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Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc.

Office Bearers and Directors

President of Rotary International	Barry Rassin
District 9780 Governor	Anthony Ohlsen
Assistant Governor	Di Crawford

Board of Directors

President	Graeme Chamberlain
Immediate Past President	John Calnin
President Elect	Marion Walton
Vice President	Gill Morgan
Secretary / Club Administration	Pearl Macmillan
Treasurer	John Paton
Public Relations	Alan Keyes
Rotary Foundation	Gordon King
Membership	Rod Bush
Service Projects	Maartin Geerings

Special Purpose Committee Chairs and Other roles

Community Service	Noel Emselle
International Service	Rod Greer
Vocational Service	Lynne Carlson
Bulletin Notes	Alison George/Ann Hodgkinson
Bulletin Editor/Publisher	Vic Harnath
Sergeant at Arms	Rod Greer, Richard Grimmett, Rod Birrell, Marion Walton
Market	Adrian Schmidt/ Graeme Chamberlain / Coral Barker / Alison George
Attendance	Norm Elliott
Family of Rotary	Norm Elliott / Judy Greer
Property	Rod Birrell
Risk Management	John Wynn – (on request)
Program	Janet Alexander/Margaret Campbell
Social; Art Show	John Calnin
Club Historian	Geoff Brentnall
Public Access Defibrillator Project	Wal Kelly
Merchandise	Pearl Macmillan
Family Violence	Alison George

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Past Service

Past Presidents

1983-84	Wal Kelly
1984-85	Frank Mountford
1985-86	Henry Hudson
1986-87	John Calnin
1987-88	Jim MacDonald
1988-89	Hans Franken
1989-90	Trevor McArdle
1990-91	Maurice Barwick
1991-92	Peter Robinson
1992-93	Geoff Morphett
1993-94	Eric Bare
1994-95	Geoff Chandler
1995-96	Gerry Spencer
1996-97	Barry Reid
1997-98	Coral Barker
1998-99	Martin Geerings
1999-00	Peter Cullen
2000-01	Hans Franken
2001-02	John Powell
2002-03	Colin Brown
2003-04	Geoff Brentnall
2004-05	Tim Kemp
2005-06	Helen Trigg
2006-07	Richard Grimmett
2007-08	Alison George
2008-09	John Calnin
2009-10	Rod Greer
2010-11	Noel Emselle
2011-12	Margaret Campbell
2012-13	Richard Clay
2013-14	Gordon King
2014-15	John Paton
2015-16	Adrian Schmidt
2016-17	Judy Greer
2017-18	John Calnin
2018-19	Graeme Chamberlain

Past Secretaries

Alan Kilpatrick
Alan Kilpatrick
Denis Joseph
Denis Joseph
Maurice Barwick
Maurice Barwick
Jim MacDonald
Geoff Brentnall
Bob Osbourne
Bob Osbourne
Ken Thibou / Bob Osbourne
John Dodgshun
John Dodgshun
John Dodgshun
Mark Donehue
Mark Donehue
Mark Donehue
Geoff Morphett
Tony Haines
Tony Haines
Tony Haines
Dennis Saliba
David Cornwell
Rod Greer
Rod Greer
Victor Harnath
Victor Harnath
Victor Harnath
Victor Harnath
Victor Harnath / Rod Greer
Martin Geerings
Tony Haines
Fred Andrews
Pearl Macmillan
Pearl Macmillan

Service Recognition:

Four Avenues of Service Citations:

PDG Henry Hudson, PP John Fox.

Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Citation

PDG Henry Hudson.

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Service Recognition (Cont'd.)

Paul Harris Fellows:

Sapphire Pin ♦ PHS – Paul Harris Society

Ruby Pin - ☆ (= 6 x ♦) 2 x Ruby pins ☆ ☆ (= 7 x ♦) 3 x Ruby pins ☆ ☆ ☆ (= 8 x ♦)

Fred Andrews	Pam Haines
Moya Armstrong	Victor Harnath
Eric Bare	Peter Hawthorne ♦
Coral Barker	Anne Hodgkinson
Graham Bath ♦	Isabella Hudson
Rodney Birrell	Henry Hudson ♦
Carol Birrell	Wal Kelly ♦
Geoff Brentnall ♦	Tim Kemp
Colin Brown	Gordon King ☆ ☆ ☆ PHS
Rod Bush ♦	Alex Magee
John Calnin ♦♦	Trevor McArdle
Nan Calnin	Geoff Morphett
Margaret Campbell	Gil Morgan ♦♦♦ PHS
Graeme Chamberlain	Frank Mountford
Geoff Chandler	Bob Osbourne
Richard Clay	John Paton ♦
David Cooke	Bill Penna
Marian Coppins ☆ ☆	James Ricchini
Peter Cullen	Peter Robinson
Charles Dawborne	Roy Rose
John Dodgshun	Adrian Schmidt
Norm Elliott ♦	Gerry Spencer ☆ ☆ PHS
Elaine Elliott	Bill Steains
Noel Emselle	Neil Templeton
Geoff Ford	Jenny Templeton ♦
Jan Fox	Ron Todd
John Fox ♦	Richard Trigg
Hans Franken	Helen Trigg ♦
Martin Geerings	David Tyrrell
Alison George ♦	Bill Walton
Judy Greer	Marion Walton
Rod Greer	Dennis Wooten
Richard Grimmett	John Wynn
Tony Haines ♦	

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President's Annual Report

This Rotary year has been both busy and rewarding. I would like to begin my report by thanking the members of the Rotary club of Ocean Grove for giving me the opportunity and privilege of leading this club for the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my twelve months as president of your club and I am grateful for the support of many people.

Firstly, I would like to thank my Board for the valuable contributions they have made to our club and for their support and hard work.

- Secretary - Pearl Macmillan. No task was too difficult and correspondence was presented to the board and kept up to date.
- Treasurer - John Paton. Finances were well controlled and kept in the black.
- Immediate Past President /Social - John Calnin who organised some fun social events
- Vice President - Gil Morgan,
- President Elect - Marion Walton.
- Rotary Foundation - Gordon King. Gordon has done an excellent job in promoting Rotary Foundation
- Public Relations - Alan Keyse. an important port folio as the general public need to be aware of the service Rotary gives to the local and wider community.
- Membership - Rod Bush. thanks for your work in this area Rod and also your help with presentations and computer areas.
- Service Projects - Martin Geerings. Martin kept us up to date on the four areas of service. A big thanks Martin

Other members who must thanked for the dedication to their portfolios are -

- Community - Noel Emselle - tree planting days were organised
- International - Rod Greer - Rod coordinated the removal of play ground equipment to be sent to Sri Lanka
- Youth - Judy Greer - thank you for organising the community youth awards, Judy.
- Vocational Service - Lyn Carlson. Thanks Lyn for opening our eyes to many interesting groups in our community.

A very productive year by all concerned - huge thanks to all for your hard work and valuable input.

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More details of each portfolio will be given in individual reports.

The theme for the past year has been "Be the Inspiration", with one of the focuses being membership. The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove's membership has been increased by five. A warm welcome is extended to Jim Delaney and Heather Willson who transferred from other clubs. Also to Jenny Templeton, Michelle Fox and Andy McCoy who have been inducted this year.

Weekly meetings have been well attended. Thanks to Alex McGee and Fred Andrews for making sure the room was set up and organised for the meeting and to Adrian Schmidt, Gerry Spencer, Judy Greer and Nicole Vinken-Powell for organising the weekly raffle. Unfortunately, Norm Elliot was unable to continue to take apologies and do the booking, due to illness. Geoff Ford has taken this on. Thank you Geoff.

We have welcomed both Anthony Olsen our district governor and Di Crawford assistant district governor to join us at some of our meetings. Our four Sergeant at Arms have each in turn entertained us with their wit throughout the fine sessions.

Many thanks to our program director Janet Alexander who has organised interesting and informative guest speakers to attend our meetings each month. A report of each meeting is recorded in our bulletin which now has a new format. Allison Gorge, Ann Hodgkinson, Victor Harnath and Rod Bush have been responsible for this which is very successful. Many thanks. Thank you to Victor for sending it out.

Many thanks to our Consumer Affairs Liaison Officers, Tony Haines and Rod Greer. You keep us on the straight and narrow!

Again the Art Show was very successful. Huge thanks to chairman John Calnin and his committee.

Summer Markets continue to be a huge success since the move to Ocean Grove Park. Many thanks to Market Coordinator Adrian Schmidt for his organisation of sites, vendors and rosters. Also to all those who volunteered to cook, serve, sell raffle tickets or collect money. A big thank you also to our BBQ Resources manager Wal Kelly who made sure we had what we needed for the BBQ.

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Sausage sizzles at Bunnings, the car raffle, and the footy gates were also successful fundraisers again this year. Thanks must go Adrian Schmidt for organising the sausage sizzles, to Fred Andrews and his committee for organising the car raffle and to Peter Cullen for organising the footy gates roster. These events can't be successful without all those who help by volunteering for the rosters, A heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you.

We again supplied a free sausage sizzle for Australia day celebrations in Ocean Grove. Thanks to those who gave their time.

The annual footy tipping competition is in full swing and great fun. Thank you Alex.

We have had some enjoyable social events this year. Thank you John Calnin for your organisation. Some of these have been held at Bill and Joan Steains' property. Thank you for your hospitality.

The senior's Christmas party was again a huge success. Thank you Marion Walton.

Our club interacted with the Barwon Heads Lions Club by attending one of their meetings. Also some members from our club have volunteered to help with the Rotary club of Queenscliffe Bricks LEGO event.

Along with other members from the Ocean Grove Rotary Club I attended the district conference in Maryborough. A very worthwhile experience. We listened to a variety of interesting speakers, caught up with members of other rotary clubs within our district and also was brought up to date on what Rotary is achieving throughout Australia. Swan Hill rotary club 's presentation of what to expect at next year's conference was very impressive.

Thank you to Rod Bush for compiling the presentation we saw at the conference. Also, many thanks Rod for all your help with member's computer difficulties.

A successful ANZAC Day breakfast was held in Ocean Grove. Many thanks to Dick Clay for organising this. Wreaths were also laid at Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads.

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Finally, I must thank my wife Sandie for all her help and support throughout the year. I know she enjoys the friendship offered in this club as much as I do

To each member of our club I thank you all for all you do. There is not one member who does not contribute. Usually not to only one, but to multiple tasks. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and would like to wish Marion all the best for her year as our next president.

Thank you.

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Treasurer's Report

Financial details contained within inserted document.

John Paton - Treasurer

Foundation Report

The Club currently has 37 Paul Harris Fellows, nine of whom have one or more sapphire pins, and three have one or more ruby pins. The granting of a Paul Harris Fellow is in recognition of a donation to The Rotary Foundation of \$US1,000.

In addition to individual contributions, during the year the Club donated a further \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Ten members contributed to the Centurion programme (a contribution of \$100), and it is expected that an additional two Centurions contributions will be made this Rotary year.

Three members continued their membership of the Paul Harris Society. Membership of the PHS involves making annual contributions to the Rotary Foundation of \$US1,000.

To date the Ocean Grove Rotary Club has contributed (all time giving) a total of \$118,537 to The Rotary Foundation.

The Club continues to qualify for Global and District Grants, and has made a submission for a District Grant.

Foundation Director - Gordon King

Membership Report

Firstly, thank you to all members for their contributions throughout the 2018/19 with many providing contact details for potential members. We are fortunate to have so many enthusiastic, alert members who manage to do this.

We welcomed several new members to the club during year, bringing our membership to 54. These were: Michelle Fox, Heather Willson, and Andy McCoy; Rotarian Jenny Templeton transferred from Rutherglen and Jim Delaney transferred to us from Port Fairy. With their obvious skills and keen desire to get involved, they

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will be valuable assets to our club membership group. Eng Ho took leave of absence due to business/family commitments.

All member data has been consolidated into a single database that will ensure accuracy of information and simplify the production of our member book and associated communications. In the 2018/9 Rotary year, we are introduced a new committee structure to ensure we have appropriate opportunities for members to work in areas of interest/expertise. It has proved to be effective and we will continue to use it in the coming year.

Bulletins

Special thanks to Vic, Alison and Anne for their work producing our weekly bulletin. We introduced a new format during the year which has been well received by members.

Attendance:

This includes member involvement in meetings, markets and other reported club related activities. In this Rotary year, we are proud to report that the average weekly attendance/involvement by members is **79%** - a wonderful achievement of which we should all be very proud.

Membership Director - Rod Bush

Social Committee

This year we have had a bit of a mixed bag with some events extremely well supported and others cancelled through lack of support.

Our first outing was to Wayawa Winery which took most by surprise as many had seen the signs but never called into it. We were entertained there with music that majority could relate to and the platters of food excellent.

This year we had a traditional Christmas Dinner at the Bowling Club . They again produced a lovely meal. *Gazjazz*, a small band entertained us with some modern jazz and some enjoyed a bit of exercise on the dance floor. What was first intended to be a meeting changed into a social occasion with our meeting in January being held at the Geelong Boat House with 65 attending.

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Unfortunately we went downhill from then, with the Night at the Trots being cancelled due to lack of interest. It was also disappointing that the car trial to be followed by a pizza lunch was also cancelled for the same reason. Janet Alexander and Alan Keyes had put together a very interesting array of historical sites. Hopefully these may be put to use next year.

The Club has one last social event planned for this year with a Footy night to be held in June at the Bellarine Weary Workers Clubrooms. Richmond play Geelong that night so hopefully this is supported.

Thanks to all who have assisted this year

John Calnin - Chair: Social

Public Relations Report

Throughout the last 12 months the main focus has been to get Rotary's message across via social media. To this end we published 64 posts linked to the week to week activities of the club mainly relating to guest speakers at our weekly meetings. Other posts were related to the summer monthly markets which have been very successful. Additionally we published 7 boosted posts ie we paid for our messages to reach additional people other than those linked to Rotary's facebook page.

This resulted in reaching over 31,000 people and receiving over 1600 post engagements about our message, meaning the message resonated with these 1600 people and they were intending to act upon it. This was particularly important given most of the “boosted” messages related to the summer markets.

We have been well supported throughout the year by the local Ocean Grove “Voice” newspaper as they are only too happy to support us in getting our messages out to the public. Examples of their support are articles published about playground recycling, Vocational Community awards, Junior Community awards, the Art Show and many more.

Nationally Rotary is keen for local clubs to consult with their local community on what their particular needs are and how Rotary can help. We will be working on this project throughout the coming year in the hope of gaining a better understanding of how our club can help the community.

Public Relations Director - Alan Keyes

Community Service Report

Lookout Reserve

By the end of June, we will have held a planting day in conjunction with CoGG to infill the native vegetation areas. Several advanced shade trees will also have been planted.

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Landscape architect, Perry Mills has delivered a “Concept Master Plan”. Gordon King and I met with CoGG parks and open space officers to discuss further action. The concept plan was endorsed on condition that each significant project we undertake will be vetted by council officers.

Members continue to monitor the state of the reserve on a fortnightly basis and keep it clean and tidy. Council have replaced the rusted frames of the history panels.

We are now aware of the complexity in the process for the name of the reserve to be changed to reflect Rotary’s involvement. Looking at additional signage instead.

Ocean Grove Nature Reserve

By the end of June, we will have installed two new picnic tables on galvanised steel frames manufactured by Rod Birrell. Materials cost approx. \$2,000 exceeded budget due to Parks requiring a more expensive timber for the tops and the ground under them to be paved as well.

Grubb Road Trail

We have had several meetings with VicRoads and CoGG re the maintenance of the Rotary-signed nature track from Thacker St to the OGNR main entry which continues to deteriorate. No progress has been made.

BSAC Sculpture Repositioning

Negotiations with Barwon Coast to reinstall it at the Surf Beach Complex were unsuccessful. However, talks with the new councillors and CoGG Arts department have been much more fruitful. Lookout Reserve now looks like it will be the location.

We have lodged an application for a District Grant of \$3,000 towards the considerable costs estimate of the consultant. We remain optimistic that CoGG will fast-track approval and contribute to funding the project.

Other Community Service-Related Activities

No collections for the district **Donations in Kind** project took place, but \$500 was provided towards transport costs.

We continued promoting the fair game called “**Corn Hole**” and used it at most markets to raise donations and community awareness. Over \$400 was collected in donations. The boards were made available to two charity events and we still have a set of boards and bags to sell or donate to aged care and sports clubs.

We assisted the **OG Coastcare** group with a revegetation project.

The club donated \$500 for sponsorship of the **OG Community Association’s** Southern Bellarine Coastal Forum held on 21st June.

The club Through Marion Walton’s group again staged the **Seniors Christmas** Event at the Bowls Club.

Members manned the **gates of the GDFL finals** football on 6 days and were rewarded with a donation of \$4,000. Thanks Peter Cullen.

Following a request to Board, a contribution of \$6,875 was made to purchase a treatment chair for the **Barwon Health** Mobile Consulting Vehicle.

Rtn. Noel Emselle, PHF

Chair: Community Service Committee

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International Service

Membership:

Rod Greer (ch), Coral Barker, Geoff Brentnall, Dick Clay, Don Ho, Sam Ho, Gerry Spencer, Andrea Tierney, Peter Cullen.

Donations

Thank you to all the Rotarians and partners who sold raffle tickets, helped at the market and did sausage sizzles! Your volunteering has put a smile on many a face that we may never see, but hopefully have helped a little!

Features

RORP (Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds)

Much of my time has been taken with building the system that has helped us 'harvest' over twenty playgrounds from around Victoria. They have been photographed, documented, had plans drawn, and then dismantled.

Transport has been arranged to DIK in Flemington and one container is now in Sri Lanka awaiting distribution. A second container is nearly full. One playground has been rebuilt in Sputnik Girls' Orphanage in Sri Lanka. Other playgrounds have found their way to schools in Timor Leste. A great deal has been learnt along the way.

Rod Bush has been invaluable in helping to build our data system that is working effectively and can be accessed by participants in Victoria and in Sri Lanka. Thanks Rod.

Shelter Box.

We managed to get the Shelter Box at two of our markets this year and that was terrific.

Thanks to Geoff Brentall, Peter Cullen and those who helped master the art of tent erecting! It certainly helps get the message out there.

Future - Speakers...

It would be great if in 19/20 we get some speakers into our club on the various projects we have supported as that adds inspiration and a willingness to commit further to these excellent project.

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Solmaid School

This is a project that has been going for about 5 years now and is much appreciated. At some point we need to look to see if we should redirect funds to other projects or continue. Before changing to another project we need to sure that the replacement can deliver as well as has the Solmaid School has....

Thank you to the committee for your support during 2018/19.

May we continue to: **Be The Inspiration**

Rod Greer - Chair International

Youth Committee

Committee Members:

Judy Greer (Chair), Geoff Chandler, Michelle Fox, Tony Haines, Gillian Morgan, Meredith O'Neill, Adrian Schmidt, Jenny Templeton, Heather Willson.

The Graham Bath Rotary Junior Community Awards (JCA)

Last year we again conducted the Junior Community Award for Year 6 at the three Primary Schools in Ocean Grove. Late October over 50 students who completed the Award, prepared and delivered presentations at their schools and representatives from each school, 12 in all, also presented at our annual JCA Presentation evening. It was a great evening with one student being the 4th sibling in her family to have completed the award.

We have now commenced the Award for 2019, with approximately 70 year 6 students from across the three schools, having met with teachers, all year 6 students, followed by interested parents and students and finally doing interviews with individual students to get them started. Follow-up individual student visits are now taking place. Thanks to Tony, Geoff and Michelle for their assistance.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

We were delighted when Nathan Fox, who sought an endorsement from our club to participate in the NYSF held in Canberra at the ANU in January, was accepted into the program. Nathan was a great ambassador for our club. His report to the club on his return clearly indicated the value of the program and we wish him every success in his future endeavours. Nathan, of course, is now part of our extended Ocean Grove Rotary family!

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We have recently endorsed the application of another student, Norman Harty, from Bellarine Secondary College, for the 2020 Program.

Bellarine Secondary College

We have continued to support the College with the following:

Year 9 LinCs Program (Living in the Community) which was held once a term and at which two Rotary Club members gave a short talk about the work of Rotary as a volunteer organisation. Unfortunately this program is no longer running.

Roy Rose Awards Citizenship Awards - last year were awarded to:

Year 7-8 (\$100) - Anikah McLean

Year 8-9 (\$150) - Marnie Burvill

Year 11-12 (\$250) - Georgia Potter

These awards are for students who have demonstrated a willingness to contribute to the health and wellbeing of the college and students.

VCE Support Awards – (\$1000 per year for two years for a selected student commencing VCE and held by the school to assist a student with school expenses) At our annual VCE Award Presentation meeting in November we heard of the hopes and aspirations of our ‘retiring’ recipient Charlotte Tilley and ongoing student Gabbi Giles (2018-2019) and introduced our new recipient, Jeavyn Bullock (2019-2020)

Late last year we also donated \$1000 to the Bellarine Secondary College to be held by the school and to be used for the school expenses of a VCE student whose home was destroyed by fire.

Sincere thanks to the members of the Youth Committee for your support this year and best wishes to Meredith as incoming Youth Chair.

Judy Greer, Youth Services Chair

Vocational Service Report

Vocational Service:

Committee: Lynne Carlson (Chair), Alan Keyse, Marion Walton, Ann Hodgkinson, Vic Harnath, Neil Templeton, Chris Watson, Nicole Rappel and Richard Grimmett.

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Community Service Awards:

Our Awards were held on the 19th March 19 @ the Ocean Grove Bowling. We chose to follow the format of the previous committee and thank them all their information and the wonderful guidance from Martin Geerings. This event was sponsored by Ocean Grove Business Association and we thank them for their continued support.

The Four Award recipients were:

Pride of Workmanship Award:

This award was awarded to Ned McLarnon a carpenter with Cromer Builders Ocean Grove, for his dedication and commitment to every job be it large or small and with enthusiasm.

Apprentice of the year Award:

Mitchell Cirillo, a third year apprentice with Cromer Builders Ocean Grove. Mitchell moved from his home town of Colac to chase apprentice opportunities and has proved to all it was worth the effort. He is a young man who strives to do his best and more and his goal is to be a Master Builder.

Rotary Small Business Excellence Award:

This award was very close with the winner being Hendry Cycles Ocean Grove, Stephen Draper. This family business is a delight to enter their premises as nothing is an effort expert assistance and advice is all part of the service.

Volunteer of the Year Award:

A wonderful group of genuine nominees were in this group with William Harrison, from Geelong & Bellarine Umpires League taking home this award.

Vocational Speakers:

Our speakers this year were:

1. Dr Donald Murphy, (Urologist), Surgical Lecturer, past President of the Royal College of Surgeons Victoria.

2. Dr Bernard Jenner, Paediatrician Medicine, specialising in Autism, spoke to us about his role as chair of the “HOPE” grief foundation.

Work Place Visits:

Cameron Loftus CEO of Barwon Sports Academy entertained us at the Geelong football club with the rundown on how the Academy works for the youth of the Geelong & District. This was followed by dinner at Mambo Chinese Restaurant in Geelong; I don't believe anyone left here hungry.

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I would like to thank all Vocational committee members for all their amazing efforts in completing our Agenda for the Rotary year 2019/19.

We all learnt so much with what we did right and what we need to do going forward we will aspire to achieve all our goals going forward for 2019/20.

A very big thank you to Rod Bush as always he was there to assist at any time.
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Lynne Carlson - Chair – Vocational Services

Market Report

Our shift to Ocean Grove Park again appears to be a good move, with good numbers of stallholders and the public making the season another successful one.

Gold coin collections were very good with a couple of days collection reaching into the 2-3 thousand dollar range. Collectors were Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Woodlands Pre-School, Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club, Riding for the Disabled ,Parkinsons Research, View Club, Coast Care and the CWA.

The Sausage Sizzle run by our Rotarians again proved to be a big success, and raised a significant amount of funds for the club to help out in our various aid and community projects.

The excessive dry period throughout the season made it increasingly hard to mark out the sites for Coog and myself.

Also two successive market days in Feb and March where temperatures reached into the 30's saw a number of stallholders not attending as well as the public attendance being down on these days (maybe at the beach)

Over the season we had 235 applications from different stallholders which was an increase of more than 40 from last year.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Rotary Volunteers who worked at the market in many different areas, all of whom did a great job and helped to make it another successful Market Season.

Adrian Schmidt

Rotary Market Manager

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Art Show Report

The 8th. Annual Art Show was again successful however a little down on the previous profit. Whilst this was a little disappointing , the Committee were conscious that we were in the middle of a State election and at the time of the Art show the economy wasn't in a great position. Whether these two factors contributed we can only guess and hope that the margins can increase in 2019.

The Committee were extremely pleased with the number on entries and again the standard was very high. This was reiterated by our judge Ben Winspear. 239 works of art were hung and 20 were sold over the weekend. Profits from the Art Show were \$6000 and the following received donations

Riding Develops Abilities	\$2000
Disabled Surfers	\$2000
End Family Violence	\$1000
Whittington Primary School	\$1000

\$10500 was allocated in prizes to the Artists and we were fortunate that sponsorship was able to cover this expense.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the following (in no order)

Rotary Club of Ocean Grove	Collendina Caravan Park
Wyndean Tourist Park	Lifestyle Properties
Ms. A.George	Super City Concrete Cutting
Beshara Family	Oakdene Cellars
King's Funerals	RACV Cobram Resort

The Art Show also had a supporter whom wishes to remain anonymous. Without this support we would not be able to run an Art show.

As Chairman I would like to thank the small committee for their involvement and perseverance in making the show a success. Everyone had a role and carried these out in a truly professional manner. It is only fitting that we thank the Lonsdale Primary School for allowing us use of their premises.

Our thanks also to our Treasurer Vic Harnath who has stood down from this position at the end of the show. We are grateful for the work and time he has put in to make it all work smoothly.

John Calnin - Chairman

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Meeting Program Report

Margaret Campbell who has been Program Officer for several years was very helpful in introducing me to the role of Program Officer which I had agreed to take on for 2018-2019.

President Graeme Chamberlain and I agreed that a guest speaker be arranged for three speakers per month allowing the 4th week to be set aside for in house activities.

Club members have been very helpful in recommending a wide variety of possible guest speakers, it would be difficult to undertake the role without this assistance.

A number of presentations related to health and wellbeing were of interest. These included Stroke Safe, Cardiac Arrest and Defibrillators, Allied Health Services, the Community Health Bus and a research urologist. We were also fortunate to get a timely update related to the introduction of My Health Record.

A thought provoking presentation on Family Violence promoted the formation of a working party to investigate how Rotary could be involved with providing support. Topics related to our local area included a very interesting talk about the history and development of Lomas Orchards and a new business Lard Ass Butter. A visit from a local indigenous artist kept us enthralled as we heard her life story. An interesting talk on Community Radio was given by one of our members.

Our last presentation is to be given by the project manager of the new surf club which is due to be opened later this year.

Three authors visited and told thought provoking stories about writing their books.

Perhaps the most moving presentation was to learn about a voluntary organisation called HOPE which provides assistance for families who lose a child through suicide, accident or illness.

The vocational visit to Barwon Sports Academy opened our eyes to the expert assistance provided to young athletes for a huge variety of sports. Thanks to Lynne Carlson for organising this.

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Finally a special thanks to those Rotarians who were kind enough to suggest the names of possible guest speakers and I hope to count on your support in the coming year.

Janet Alexander - Meeting Program Coordinator

Australia Day BBQ

This was our second time in holding the BBQ etc with the kids face stickers and balloons. Thanks to R.T. Edgar Real Estate who again sponsored the event.

It was good to see some of the new faces helping out and I think they enjoyed themselves. Rotarians and partners gave the occasion great support and thanks to Uncle Wal for his organizing the food.

Let's hope that we can continue this as it could become quite large. It may be necessary to review the hours as our permit this year was from 9 to 11.

Thanks to all who helped on the day

John Calnin

Disabled Surfers Carnivals

Our club appears to have adopted the surfers. We started some years ago when a couple of members offered to cook sausages on the BBQ. The event has grown greatly. It is very pleasing to be able to support the group and provide enjoyment to those who for a variety of circumstances, are reliant on help.

At bot this year's carnivals, 110 people various ages and disabilities registered to go into the water. The obvious enjoyment the participants get from the program gave us all a great deal of pride in that we were assisting their involvement. Both days were extremely hot which made our jobs a bit harder than usual, but a cool beer at the end of the day and reflecting on the days success soon eased the pain.

This year, stalwarts Dick Clay, Rod Birrell, myself and Rotary supporter Hans Franken recruited some new members to assist and Andrea Tierney and Michelle Fox took up the challenge.

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Due to the high volume of cooking we may need to recruit more support as none of our original members are getting any younger - but I don't think they want to stop ! This is my favourite community service activity and I think the others will agree.

John Calnin

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