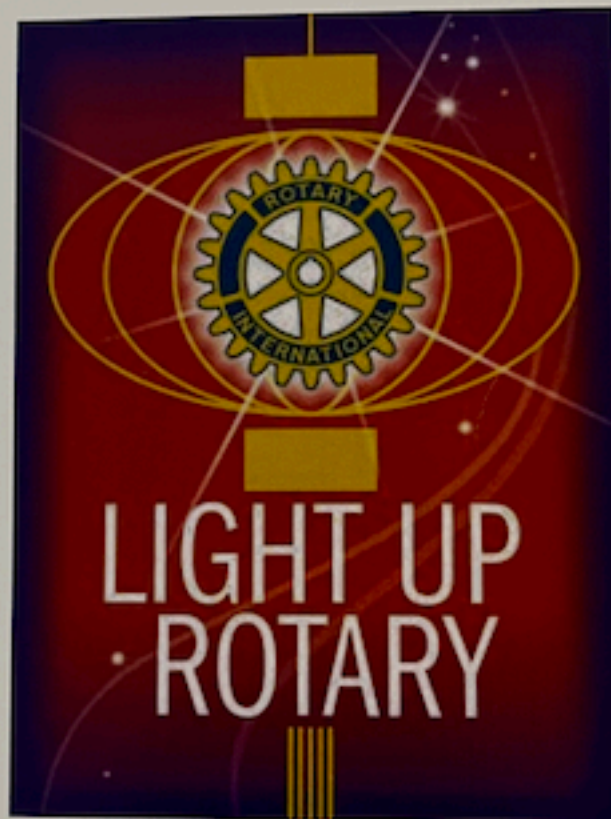


Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc



**Annual Report
2014 - 2015**

Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc 2014 – 2015

Office Bearers and Directors

President of Rotary International	Gary C.K. Huang (Taipei)
District 9780 Governor	Geoff James (Maryborough)
Assistant District Governor	Jane Cox (Geelong Central)

Board of Directors

President	John Paton
Immediate Past President	Gordon King
President Elect	Adrian Schmidt
Vice President	Margaret Campbell
Secretary / Club Administration	Martin Geerings
Treasurer	P. Cowburn / N. Emselle
Publicity	Gillian Morgan
Rotary Foundation	Richard Grimmett / Gordon King
Membership	Rod Greer
Service Projects	Peter Cullen

Special Purpose Committees and Other roles

Community Service	Peter Cullen
International Service	Richard Clay
Vocational Service	Ann Hodgkinson
Bulletin Editor	Alison George
Sergeant at Arms	Richard Trigg / Trevor McArdle
Market	James Ricchini / John Paton / Adrian Schmidt
Attendance	Norm Elliott / Noel Emselle
Family of Rotary	Norm Elliott / Judy Greer
Property	Rod Birrell
Risk Management	David Tyrrell
Public Officer	Tony Haines
Fund Raising	Rod Birrell

Special Purpose Committees and Other Roles – (continued)

Club Historian	Bob Osbourne
Public Access Defibrillator Project Program	Wal Kelly
Social	Helen Trigg / Noel Emselle
Merchandise	John Calnin
	Gillian Morgan

Past Service & Service Recognition

Past Presidents		Past Secretaries
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

Service Recognition:

Four Avenues of Service Citations:
PDG Henry Hudson, PP John Fox.

Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Citation
PDG Henry Hudson.

Paul Harris Fellows: * Sapphire Pin

Moyia Armstrong	Fred Andrews	Eric Bare
Coral Barker	Graham Bath *	Carole Birrell
Rodney Birrell	Rod Bush	Geoff Brentnall *
Colin Brown	John Calnin **	Margaret Campbell
Geoff Chandler	Richard Clay	Marian Coppins ***
David Cooke	Peter Cullen	Charles Dawborn
John Dodgshun	Norman Elliott	Noel Emselle
Jan Fox	John Fox *	Hans Franken
Geoff Ford	Alison George	Martin Geerings
Judy Greer	Rod Greer	Richard Grimmett
Tony Haines	Peter Hawthorne	Ann Hodgkinson
Victor Harnath	Isabella Hudson	Tim Kemp
Henry Hudson *	Gordon King **** PHS	Trevor McArdle
Wal Kelly	Frank Mountford	Bob Osbourne
Geoff Morphett	Peter Robinson	Roy Rose
Bill Penna	Bill Steains	Ron Todd
Gerry Spencer	Richard Trigg	David Tyrrell
Helen Trigg *	Dennis Wooten	John Wynn

President's Report 2014-2015

2014-15 has been a year of consolidation and rebuilding. Despite many changes, the Club is still here and we have raised over \$38000 that has been distributed to worthy local and overseas projects.

Martin Geerings has taken on the secretaries' role this year with guidance from Vic. He has fulfilled that role capably and I sincerely thank him for taking on the role despite his heavy workload with the CFA and his normal work. Unfortunate circumstances have seen 3 people be treasurer through

this year. Peter McLennan started in the role but resigned from the Club and Peter Cowburn took over but unfortunately he also had to resign due to pressure of a new job in Melbourne. Noel Emselle has now taken on the role earlier than anticipated and will continue on in this role in 2015-16. Noel has worked tirelessly to get the books up to date and we sincerely appreciate his contribution to the Club this year.

The Club this year has spent considerable energy and time finding itself, and a way forward. Thanks to the efforts of Rod Greer and Rod Bush, we have reassessed our values and desires and Board has brought back to the Club a summary of our collective thoughts.

Our Club has had considerable contact with other local Clubs. We have helped Queenscliff RC run their Queenscliff Bricks Expo; we have had joint meetings with Queenscliff RC and Barwon Heads Ocean Grove Lions Club and many of us attended the RC of Drysdale 40th Anniversary. The inaugural Ride the Bellarine project also enabled considerable inter-club co-operation.

Our weekly dinner meetings have had a wonderful array of speakers educating and entertaining us, and for that we must thank the Program Committee and in particular, Helen Trigg, Noel Emselle and Graeme Allchin.

Social activities are the backbone of our Clubs and this year the Social Committee led by John Calnin has again been active. Our Christmas Corroboree was a great success and the Beach Picnic in February was a fun night despite the cool weather.

Our Service Committees have again done a wonderful job.

The International Committee under the guidance of Dick Clay has completed a very successful year of sponsorship of the Solmaid School in Bangladesh, with the help of a District Grant to the tune of \$3000, support of Shelter Box, ROMAC, Interplast and Donations in Kind plus End Polio Now campaign. Well done and thanks for your great work Dick and your committee.

Ann Hodgkinson has again led the Youth Services Committee supporting many projects in our local community. Their report will detail their successes. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job.

The Vocational Services Committee has had a successful year under Geoff Brentnalls experienced guidance and his report also follows. We had a successful joint dinner with Queenscliff Rotary Club and another with Lions Club of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads and another great night at

Davidsons where this year's Gordon scholarship holder, Susan Thomsom, addressed us. Well-done Geoff.

Community Services Committee have added another building to the fantastic ongoing Surfside Primary School's garden complex, placed new Rotary signs at the entrances to Ocean Grove, maintained and improved the Lookout Reserve and tirelessly tried to get the water sculpture back to its original setting at the Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre. Noel Emselles persistence in trying to link Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale by a safe walking/riding track along behind the sand dunes is finally getting some recognition within local government circles. Manning the gates at the GDFL Football Finals is now a new successful fund-raiser thanks to Peter Cullen's connections. Great work Peter, Noel and your committee.

We have welcomed in Graeme Allchin as a new member this year and the Membership Committee has been very active clarifying the processes of gaining and retaining new members. We all thank you for this work.

The District Conference was held in Maryborough this year and 10 members and guests enjoyed an excellent weekend. Members also attended Rotary Leadership Institute, District Assembly at Stawell and President-Elect Training Course at Ballarat. Adrian Schmidt has also been very busy as a member of the District Youth Exchange Committee.

Our fund-raising is still very strong. The Community Car Raffle was successful thanks to some better weather on our Caravan Parks Collection Night. A new opportunity to raise funds came our way with collecting the entry fees for the GDFL Finals and this brought in over \$4000. Another successful Art Show was held in November and \$8,000 was donated to local charities. The Summer & Winter Markets continue to allow us to help others in the local and international communities. In late 2014, with the help of Trevor McArdle & Jill Grigg, the Club again ran the MS Mega Swim and this event raised in excess of \$20,000 for the MS Society. Peter Hawthorne's fantastic team of collectors also raised over \$11,000 for Red Cross Calling, well-done Peter.

The inaugural Ride the Bellarine project was successful on a number of counts. Even though the number of riders was less than anticipated and the weather was very unfavorable, 120 volunteers from 15 Rotary Clubs made the ride 'one of the best organised' and over \$17,000 has been raised for Foundation's End Polio Now campaign. The Ride was also seen as being successful because it is the first time that all the Clubs in Groups 9 & 10 of District 9780 have worked together on a single project. May I specifically thank the 22 members and friends of this Club who volunteered and made it

such a good ride, and raised more per head for End Polio Now than any other Club.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your President for the last 12 months and thank you to the many people who have helped me through this year. Specifically I want to thank Marg Campbell for filling in for me whilst I was away through October and November last year. Thanks must also go to all members of the Board for their enthusiasm and dedication.

I wish Adrian Schmidt and his team for 2015-16 a wonderful year of Rotary service.

John Paton
President 2014 - 2015

Treasurer's Report

Having taken on the Treasurer position in the middle of the year I can report that the bank reconciliations are all correct and the balance sheet presented below to 31st May is accurate in its totals. I found there were some wrong allocations of the income and expenses between administration and the various charities but I have been working on that with the President and we are pretty close now.

Due to faults in the original spreadsheet system a lot of original data was overridden at the end of each month so it was impossible to access the input data from the previous Treasurer to see how he had allocated individual items. This necessitated a laborious reconstruction from the cheque and pay-in records (many of which were inconclusive and needed further research). With help from John Paton I now feel we are on top of the situation and will be ready to accurately rollover on 30th June.

The following gives a reasonable indication of the club's financial status at the end of May 2015.

Administration Account:	Total YTD
<u>Receipts</u>	
Meals	31,864.50
Annual Subs	7,800.00
Fines	1,766.35
Raffle	3,708.40

Donations	535.00
Sundry	0.00
Total Admin. Revenue	45,674.25

Expenditure

Meals	28,297.00
Raffle Prizes	1,052.48
Club Advert / Print	739.69
Club Admin / P&S	354.90
Communications phones, web etc	910.02
Membership RI/RDU	9,201.08
Other	2,644.63
Total Admin. Expenditure	43,199.80

Charities Account:

Receipts

Market Site Rent	18,564.00
Market Raffle	1,397.35
Market Entry Collection	8,017.20
GDFL Gate	4,549.00
Car Raffle	8,796.40
Foundation	1,500.00
Other (District Grant)	2,960.00
Total Charities Revenue	45,783.95

Charities... cont.

Expenditure

Market Expenses	7,565.75
Youth	5,429.00
Vocational	2,719.00
Car Raffle	1,768.00
Community	4,556.77
Donations	6,513.55
Solmaid school	4,830.00
International	8,500.00
Art Show	8,305.83
Total Charities Expense	50,187.90

Total Revenue	91,458.20
Total Expense	93,387.70
Total Profit (Loss)	-1,929.50

Balance Sheet	
At 31 May 2015	
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	
Administration Account	3,118.10
Charities Account	31,184.60
OGRC Operating Account Statement	34,302.70
Art Show Bank Account Statement	3,781.11
Total Cash at Bank	<u>38,083.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>38,083.81</u>
Current Liabilities	
Unpresented Cheques Administration	137.00
Unpresented Cheques Charities	3,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,137.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>34,946.81</u>

The Art Show profit/loss accounts will be reported separately but I have included the Art Show bank balance in our current assets. There are also two cash floats, totaling \$190 unaccounted for in the financial records, which will be allocated in end of June accounts.

Over the page is a list of charitable donations to this point in the year.

Donation Summary

Community

St Johns Ambulance	233.50	
Strive to Thrive	500.00	
Relay 4 Life	768.60	
Seniors Christmas Party	2,360.00	
13th Beach SLSC	1,201.35	
Ocean Grove SLSC	540.45	
Ocean Grove CFA	3,717.40	
OG Guides	864.35	
OG Scouts	1,113.65	
Riding for Disabilities (Art Show)	4,100.00	
Disabled Surfers (Art Show)	4,100.00	
Surfside Primary School Shade house	908.00	20,407.30

Vocational

The Gordon, Apprentice Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Youth

Youth Exchange Costs	500.00	
National Youth Science Forum	1,275.00	
Junior Community Awards	454.00	
Bellarine Sec College, Youth Festival	200.00	
Bellarine Sec College, Roy Rose Award	500.00	
Youth Donation Young Endeavour	500.00	
Bellarine Sec College, VCE Awards	2,000.00	5,429.00

International

Solmaid School, Bangladesh	5,940.00	
Shelter Box Aust.	3,000.00	
Interplast	1,000.00	
Donations-in-kind	500.00	
Polio Plus	500.00	
Foundation, Centurion	1,500.00	
Less District Grant for Solmaid Project	-2,950.00	9,490.00

TOTAL		36,326.30
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Noel Emselle
Treasurer

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Committee: Gillian Morgan, Margaret Campbell, Rod Bush

During the year, it became obvious that promotion and awareness of the Club needed to advance into more technology. With that in mind, the use of Facebook local pages such as Ocean Grove Community page, Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads Community Notice Board and even the Ocean Grove Second-hand page have been utilized to promote what has been happening in Rotary or what is coming up, in addition to items posted on the Club's own Facebook page.

There is some reluctance within the Club to open individual Facebook pages due to concern about privacy. It is intended for Rod Bush to give members an overview of how Facebook can be used without personal details being available to the general public. There is a lot of Rotary information posted on Facebook.

An application has been sent to the District for Public Relations funding for 2015/16. A budget will also be prepared for approval of the Board. The large number of publications in the immediate area means that a planned advertising schedule is needed, not just to promote fixed events such as the market and Art Show but also to reach out to potential members. Free editorials are more likely to be printed if the Club is also using the publication for advertising.

Pauline Stewart was consulted with regard to the formation of an e-club, which may entice 'time-poor' people who are still willing to become Rotarians. There is no e-club within our District and Pauline has advised that the set-up requires more planning than a non-e-club. Pauline has suggested a discussion with incoming DG Jane Cox.

In general, most editorials have been placed in the Voice and Echo as they have a strong focus on Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads. Committee Chairs are urged to let the PR Director know of coming events so that these can be covered by a member of this committee to take photos and write up material for the papers and Facebook.

A position description needs to be written for the role of PR Director. None appears to exist. In learning from the role in the current year, the

PR Director needs to have a closer working liaison with the Membership Director if there is to be a push to obtain new members for the Club.

Gillian Morgan
Chair Public Relations

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The following projects were undertaken for the year.

SURFSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the advice of Graeme Schmidt (a local builder) we purchased the materials and built a shade house for the children to report plants etc. during the hot weather.

LOOKOUT RESERVE

Once again we continued the upkeep at the Ocean Grove Lookout and we will have some planting to do over the coming months.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again this continues to be a successful social occasion for the Ocean Grove elderly.

Thanks again to Marion Walton for her organisation and also the Rotarians who assist with the pick-ups and drop offs for those who didn't have transport.

ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST

The adverse weather didn't affect the enormous crowds that attended the dawn service thanks to John Calnin and his dedicated bank of helpers who served the breakfast after the service.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS

Thanks to Noel Emselle for his continued endeavours to establish a walking/cycling track between Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale along the Dunes. This could be a huge work input and involvement for our Club. With the restrictions placed upon us due to occupational health and safety requests some projects are almost impossible to get off the ground. We did attempt to reach out to our elderly and infirmed persons in our town

through the community register but was advised against it due to the possibility of legal implications.

FUNDRAISING THROUGH MANNING THE GATES FOR THE GDFL FINALS

This year we increased our involvement and raised \$4,000 for our club; we also manned up the interleague and have yet to set a fee for this. Thanks to all who helped out this year.

Peter Cullen
Chair – Committee Service

International Committee Report and Budget Spending.

The Ocean Grove Rotary Clubs International Committee has concluded a very interesting and successful year.

Our popular "Solmaid Special School" project to fund the supply of a hearty lunch to each of the 144 students at the school every day of their scholastic year, has been of great interest to our members as well as the well being of the children.

We also added to our support of the school this year a separate Sponsorship program whereby we have Sponsored 5 {five} students of the "Solmaid" school from Jan. to December, 2015.

This Sponsorship covers the students' uniforms, books and classroom needs, outings and other sundry expenses.

Communication with the school has at times been difficult, but we have been able to receive from them photos of the Students in the classroom, eating their lunches and their graduation day celebrations, which appeared to be a lot of fun.

Thanks to the splendid work of committee member Rod Greer, we made an application to the 9780 District for a \$3,000.00 matching {Dollar for Dollar} Grant, which after much toing and froing between our club and the Rotary Club of Nth. Dhaka was approved. We are currently waiting for this funding to pass through its normal channels, on its way to our Rotary Club. Well-done Rod.

We are hopeful of continuing our support of the School, even with the inevitable departure of our contacts Craig and Helen Salmon, it would seem

a shame to abandon ship, so to speak, as the project represents such a wonderful humanitarian success.

The International Committee has also been able to continue its support of some of the Rotary favorites in Shelter Box \$2000.00, Interplast \$1000.00, R.O.M.A.C. \$1000.00, D.I.K. \$500.00 and Polio Plus \$500.00

Many thanks to the committee for their support and their interest during the year

Richard Clay
Chair International Committee

YOUTH SERVICES

Committee: Ann Hodgkinson (Chair); Tony Haines (Ass't Chair); Rod Bush; Marion Walton; Adrian Schmidt; Judy Greer; Alex McGee; Gillian Morgan. Youth Services ran a similar program this year as it has over the past six years. The following activities were conducted.

Support for students at Bellarine Secondary College continued involving the Roy Rose Award for citizenship and the VCE Individual scholarships, which were presented at Awards night. The Roy Rose Award was presented in two segments: a \$200 award for a year 7 or 8 student, and a \$300 award for a student from the senior school. The VCE individual support awards went to Jade Heywood for year 12 and Ava Redman for year 11. Both girls are residents of Ocean Grove. Last year's year 12 recipient is now studying biomedicine at Monash University.

The Graham Bath Junior Leadership Awards for Grade 6 Primary School students had another successful year with 28 students from Ocean Grove Primary, 12 students from Star of the Sea and 4 students from Surfside Primary Schools completing the program. These students presented their work to the Club in October. A review of the insurance status of the program was undertaken. As a consequence, documentation was revised to ensure adequate risk management procedures were in place. The revised material

was given to school principals and councils for endorsement. This will be used in the 2015 program.

Madeleine Baker from Ocean Grove was selected to participate in the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January. She spoke to the Club about her experiences, saying she found the program very challenging and inspiring and that it gave her a much clearer idea of what career path she was interested in following in the future. Last year's participants are now studying science at Melbourne University.

The Club decided to trial sending one student overseas for a Rotary Youth Exchange in 2014-15. Two applications were received from local students wanting to participate, and after an interview process, Samantha Gravener was selected. Judy Greer is her counsellor. Sami is now on exchange in France. The other applicant, Sydney Coad is being sponsored by the Club for exchange in 2015-16. She is currently going through the selection process. Ann Hodgkinson agreed to act as her support person during this process.

In addition, the Club gave a donation of \$500 to the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme which provides self-development through sailing training to a wide range of young people on a round the world tall ship voyage, taking in the ANZAC ceremony at Gallipoli in April 2015.

This is my fourth and final year as Chair of the Youth Committee. I would like to acknowledge all the support I have received from members of the committee, and indeed other members of the club, during that time, particularly from my assistant chair, Tony Haines.

Ann Hodgkinson
Chair – Youth Services

Vocational Service

PRIDE IN WORKMANSHIP AWARD

Nominations were called for, to enable a presentation to be made in November 2014.

Nominations were received from Vic Harnath for Nathan Williams at the "Rolling Pin Pie shop" in Ocean Grove, from John Fox for Mick O'Brien, a maintenance man "extraordinaire", from Peter Hawthorne for Alan Barber at the "Ocean Grove Voice" and from Geoff Ford for Bernie Higgins a bus driver with Christian's Bus Co.

All were successful and three of the awards were presented at the club meeting on the 25th of November 2014. Alan Barber's award was presented to Michele Mitten of the "Ocean Grove Voice" in recognition of their joint efforts, at a later meeting on the 21st of April 2015. A budget of \$200 was for advertising and the award.

GORDON SCHOLARSHIP IN COOKERY/HOSPITALITY

Geoff Brentnall liaised with the Gordon to enable the presentation to be made by President John at the Gordon on Wednesday the 25th of March 2015. The awardee for 2015 was Susan Thomson who has plans to open a café in Ocean Grove.

Unfortunately, the recipient of the award in 2014, Shaylah Wiseman, while continuing her course at Gordon in cookery/hospitality, has had to relinquish her position as an apprentice at the Q-Seafood Providore Restaurant in Queenscliff, finding it too physically demanding with her disability. She is currently working as a hairdresser again, but hopes to be able to use her cookery training again in the future at another restaurant. A budget of \$1000 was set aside for the award.

WORKPLACE VISITS

The annual visit to the Davidson restaurant, the training restaurant at the Gordon took place on the 19th of May 2015. A partner's night at which members met our scholarship winner Susan Thomson. Once again everybody for an outlay of \$35 enjoyed an excellent three-course meal. Unfortunately numbers were down this year, only 34 attendees. Perhaps next year we should all make an effort to bring guests.

Suggestions for the future

Geelong Art Gallery?

City of Greater Geelong Council Chambers?

Port of Geelong?

Lorraine Starr?

St. John of God hospital?

Animal Health Laboratory?

Geelong Library?

Budget: Nil

SHINE ON AWARD

Budget \$100 for award plaques not proceeded with.

VOCATIONAL SPEAKERS

We invited local business people to come to our meetings and tell us what is new in their vocation:

Jeanette Roche an Accountant & Financial planner spoke on October 14th, 2014.

Budget: Nil

Total Budget \$1300

Thank you to all committee members for their assistance.

Geoff Brentnall
Vocational Committee Chairman

MARKETS (Summer & Winter) REPORT 2014-15

Our Monthly Markets represent our major fundraising source and also our biggest commitment of 'member hours'. This year we have held 6 markets in Kingston Park and 5 in the Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre. We have had some very successful markets and unfortunately a washout of the very popular December market but overall it has been a good year.

Special thanks must go to Jim Ricchini for running the summer markets for the last 4 years. Thanks also to Jason Ricchini who has happily volunteered his time, even when Jim was away on holidays. The winter markets have been very capably run by Adrian Schmidt with help from John Paton but many members have helped throughout the year in parking, raffle sales, set-up and gold coin collections.

The following organisations have benefitted from the proceeds of the gold coin collections. These include:

Disabled Surfers Association	
MS Society	Interplast
Barwon Heads Guides	O.G. Surf Life Saving Club
C.F.A.	13 th Beach surf Life Saving Club
Rotary Foundation	1 st & 2 nd Ocean Grove Scouts.
Relay for Life	

The following is an approximation of the financials for 2014-15 for the markets overall:

Total income (including gold coin donations)	\$30130
Total expenses (approximate)	\$8266
Net Profit	\$21864

John Paton / Adrian Schmidt
Market Coordinators

Health Report

Once again, our Rotary Club has supported the Red Cross Appeal by door knocking and donating to the cause. This year our Collection totaled \$11000. One reason for the record amount was the result of a local cycling group, led by John Graham, raising \$2500, and some past Rotarians also helped with our door knocking. Organ Donation information was handed out to most businesses in the district and Bowel Scan was well supported again.

Peter Hawthorne

SOCIAL REPORT

Our Social activities have been a little different from previous years and I am hoping that we can continue with the variety.

I believe members appreciated the changes. This was shown by their attendance and there are a few new ideas for next year as the same small group will again be your Social team.

The year started with a simple lunch at McGlashen's winery and although the numbers attending were not great, it was very successful in launching our activities.

This was followed by a Progressive lunch. This was new on the agenda and again was very popular. With everyone involved and a beautiful day weather wise, what more could we want with great food, good company and lovely

venues. A big thanks to the members who opened their homes to the multitude, the Walton's, Alison George and the Greer's. I believe the "Peace de Resistance" was the Christmas Corroboree. What a night this turned out to be. Everyone was taken by surprise and astonished at the venue. I don't think I need to say much more about the night however would like to thank Bill & Joan Steains for providing the venue and to my wife Nan & Joan Steains for assisting with the food presentation. At this time I was not handling things so well and the onus fell back on Nan to do the organizing and I thank her for that.

With our beautiful beach as a backdrop, what better way to enjoy the evening in summer with a picnic at the beach? Unfortunately someone forgot about the weather, which put a bit of a dampener on things but all had fun. I can assure you there will not be another picnic.

That completed our social calendar, as over the past few months there have been many activities involving our partners and it was a bit difficult to fit in everything that was planned. They can be held over to next year. On behalf of the Social team thank you for your support.

John Calnin
Chair - Social activities

Fundraising

The challenge of initiating some new forms of fundraising is still proving elusive. To use the advantages of our sea and river side location whilst complying with relevant authorities and health and safety regulations to establish a sustainable new source of funds is a consideration I would like to ask members to give some thought to.

One new project that our Club was very involved with was the Ride the Bellarine cycling event (along with other Geelong clubs), which was John Paton's idea. Despite unpleasant weather the event raised many thousands of dollars for Rotary.

The summer and winter markets are still the mainstay of our Club's fundraising, with our gold coin collections being distributed directly to many local organizations.

The car raffle of Ballarat South is still continuing and our Club is still an enthusiastic supporter of the raffle.

Our Art show is establishing itself and continues to grow in significance and value to our Club.

The Mega Swim was resurrected this year to the benefit of MS although the sustainability of this event is uncertain.

Our members' efforts in supporting Red Cross calling were again very commendable and greatly appreciated by that organization.

Our own members have this year again contributed generously to our weekly raffle, the sergeants' fines and footy tipping.

Thank you to all the members for their contributions.

Rodney Birrell

ART SHOW REPORT – 2014

Melbourne Cup Holiday Weekend

The Art Show Committee decided to keep the venue at the Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall.

A suitable venue in Ocean Grove is still not available & the Art Show is now established in this venue.

The Art show was held over the Saturday & Sunday of the Melbourne Cup Weekend, with opening night on the Friday.

It was decided to keep the three sections of art works – General Painting, Print Making & Drawing.

Entry fees remained the same - \$25.00 for a large painting and \$15.00 for a small painting. Keeping the entry fee high establishes a high standard of entries. The standard of the work entered needs to reflect the value of the prizes offered, and creates a quality Art Show with all works very saleable.

The Committee decided the two beneficiaries of funds raised would be – RDA – Riding Develops Abilities & Surfing for the Disabled.

Fund raising for sponsors still proved to be a considerable challenge. We had the continued generous support of Phil and Robyn Edwards John and Janice

Wynn, Bill and Joan Steains, two anonymous donors & XTM Pty. Ltd. who provided the prize money for first & second prizes in all three sections, plus The Peoples Choice Award.

The Board once again sponsored \$2500 prize for the overall winning entry.

The Committee once again agreed to run an Art Show raffle. The beneficiary organizations were given books of tickets.

Club members took books to sell with the remainder of the tickets being sold over the Art Show weekend.

We thank Mark & Julie Basheera from the Disabled Surfers Association for their generous support and help with the raffle was greatly appreciated.

The raffle raised \$1968 – a good result considering we have limited selling opportunities to sell through the club as we are always competing for raffle ticket sales with the Ballarat car raffle.

This result could be improved on in the future.

The hall logistics worked very well under the guidance of Rod Birrell & his team and all stands were erected and dismantled with a minimum of fuss. The Geelong Council had changed the rules for applications for the street signs & we missed out on the designated signs – however with extra signage ordered the Committee managed to cover the area with signage on private land.

Queenscliff council once again provided free signage space in the Borough of Queenscliff.

Opening night was very successful, helped by the generosity of the board enabling free attendance for club members.

Catering by Marion Walton & Gill Morgan and their teams ensured that everyone was happy.

Many of the exhibiting artists attended and heard the announcing of the prizewinners and the judges comments. Most prizewinners were in attendance.

Visitors to the Art Show were constant throughout the weekend. Free entry with the option of a coin donation or the purchase of a catalogue once again worked very well, with many people doing both – very few entered without doing either.

We promoted the Art Show at the October & November markets by giving promotional flyers to all cars as they passed through the entry gate.

The Peoples Choice award remains popular & encourages the visiting public to stay longer and be more involved. It also gives us a valuable insight to postcodes of our visitors, which is helpful when sourcing sponsors.

Paintings to the value of \$14280 were sold from 184 paintings entered from 65 artists.

\$1247 was raised from catalogue sales, and coin donations.

The committee received very complimentary comments from the public throughout the weekend, especially about the high standard of art works shown.

Finally a big thank you to my hard working & dedicated committee – Tony Haines, Rod Bush, Martin Geerings, Allison George & Geoff Brentnall for making it all a success once again.

As retiring chairman of the Art Show I am very proud of our achievements over the past 5 years and have now handed the chairmanship of the Art Show over to John Calnin who will continue to grow this event with a different approach and fresh ideas.

All good events need to change to grow & John will have my support in his new role.

I will continue with my role of liaison, keeping & trying to please our artists without whom we have no show.

Coral Barker
Chair – Art Show

Membership Report

Firstly, thank you to all the members of the membership committee for their contributions throughout the 2014/15 year. Your commitment and insight have been excellent and contributed significantly to the overall success of our Club and its many activities.

Whilst we haven't attracted a large number of new members we have been able to put in place some 'background' things that should be helpful in the future to assist in recruiting and integrating new members.

During the year the Board held a review of the Club's activities in September at a special Board meeting. The issues identified were then the subject of a club assembly, where we used some new 'technology' to help clarify the issues and give some direction for action.

The result was that the membership committee reviewed the process of **introducing and inducting new members**. The updated procedures were placed on the club's website and will be in the new club directory.

Similarly, **mentoring** was identified as needing a review, and this has resulted in a new document that, if approved at the June Board meeting, will also be in place on the club website (under membership and resources).

The club will have another assembly on its '**Future Directions**' in June 2015 to get feedback from members on the level of support for our various commitments and fund raising activities, as well as looking at potential new ventures for the Club. The direction of the **FROG's (Friends of Rotary Ocean Grove)** will also be surveyed at this meeting.

Regularly, Fred Andrews has forwarded a précised version of the weekly Bulletin to keep those on the email list of FROG's informed of the Club's activities.

During the year we were pleased to be able to welcome into the club Graeme Allchin and his wife Janette. We look forward to their contribution to the activities of Rotary and trust they will get a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction from the many aspects of a Rotary membership.

Unfortunately, we have said farewell to several valuable Rotarians who have left the club. These included members who had not only provided excellent service to our club, but also to the wider Rotary world. We wish each of them well in their futures and sincerely thank them for their contribution to

the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove and Rotary International. Maybe in the future they may be able to rejoin Ocean Grove or another club. They included, Trevor McArdle, Peter McLennan, Peter Cowburn, Mick Cummings, Gary Golding, Jill Griggs, Helen and Richard Trigg.

Membership Committee: Rod Greer, John Paton, Fred Andrews, Marg Campbell, Noel Emselle, Rod Birrell, Eng Ho, Adrian Schmidt, Jill Griggs.

Attendance: May 2014 to June 2015

Member	%	Member	%
Graeme Allchin (Jan 2015)	32	Richard Grimmett	56
Fred Andrews	76	Tony Haines	62
Carol Barker	76	Victor Harnath	78
Rod Birrell	60	Peter Hawthorne	60
Geoff Brentnall	96	Eng Ho	28
Rod Bush	44	Ann Hodgkinson	70
John Calnin	70	Wal Kelly	66
Marg Campbell	74	Gordon King	72
Graeme Chamberlain	58	Alex Magee	58
Geoff Chandler	72	Gillian Morgan	70
Richard Clay	88	Bob Osborne	62
Peter Cullen	64	John Paton	76
Norm Elliott	70	Adrian Schmidt	82
Noel Emselle	96	Gerry Spencer	58
Geoff Ford	64	Bill Steains	38
John Fox	58	David Tyrrell	16
Hans Franken	48	Bill Walton	86
Martin Geerings	88	Marion Walton	80
Alison George	72		
Judy Greer	70		
Rod Greer	70		

Rod Greer
Membership Director

Program

The meeting program this year has been varied and (I hope) interesting. I tried to obtain a balance of speakers from local organisations along with covering the relevant Rotary Pillars and the traditional community and social activities.

On the **Community** front we had speakers covering coast care, surf lifesaving, sea kayaking, the RSL, Port Phillip Sea Pilots, Queenscliff Maritime Museum, motivation, world population issues, bike safety, shearing, as well as the stories of a number of small business owners. A visit from "local" Adam Ford, archaeologist and TV producer, speaking on "My Life in Ruins" was one of the highlights. The popular Seniors Xmas Party replaced one of our Tuesdays meeting nights.

We also presented **Vocational** Pride of Workmanship Awards and the law enforcement occupation was represented by "Our Town's Ice Fight", presented by Snr Sgt Tony Francis.

The **Youth** topics included presentations from our exchange students, VCE Award recipients, and presented the Junior Community Awards.

Internationally we heard about the projects of the Cotton-on Foundation, ROMAC, the Solmaid School Project, Life in Kazakhstan, and Sports Uniforms for the Achuar (Amazon Tribe).

On the **health** front we carried out the "Red Cross Calling" collections, promoted BowelScan, had speakers on men's health issues and nutrition, and a CPR and defibrillation refresher evening.

Away from our regular meeting place at the Bowls Club we visited the Grove Pavilion and Davidson Restaurant as well as having a mystery partner's pre-Christmas gathering at Bill and Joan Steains indigenous meeting place. Gordon and Marion King also extended a welcome to the Car Raffle collectors in January. An end-of-summer social picnic at the beach was cruelled by cold windy weather but those who braved the weather had an interesting evening.

My thanks to those club members who suggested topics and those who filled in where we were unable to get an outside presenter. Thankfully, after my 2 years in the job, and with a solid list of prospective speakers, I have handed over to a new Program Chair in Graeme Allchin. Good luck Graeme, I know you will find it is as interesting and rewarding as I have.

Noel Emselle - Program Chair

Foundation Report

The clear plastic foundation cubes continue to be a very popular way of saving little by little to your \$100 contribution to the foundation. For half the cost of a cup of coffee depending on where you have your morning cafe late, which can range from the powder dispensing coffee machine at the local Reece plumbing service – remember those? Or perhaps the Bill Steains lavish morning tea at the caravan park or out to morning tea at Driftwood Cafe or The Olive Pit with madam president Pip and co., The sandy floored Dunes or the exorbitant Oakdene (look for Hans Franken) or at the men's shed with Wal Kelly. Perhaps we could forgo a cake once a week as well to contribute to the coffers of the Foundation.

Seventeen Rotarians became (or continued to be) Centurions, raising \$1,700 for the Foundation. In addition, individual Rotarians contributed \$US1,000 to the Foundation, receiving recognition in the form of sapphire pins.

Through the generosity of people like you, the foundations work has made a difference in the lives of millions around the world. Your gift to The Rotary Foundation actually changes lives by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

But we can do better. We can all give more than coffee and cake. In fact we are lucky enough to have our cake and eat it too.

We can be part of history and support Rotary's work to achieve a polio-free world. Our gifts will support immunization campaigns in countries where children remain at risk and those on the ground are under threat from radical forces.

Ocean Grove Rotary benefited directly from the Rotary Foundation, in that it received a \$3,000 District Grant to assist in its support of students at the Solmaid School in Bangladesh.

To understand more about our gifts and the work they allow visit the long needed new web site www.rotary.org and follow links to: My Rotary GIVE

Richard Grimmett & Gordon King
Foundation Chair(s)