

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
25-Feb	Stephanie Templeton - Research	Neil Templeton.	Meridith O'Neill	Geoff Chandler.	Victor Harnath.	25/2 Paul Tierney.
3-Mar	Workplace Visit - Ambulance Station. OG	Lynne Carlson				28/2 John Paton.
10-Mar	Victorian Opera Singer - Michael Lapina	John Paton.	Gary O'Donnell.	Andrea Tierney	Gerry Spencer.	16/3 Alison George.

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: Peace & Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

23/02/20 - 07/03/20 Alan Keyse

08/03/20 - 21/03/20 James Ricchini

22/03/20 - 04/04/20 Adrian Schmidt

05/04/20 - 18/04/20 Chris Watson

Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Report of Meeting: 18/2//2020.

Visitors: Jenny Wright, (looking us over).

Irene Duncan and Drew McPhail (Pearl Macmillan's sister and brother)

Duncan Campbell (Marg Campbell's son), Sue Shaw friend of Gerry Spencer.

Members of the cycling club supporting the guest speakers; Ken Sharrock, John Ballard, Greg Renshaw, Chris Bowly, Mark Harwood, Ron Ayres, Bill Harrison and Graham and Chris Hillier.

President: Pres. Marion reported that the members sold 9066 tickets making a profit to the Club of \$6765.00



David Pavia from the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club was presented with a cheque for \$2,000.00 to replace the gold coin collection day for them as it was used to collect for the bushfire appeal.

Noella McLean from the Ocean Grove Community Association was also presented with a cheque for \$1475.75 being the result of the gold coin collection taken at the February Market.



President Marion welcomed Lorraine Batrouney to membership of the Club by her induction. Lorraine will serve on the Youth Committee. Graham Batrouney was also welcomed as he has transferred his membership from RC of Kyneton to RC of Ocean Grove. Graham will serve on the International Committee.

Members: Coming Events:

Saying of the week

If you don't want anyone to find out, don't do it.

Humour

Nurse came in and said Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what should I tell him?

The doctor said tell him I can't see him today.

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.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

Steve Jones from RC of Rutherglen reputed that the \$12,000 plus raised for the bushfire appeal has been donated to the National Appeal overseen by Rotary. It was decided that \$6000.00 would be allocated to District 9790 that includes the areas affected around the North East especially the Corryong district. This money will be used to provide school books and packs for children. the Victorian Appeal will be given the remaining funds probably to be used in the South East of the State in the Mallacoota area.

Reports:

- International: Andrew McCoy reported the the playground equipment at the Lookout Reserve will be dismantled soon. Volunteers were requested. There is another container almost ready to be dispatched. Pictures were shown of smiling happy children using the equipment from the Lake Reserve that has been set up in Sri Lanka.

- Vocational: There will be a visit to the Ambulance Station on 3/3/2020. An early start will be needed.

-The Service Awards will be presented on 17/3/2020. There has been an excellent response with 24 businesses involved.

On to Conference: This will be held in Swan Hill on 20 -23 March. Accommodation has been booked at the Ibis Country Club. Attendees are asked to dress as members of the Medical Corps of WW11. for dinner on the Saturday night. Contact Gill re patterns for aprons and hire of white coats.



Guest Speakers: Graeme and Chris Hillier.

Graeme suffered a stroke in 2009 and was forced to re map out his life. After recovering from that in 2011 he had a cardiac problem which resulted in placement of a stent. The outcome of re planning his life and much hard work resulted in a planned bicycle ride from the North to the South of South America. After very serious training and new bikes, he and Chris joined an organised tour group of

22 people. The tour was to travel down the West coast of South America sometimes in the Andes over changeable road surfaces, weather conditions and landscapes. The support vehicles and crew were very good and enabled the cyclists to complete their journey.

They commenced in Quito and travelled down over the spine of the Andes through Ecuador, where they saw many Inca ruins. The highway mostly travelled on is the longest in the world and probably the most testing as far as cyclists are concerned as most riders experienced many punctures from the rough roads and hundreds of spikey burrs.

The group camped in freezing cold nights in Peru at Cusco where they joined the Festival of the Virgins with singing and dancing in the streets. Throughout the journey many opportunities arose to meet the local people and to observe the markets and some of the varieties of local produce and craft. (There are 4000 varieties of potato grown in the countries!)

Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca were included as was La Paz in Bolivia. The road seriously deteriorated and after crossing an extensive salt plain they slept in a hotel made of salt. On reaching Northern Argentina the halfway point was reached (5000km and 53 days) The Equator was crossed as was the Tropic of Capricorn. The scenery in this part of Argentina and Chile was very spectacular and beautiful , much of it very hilly with steep winding roads, deep gorges and Swiss mountains especially around Bariloche. Chile is home to the Torres del Paine National Park and was included in the trip. Very windy conditions were experienced in Patagonia where the tour ended in the Southernmost town in the world, Ushuaia

Both Graeme and Chris appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed their journey or was it an odyssey and the slides presented certainly illustrated their adventure very well.

Some statistics: Distance - 10980 Km, Duration - 4.5 months, 107 riding days, 28 rest days, average daily distance - 100Km, Total ascending height - 150,000 metres, Total descending fall - 153.000 metres, highest point - 4860 metres and the longest day 160 km

Thank you: A George.