotary International:  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Rotary District 9780:  
[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

Footy Tipping  
[www.footytips.com.au](http://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.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

the Club's commitment to improve the Lookout Reserve assets and how to manage the tasks associated with the implementation of the Master Plan. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. This week's meeting was cancelled.

**International:** The Salmons have expressed thanks for the Club's continued support to the Solenoid School in Bangladesh.

**Vocational Service:** Lynne Carlson informed members that there will be a visit to the Ambulance Station on 10/12/2019. There will also be a workplace visit next year to the Brewery. Please nominate people who should be considered for an award this year. Nomination forms are available.

**Family Violence:** Plans for the Family Violence Information evening are progressing. It will be held on 19/11/2019 at the sports oval building in Shell Road.

**Foundation:** Gordon King suggested that members consider a Christmas donation to our own charity, Rotary Foundation.

### Guest Speaker: Gaynor Schols, RI Torquay and District 9780 Chairman for ROMAC.



The program is 35 years old and has treated 500 children

Gaynor became involved with this program, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children in 2007. Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Islands are involved and therefore ROMAC is 'owned' by members of Region 8. The purpose of the organisation is to provide intervention, often life saving and always dignity restoring surgery and treatment for children who have no means of accessing

this care in their own countries.

In the last five years there has been an average of 25 children who have benefitted from this care. Conditions treated include birth marks which are grossly disfiguring, cardiac anomalies, neural malfunctions in anatomy bony malformations.

The numbers being treated are reducing for several reasons. There are fewer clubs supporting the project, there are fewer beds available, and medical costs are always increasing. The average cost per patient in 2017/18 was almost \$34,000.00. Gaynor explained the structure of ROMAC. There is a Board of Management, including a medical director, a Board of Medical Directors consisting of seven medical practitioners assisted by five doctors in the Island region. Supporting this group are region chairmen, district reps, administration staff, fundraising personnel, as well as club promotion and information personnel. There are also people who are involved with planning for treatment and care for accompanying members of family. Treatment is provided in specialised paediatric centres, in Victoria this Monash Medical Centre and the Royal Children's Hospital. Members were shown some very graphic stories and photographs of children who have been treated and the very satisfactory results of intervention.

Gaynor believes that ROMAC brings good publicity for Rotary. She also informed members that funds are desperately needed.

All funds raised go directly to patient care.

Gaynor would also like to hand her responsibilities to someone else. Is there any member interested?  
A cheque for \$1000.00 was presented to her from the Club by Gordon King on behalf of Pres. Marion.

**Thank you: A George.**

**Urgent Message:**

The Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees is hosting a 'Community Conversations' evening on October 28th at 7.30pm. We have been invited to send representatives to participate in the conversation around refugees and people seeking asylum by bringing members of civil society together. Unfortunately this invitation was received late last week as you will note the RSVP date is 21/10/19. The response address is [queenscliffrr@gmail.com](mailto:queenscliffrr@gmail.com). I don't have much more information except the convenor is Sue Longmore OAM.