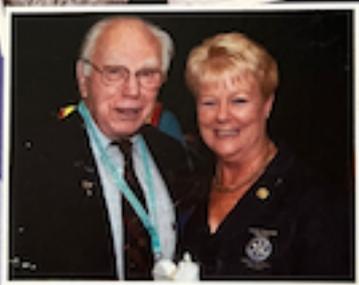


Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc.



**30TH ANNIVERSARY
EDITION**

30 Years of Service



A Potted History of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove

The potted history provides a flavour of what our Club has achieved over 30 great years since the Club was chartered on the 11th October 1983 and is drawn from the Annual Reports across the lifespan of our Club.

It does not try to list everything we have done, for to do that it would take a good sized book. In reviewing each Annual Report from 1983/84 to 2012/13 we were struck by the diversity as well as the longevity of the things this Club has been able to achieve through applying the power and enthusiasm of people who share the motto of "Service Above Self".

It is impossible to tally up the number of voluntary hours club members have committed over the 30 years to working bees, fund raisers, community support activities, international programs and vocational service and other activities too many to mention. It would be equally impossible to put a total dollar value to those voluntary hours. Equally impossible to measure would be the enjoyment and fun Club members have had, and continue to have, through the fellowship of Rotary.

All past, present and future Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove and their partners can be proud of the Club's achievements and when someone asks you "what does Rotary do..." you might point them to any page in this potted history with pride.

If a picture is worth a thousand words then surely Coral Barker has captured the essence of our Club in the "ROTREE" which is on the centre page.

Regards,

Rotarians Phil Edwards, Coral Barker and Richard Grimmett.

CHARTER PRESIDENT
Wal Kelly

In 1982 I was a member of the Rotary Club of Drysdale living in Ocean Grove and I was invited to join a committee to investigate the possibility of forming a Rotary Club in Ocean Grove. In early 1983 several planning meetings were held and it was decided that a Rotary Club in Ocean Grove was possible.

In late May 1983 invitations were sent to people who had shown interest in being involved in a Rotary Club inviting them to attend the first meeting of the provisional Rotary Club of Ocean Grove on the 7th June 1983. On the 12th July 1983 the first Board of Directors of the Club were elected and I was honoured by being given the role of President.

An application for membership of Rotary International was presented to the district Governor and was duly accepted by Rotary International on the 11th October 1983. We then became the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove and the charter document was presented to the Club by the then District Governor Ellis Bickley on the 3rd December 1983.

Some highlights of our club included: the induction of our first female Rotarian Coral Barker in 1994, who went on to become our first female President in 1997-98; Henry Hudson's appointment in 1995-96 as District Governor and more recently Helen Trigg's appointment as District Governor in 2012-13.

For me, my time in Rotary has been an extremely rewarding experience. What a privilege it is to be a Rotarian and it is an honour to be a member of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove.

CHARTER MEMBERS



FRONT ROW: Alan Kilpatrick, George Cross, Jerry Lewis, Wal Kelly, Ron Gladwin, John Calnin, John Wynn, Roy Rose

2nd ROW: John Flower, David Cooke, Denis Wooten, Paul Fletcher, Graham Bath, Henry Hudson, Frank Mountford

3rd ROW: Peter Robinson, Trevor McArdle, Peter Fickers, Keith Potter, John Eyles, John Guthrie

BACK ROW: Wal Briggs, Ian Hendry, Ian McGregor

Absent: Denis Joseph

CHARTER MEMBERS LADIES



FRONT ROW: Heather Hendry, Ruth Cross, Val Kelly, Judy Eyles, Janice Wynn, Bev Kilpatrick, Nan Calnin

2nd ROW: Queenie Wooten, Bonnie Bath, Pam Potter, Margaret Mountford, Ann Rose, Isobel Hudson, Sheila Guthrie, Clara Feltcher

BACK ROW: Jenny McGregor, Prue Cooke, Helen Robinson, Joan Briggs, Mary Gladwin, Moyra McArdle, Faye Lewis

Absent: Norma Joseph, Joyce Fickers, Heather Fewster

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1983-1984

President Wal Kelly

Our Club meets 56 times over the year with 49 evening and seven breakfast meetings, contributes \$275.50 to Rotary Foundation and collects \$300.10 in fines across the year. Ladies were invited to attend eight meetings over the year "where the subject matter was of special interest to them". Trevor McArdle is our Club's first Bulletin Editor.

Funds for Rotary Foundation came from "pig" (odd cents each week) and were boosted by the "heads and tails" competition.

Local school children were invited to submit a design for the Club Banner with the final selection incorporating some of these ideas.

Rotarians sold raffle tickets raising \$1800 for Community projects and our crayfish spins were started.

The Rotary Club of Salzigitter-Wolfenbottel, near Hannover (in the then West Germany) is designated as the matched Club and we share information with them. Our relationship with them is highlighted at the 1984 District Conference as a success and a model for other Clubs.

Rotarian Roy Rose organises a father/son/daughter program to introduce children of new Rotarians to Rotary.

Our Club finishes its first year with \$2557.03 in the bank.

1984-1985

President Frank Mountford

Graham Bath takes the lead in establishing the Probus Club of Ocean Grove, we conduct a successful Easter Fishing Competition on the Barwon River as a fundraiser and the idea of a Rotary Fast Food Caravan is floated.

The Shell Road Reserve walking/cycling track gets completed and working bees help to clean up both side of the Barwon River. Contract demolition work by Rotarians contribute to the coffers and helped make some Rotarians homes a little warmer. Conversion and setting up of a food Caravan gets underway and camper BBQ during the Christmas vacation are most successful. The Club continues to support Cottage by the Sea and assists them in their annual open day but struggles to get even one RYLA student for the year. However, the club takes a major step and accepts the responsibility of hosting an American student, Roslyn Orr, as part of the Worldwide Youth Exchange Program.

It is a quiet year in Vocational Service as the Club comes to grips with understanding the concept of vocational service. A mock interviews day at Queenscliff High School is considered most successful by the participants.

On the International front the Club contributes funds to support the Fisheries Development in Tonga and the Water Systems Villages in Papua and New Guinea project.

Bill Steains joins the Club from Kerang and becomes a tenacious and strong financial supporter of the Club. The ladies of the Ocean Grove Rotary club run a tennis tournament with funds supporting the American exchange student due to come to the Club in August 1985 and the ladies start to meet more formally each month.

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1985-1986

President Henry Hudson

The Club hosts its first exchange student (Roz Orr from Centralia Washington State USA) and is prepared to sponsor an outgoing exchange student. (Pic: Roz & John Wynn)



The President's annual report says: "controversy has occurred at times, notably the South African question, autonomy and Rotary, leadership for women – a new club has privileges – one being to examine the tenants of the organisation. Is it necessary to each week have a 'dinner' meeting? Why not once a month a 'supper' meeting?..." The Club struggles for a major fund-raising activity and the annual report notes that there were lots of ideas but a general lack of assistance to see an idea through to a viable stage. However, we successfully negotiate with the Shire of Bellarine for planning for an Ocean Grove Market, conduct a fashion parade, a roast on a spit and a trots night. We continue to support Cottage by the Sea and propose to sponsor another Probus Club.

Community Service helps in the establishment of the Community Services Club Shed and continues work on the Grubb Road walking track. We are represented on the Ocean Grove community festival committee and we provide working bees for the Flinders Parade Reserve. We take on - contract fund-raising supporting the disco, demolishing an annex and grass cutting. But, the Fishing competition in the camping ground barbecues proved to be financially unsuccessful. The Club demonstrates its commitment to an Ocean Grove Hall and Community Centre by providing \$1500 to a reserve account to be held in trust by the Shire. The club hopes the community centre can be brought to fruition within the next five years. The Club's first successful RYLA attendee Tony Hudson speaks at a Club meeting.

Henry Hudson and Graham and Bonnie Bath visit the Rotary Club of Salzgitter-Wolfenbittel in West Germany. The Ladies of Rotary help finance support for the Club's first Rotary exchange student and we close the year with membership at 31.

1986-1987

President John Calnin

We take a big step and sponsor our first outgoing exchange student Martine Christie to Japan.

The Sunday Market gets up and running and gross income is \$6,000 (and the Market is still running our 30th year). We undertake more work on the Grubb Road Walking Track and the Club is responsible for the organising and marshalling of the procession in the Ocean Grove Community Festival and we donate \$500 to the Festival. *(Pic: OG Festival Parade)*



In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Drysdale we continue with the job interview project at Queenscliff High School however, we struggle to expand Vocational Service activities to include the "most pleasant shop assistant" due to the effort committed to the Sunday Market. Perhaps next year ...

Our Youth Service focuses on local youth "to help them overcome some of the problems they encounter during their teenage years." We help the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood House set up a place where young people can meet and run their own activities and we are instrumental in promoting at the Neighbourhood House a series of discussion nights entitled SURVIVING TEENAGERS and SKILLS FOR PARENTS. The Club supports the concept of a skate board facility, promises \$1000 towards the project and Hans Franken becomes a member of the Steering Committee. We commit \$1500 over three years to the Queenscliff Community Health Centre.

The Ladies of Rotary hold occasional meeting nights, support the men with the Sunday Market and give boxes of biscuits to Cottage by the Sea for a Christmas present for the children.

About \$3.5K is expended across various recipients.

1987-1988
President Jim MacDonald

The Club celebrates its fifth year (and our nation's bicentennial year), welcomes 13 new members and their ladies to the Club and receives the District Governor's Banner for greatest membership increase in the District. We take a 'trip to the trots, and to the "Tall Ships" and our Sunday Market in now established on the Market calendar. Some

groups to benefit from our efforts throughout the year include Red Cross Calling, Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff Community Health Centre, Surfside Kindergarten, Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Ocean Grove Community Festival and West Coast Rock Festival.



We feed 500 at the Aussie Breakfast as part of the Shire of Bellarine Bicentennial Celebrations and feed 700 at the Bonfire.

We charter a second Probus Club (Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale) in our area and both clubs already "fully booked", and under Vocation we initiate a "Know Your Trader" in conjunction with the Traders' Association and visit the Ford Motor Company during Rotary Vocation month. Our outgoing exchange student returns from Japan and Sergio Moura arrives from Brazil. Our relationship with the Rotary Club of Salzgitter-Wolfenbuttal remains strong and we think about arranging a sister club in Shetland Isles.

We introduce our own Rotary food and drink van to the Market and overall the market net profit is \$4,800. We participate in a combined Rotary Clubs of Geelong fund raising campaign which raises \$165K to refurbish and equip a building as a Kidney Dialysis Centre.

Membership at the close of the year is 40 and overall we expend over \$8K including \$3K to Polio Plus.

1988-1989

President Hans Franken

We say goodbye to our exchange student from Brazil in January, nominate a year 11 student from Queenscliff High for District selection for the 1990 outgoing Rotary exchange, we charter two new Ladies Probus Clubs and we celebrate in fine style the Club's 5th birthday in December 1988 with a mixed night at Mexican Graffiti.

The new Kidney Dialysis Centre in Geelong is opened by Rotary World President Royce Abbey.

We hold an International Dinner at the Ocean Grove Tennis Club with four visiting exchange students in attendance. Rotary Ladies provided the international cuisine, many members and their ladies dressed in National Costume and we raised \$200 for World Community Service.

Hans Franken and Colin Brown escort four young ladies from District 607, Missouri, USA, Group Study Exchange and we combine efforts with the Probus Clubs of Ocean Grove and Queenscliff to sell more than 600 Bowel Scan kits.

Under Vocational Service we get a chance to see production (and consumption) skills during a visit to the Rolling Pin Pie Shop, we prepare and distribute 15,000 Art and Craft tour brochures to foster the developing tourism industry and provide handyman services to a number of aged locals.

We stage the inaugural Bellarine Peninsula Gift with Allister Homes as the major sponsor. 330 runners participate, watched by an enthusiastic crowd of 2000 and Rotary Ladies turn on the food resulting in \$3,500 being contributed to the Ocean Grove Hall Fund.

Club membership drops by five and we close the year with 37 members. \$6.5K is donated across the Avenues of Service.

1989-1990

President Trevor McArdle

We commit to a wide range of activities across Community Service in our own right or as part of other groups including; organising the assembly area for floats for the Ocean Grove Festival parade, a sand sculpture competition, Ocean Grove foreshore clean-ups, Cottage by the Sea Festival, Barwon Heads Festival, Walk Against Want, The Bellarine Gift, Red Cross Calling and we sell 636 Bowel scan kits.

We prepare our outgoing exchange student Jodie Disney for Edenvale South Africa including a successful major fundraising effort with a monster auction however, it seems we took more items to the tip than we sold at the auction. \$1500 is donated to a fish farming project in Thailand with the project ultimately aimed at fighting illiteracy.

We are unsuccessful this year with RYLA, RYPEN and Rotary Foundation Scholarships however our sponsorship of Natasha Cummings from Leopold to attend the National Science Summer School is an outstanding success with Natasha subsequently being invited to speak at the District Conference. Club members risk hearing damage by assisting the Shire to conduct a "Musical Performance/Dance" by supervising and selling soft drinks and snacks. We explore the feasibility of forming a local Rotoract or Interact Club but it was felt that the area was not ready to support such ventures.

The Alzheimer's Hostel appeal benefits from our Service Above Self with the Club committing \$5,000 over four years to the appeal. The market continues to be successful this year netting almost \$6,000 and on the Vocation front we make an interesting visit to Asta Services Avalon to inspect a Boeing 747 Airliner undergoing a major overhaul.

The Shire of Bellarine becomes the Rural City of Bellarine, overall membership of our Club increases by six closing the year at 42 and \$10K is expended across the Avenues of Service.

1990-1991

President Maurice Barwick

Pyramid Building Society collapses and the general economic downturn in the Geelong area causes fundraising efforts for the Diabetics Education Centre to be put on hold. The downturn also causes the Bellarine Gift for 1991 to be suspended due a lack of sponsorship. In a Club Assembly the membership's overall view is that the return does not warrant the time and effort involved in the Gift.

Its busy on the International front as Jodie Disney returns from International Youth Exchange in South Africa, Junji Hatanaka arrives from Japan and we begin preparing Macgregor Haines for his placement in Indonesia commencing in January 1992. PP Heinz Tonn and his wife Sigrid from the Rotary Club of Slazgitter-Wolfenbuttel (our matched Club) visit Ocean Grove providing us an opportunity to return the hospitality extended to some of our members by Rotarians of Slazgitter-Wolfenbuttel.

The mock interview program for students at Queenscliff High continues again this year, we visit the Australian Army's Command and Staff College at Fort Queenscliff and visit the Crematorium (no Rotarians were left behind). Alex McGee takes the Club leadership on RI President Paulo's pet project Preserve Planet Earth and Rotarians and partners bend their backs participating in Clean Up Australia and pulling Bellarine Pea on the foreshore.

The market continues to develop its profile in the local and wider area, we sponsor the formation of a further two Probus Clubs (Combined Probus Club of Ocean Grove and the Combined Probus – Four Villages) and we host a Services Clubs Combined Dinner.

The Club's membership continues to grow with a net increase of four to 46 and \$6K is expended across the Avenues of Service.

1991-1992

President Peter Robinson

The year gets off to a cracking start with the Rotary Ball arranged by John Calnin to mark the opening of the Surf Side Community Hall. 700 people attend and the profits are used for a beautification project at the Hall site by erecting a waterfall sculptured by local sculptor Noel Essex.

Sadly we lose a great Rotarian, gentleman and friend – Roy Rose (RIP) and in his memory the Club establishes the Roy Rose Memorial Citizenship Awards at Queenscliff High School.



OCEAN GROVE ROTARY CLUB

invites you to celebrate the

OPENING BALL

of the

COMMUNITY CENTRE

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FRIDAY, 19th JULY AT 8.00 P.M.

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DRESS: Lounge Suit or

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The major project for the year is to replace the lookout tower at the Lookout Reserve – permissions and consultations with many government and non-government groups is required to get guidelines for the structure. It is decided to run a public competition with a prize of \$250 to get the best possible ideas by 30 July 1992. The market continues although some stallholders failed to attend markets later in the season after a visit to the market by tax officers. Economic times are still tough with, market income and Red Cross Calling feeling the effects. However, we still support the Bellarine Festival and continue our efforts clearing the foreshore. The "Rotary Legends" are our crowning glory in Youth Service. They are the boys under 16 basketball team we outfitted in distinctive Rotary coloured singlets and the boys go on to win the grand final. We communicate with the Rotary Club of Asbury Park near Ocean Grove in New Jersey USA suggesting a matched club arrangement and receive an agreeable reply. Brenda Harkness, a journalist at the Geelong Advertiser is our nomination for a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. She is successful and is selected as District 9780 Scholar (in journalism) and will be attending Michigan State University in August 1992 to study criminal justice. Macgregor Haines departs for his placement in Denmark (not Indonesia as previous planned). The Club settles on the Collendina Resort Hotel as the new meeting venue leaving the Mexican Grafitti, membership is 40 and we expend \$13K through the Charities Account.

1992-1993

President Geoff Morphett

The market moves to Kingston Park and the Club qualifies for a "Presidential Citation" for the work done during the year. The Rotary International Convention is held in Melbourne in May 1993. PP Graham Bath and PP Heinz Tom (Rotary Club of Slazgitter-Wolfenbuttel) are joint editors of the "Bulletin of International Friendship" for the International Convention.

Following a request from Rotary World President we commit \$1,000 to help refugees in Bosnia, locally \$2,000 is given to the combined churches food pantry to help feed the needy in our area and a further \$250 to help establish a soup kitchen in Ocean Grove.

We continue to support three orphans in Indonesia and Cottage by the Sea as well as providing funds to 13th Beach Boardriders, Barwon Heads Primary School and we combine with Geelong Clubs to put on a Christmas Party for over 3,000 underprivileged children. In Clean Up Australia we form a working bee to clean up Kingston Park and we bend our backs again planting 2,000 trees and shrubs over three working bees and again backs and arms get a workout as we repair and resurface the walking track to the Ocean Grove nature reserve.



The waterfall at the Surfside Community Centre is completed but the Lookout project continues to be delayed as we try to get approvals. We sell the market food van and it is not sure if we will purchase a replacement. A club visit to Torquay for the annual games night is another great success.

Membership increases to 43 and we expend \$8K through the Charities Account

1993-1994

President Eric Bare

The Club again receives a "Presidential Citation" one of only eight Clubs in our District to do so and we host Signe Frank our International Exchange Student from Copenhagen, Denmark. We form our seventh Probus Club - the Ladies Probus Club of Barwon Heads/Ocean Grove and we sadly lose our Secretary Ken Thibou on 13 August 1993 (RIP).

Gerry Spencer leads our Clubs commitment to the Combined Rotary Clubs Christmas Party for Disadvantaged Families and the Club's 10th anniversary function was a great night for past and present Rotarians and their ladies.

The Lookout project bogs down in the bureaucratic jungle of local government and no real progress is made however we get some work done on cleaning up the entrance to Ocean Grove on Wallington Road. Again we participate in the Combined Clubs Christmas Party at Deakin University for 2500 under privileged children. The market averages 80 stallholders across the season and continues as the Club's major fund raiser.

Our nomination for the International Youth Exchange is not successful at District level but we make an impact with our continuing sponsorship of three orphaned children in Indonesia, funds for teacher kits for the anti-drug program in the Philippines, sleeping kits for children around the world and a donation for the Indian Earthquake Appeal. Under the banner of vocation we visit Scotchman's Hill winery and also support student interviews at Bellarine Secondary College

We send three students to RYPEN, three to the Siemens Science Forum and one student to the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship in Canberra. "The Rotary Legends" basketball team perform well and do credit to the name and the uniform.

The Club nominates PP Henry Hudson for District Governor (DG) and he is accepted for DG District 9780 for 1995-1996. Membership remains steady at 43 and \$12K is expended through the Charities account.

Reflections by the President in 10th year - Eric Bare

I joined the newly formed Rotary Club of Ocean Grove in 1985 and on the tenth anniversary year of the Club I was honoured to be elected as President for 1993-94. I had recently retired and with the great support and fellowship of all members the club accomplished many avenues of service during our tenth year, some of which I have detailed below.

The formation of the seventh Probus Club in our area by our club, Red Cross Calling, Rotary Bowelscan Programme, Siemens Science Summer School and The Ocean Grove Festival. We also had working bees for Cottage by the Sea and worked on walking tracks in Grubb Road.

We hosted Exchange student, Signe Frank from Denmark and also welcomed and hosted Sigrid and Heinz Tonn from our German matched Club of Salzgitter Wolfenbuttel. Our main fundraiser was the organising and running of the monthly Rotary Ocean Grove market with approximately 80 stallholders. This required many hours of work by all Rotarians and good fellowship. Another major fundraiser was the car raffle with volunteers selling tickets in shopping centres etc.

With a membership of 43 the Club donated \$12,264.00 to various charity and community organisations.

The Club received a Presidential Citation for balanced club achievement for the year from District Governor Dennis Wilson, and the Clubs 10th Anniversary function was a great fellowship occasion, attended by the District Governor and his wife, President and members from Rotary Club of Drysdale and past Charter members.

I always appreciated the fellowship shown to me by members of The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove and was proud to be a member for 17 years.

TRAIL BLAZING IN A SKIRT
(Our first female Rotarian)

In January 1994 I received a phone call from Henry Hudson (who I did not know) asking me if I would like to become a Rotarian, my reaction was to answer "you don't have women in Rotary" - to which he replied "we do now." - I did not know, nor did he tell me - that I was to be the first for Ocean Grove. A visit to my home from the "persuading committee" followed - Henry and Frank Mountford and I agreed to go to a couple of meetings - just to see.

So off I went - an innocent - a sea of men in collars and ties who all seemed to know each other very well confronted me. The only man to speak to me was an older Rotarian - Dennis Wootten - His words were "who are you?" - I told him my name, and then he said "what are you doing here?" - (To be honest I was starting to wonder why I was there) - I replied "I came with Henry", then he walked off. So started my Rotary life as a woman in sea of men. I didn't know at the time that the decision to ask women to join Ocean Grove had caused huge divisions in the club, and as Henry and Frank had chosen me to be the first, they worked very hard to convince me to join. My late husband Richard was on their side using the argument - it's not like you to walk away from a challenge. As everyone was very well dressed, I bought four skirts (that became my Rotary uniform), and joined Rotary.

The night I was inducted was a very big deal - photos and wives - wives hadn't entered into my equation - how would they feel about this? - Panic - what have I done! It was a big ask for them to accept a women into what was a men's club. Very soon after another lady joined, then they found another, but they didn't stay very long or attend regularly and I was often the only woman in the room. Within a year we got some stayers, and I had company.

I walked a tight rope in the beginning - don't try to be one of the boys, keep a low profile, do as you are asked, and most importantly don't do anything to upset the wives. (My husband Richard helped there - they liked him).

I did all jobs asked of me, ran the market, treasurer, and then really earned my stripes by making 380 x 6 foot long fish for decorations at Henry's district conference as District Governor (helped by another woman Rotarian, Cheryl Selkirk). These activities helped me to find my place. I gradually got to know and like all the Rotarians and their wives.

Then the next challenge – Club President – the first woman again! P.E.T.S conference in Halls Gap and there were only two women incoming Presidents in the whole district. Myself and a single girl from Naracoorte. Men everywhere again! It was an ordeal that started the first morning when they handed out the conference material to all the incoming Presidents. I held out my hand to accept mine. And was told, "No dear – this is for your husband". Richard was sitting beside me and told him in no uncertain terms that I should have it. All that weekend I was constantly being told that the wives sessions were somewhere else and I was in the wrong place. Richard had the problem of being the only male in the room of wives, for the session where they were instructed on "how to be a good wife of a President". He only attended the first one – everybody was asked to stand and give her name. All the women stood and said they were Mrs whoever, Richard stood and said his name was Mrs Barker, after that he went and sketched and painted the Grampians.

In my year as President, I chose Felicity (Flick) Dales to be the first woman Sergeant for the Club. Flick really stood the Club on its ear with her antics and theme dressing. She came most weeks and changed for her session – a policeman on a bike started her first session. Then followed all sorts of costumes, most memorable was a wet suit and big flippers and as an Easter bunny (which was more like a Playboy bunny). We had such fun that year.

I am pleased to say that we have come full circle as a club with women, having now had in our club our first woman District Governor from our Club – Helen Trigg in 2012-13. "Wow."

All our women Rotarians over the years have enriched our Club, by bringing different ideas and perspectives that we have all benefited from, and I'm still a proud woman Rotarian 20 years on and I now have lots of company.

Coral Barker.

1994-1995
President Geoff Chandler

We are proud to be one of only seven clubs in the District to receive a Presidential Citation for community concerns. John Dodgshun begins the first of three years as Club Secretary and a large number of our Club and partners attend the District Conference in Horsham getting a better insight into the task for next year.

We host the Group Study Exchange team from Sweden/Poland, we accept to host Camilla Nygjelten from Norway under the Youth Exchange program and our outgoing nominee Richard Hattam is successful and is bound for Canada.

Across Community Service we support Bellarine Ambulance, Hospice, the Shrine Appeal and the Combined Churches Pantry and drought relief. Our major income sources for the year are the market, a Hole-in-One which raised \$3600 and the Car Raffle. We "Paint



Your Heart Out" showing our skills with sanders and paint by transforming an Ocean Grove home in just three days. We again support the Ocean Grove Festival Parade however there are doubts about the viability of the activity for next year.

We fully fund a year 11 student from Bellarine Secondary College to attend the National Engineering Summer School, we sponsor two students for RYPEN in Warrnambool, the Roy Rose Citizenship Awards go from strength to strength and we financially assist a Bellarine Secondary College student.

We achieve a slight growth in membership (47) and expend \$10K from the Charities account.

1995-1996
President Gerry Spencer

PP Henry Hudson is District Governor of our District. 18 months of preparation and effort under the guidance of DG Henry Hudson and Conference Chairman Geoff Chandler sees us deliver a great District Conference transforming the Surfside Centre basketball courts into a theatre in just a few hours... with a nautical theme of fishes filling the large space. The Governor of Victoria is the



key note speaker and the Australian Army Band concludes the opening session with an excellent musical programme. The whole Club puts in the hard yards and is justifiably proud of the "Rip to River Rendezvous" District Conference we deliver.

The weather was not good and Red Badge of Courage award goes to those who risked life and limb to climb onto the roof of the stadium to fasten down the black sheets covering the skylights.

There are some rumblings about the quality of the meals at our meeting venue... We conduct a new venture in the Leonard Joel valuation day which was an unqualified success raising over \$1,000 and through a number of working bees we complete the rotunda at Queenscliff. Les Twentyman speaks to the Club as part of the Combined Service Clubs evening and we again present Roy Rose Awards to Bellarine Secondary College students.

Camilla Nygjelten arrives from Norway and will be hosted by seven families during her stay. We are regularly receiving letters from the children we sponsor in Indonesia.

Membership losses equal gains with membership remaining steady at 47 and we expend \$15.5K from the Charities account across the Avenues of Service.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 1995-1996
District Governor Henry Hudson

In sitting down with Phil Edwards and musing over my year as District Governor many wonderful recollections came to mind; too many to mention on just one page. It was a fantastic and rewarding year with great support from my home Club of Ocean Grove and the District Committee.

For many years I was fortunate to be Chairman of the National Committee for the Siemens Science Experience. The Program has continually provided for youth over many years an introduction to science for year 10 secondary school students. The three day program, is conducted at Deakin University Geelong and the University of Ballarat during the January school holidays and its aim is to encourage students to seriously consider the sciences and applied sciences as their future and we hope that this Rotary program has contributed in some part to building a better nation. *(note: Henry is still on the Committee in 2013)*

Our District Conference in 1996 was a great success and the weekend all seemed to go too quickly – from converting a gym to a first class conference centre complete with sea horses and fish dangling from the roof (a special thank you to Coral Barker and her artistic flair) to the official opening by the Governor of Victoria through to the Closing Ceremony and the clean-up. My heartfelt thanks to all those on the Conference Committee and the Club members for the work to get ready for such a big event.

I've have always thought the Rotary Foundation is the most important overall program of Rotary in that it depends on Rotarians yet it is primarily for the benefit of non-Rotarians worldwide. I encourage the Club to continue to generously support the Rotary Foundation in the years ahead.

Of course a big thank you to my wife Isabel for all her support before, during and after my year as District Governor. I wish the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove all the best for its continuing success and its strong place in community leadership.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 1992-1993
1996-1997

President Barry Reid

Another "Paint Your Heart Out" project sees us put a fresh face on the Queenscliff Railway Station to help show a fresh face to tourists.

18 Rotarians assist at the Australian International Airshow at Avalon and raise \$900. We do a fantastic job of the Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree lighting which gets great publicity through television media and Rotary Down Under magazine as the lights go on in the evening of the 14 December 1996 in the presence of several hundred people. The Norfolk Pine is located on the corner of Pt Lonsdale Rd and Grimes Rd and was first decorated in 1952 by locals when the Queenscliff Progress Association decided not to put up coloured lighting in the streets.

Two students attended RYPEN, the Roy Rose Awards continue and we provide \$800 for the Ocean Grove Youth Programme however, this year we decided not to participate in the International Your Exchange programme but agree to host Matt Gerber from Oregon USA in the next Rotary Year. Despite our best efforts we are unable to generate enough interest to establish a Rotoract Club.

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1996-1997

President Barry Reid

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**1997-1998
President Coral Barker**

Coral Barker is our first lady President and Felicity Dales is our first lady Sergeant-at-Arms. Felicity keeps everyone on their toes and makes our President very wary whenever Felicity says "I just have to go and get changed".

We receive a Presidential Citation for outstanding club participation in the Four Avenues of Service.

Graham Bath is the convenor for establishing the new Combined Probus Club of Queenscliff – the eighth Probus Club formed by our club.



The Foreshore Path Project enthusiasm is not matched by local authority and despite the best efforts of the doctor the project is one of those that dies a lingering death. In contrast the lighting of the Christmas Tree is a great success, 2500 people watch and the event gets a minute and a half of coverage on national prime time ABC TV.

We sponsor two students to RYPEN and we combine with Drysdale Rotary Club to sponsor Vanessa Munroe to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Our market season is a bumper, no rain cancellations and the car park overflows in January and April.

We approach Council in regard to a possible project on the parkland at the southern end of Tuckfield Street but we are told it will not be considered until they have finalised their Master Plan for the parks of the whole area.

Membership is steady at 49 and \$14K is spent across the Avenues of Service.

1998-1999

President Martin Geerings

From the idea of our Club President we and our partners conduct a fantastic Christmas Dinner for the senior citizens and club members think it should be an annual event.

The Group Study Exchange Team from France spends the Easter period with us for a bit of R&R (football at the "G", ferry trip to Sorrento and Fort Queenscliff).

PP Heiz Tonn and his wife Sigrid from the Rotary Club of Salzgetter-Wolfenbuttel, our matched club, visit us and Heinz is our guest speaker at a November meeting. We continue our program of helping two students in Indonesia and we receive reports on their progress and get letters from both girls who are attending the Economic High School in Bali.

After much effort and frustration, we achieve a matching grant to procure and install equipment in the Zimbabwe Hospital facilitated through the Rotary Club of Mutare in Zimbabwe. We commit \$3,000, the total cost of the project is \$US 8,800 and we hope the project will be realised in the next Rotary year.

Roy Rose Awards continue and a new project – Rotary Junior Community Award – is started and Ocean Grove Primary School is running with the project this year.

Vocation includes a visit to the Avalon Airport complex and the QANTAS 747 maintenance facility, mock job interviews and club members through Operation Livewire help Andrew Fernyhough from Leopold on his operation to establish a grocery home shopping service.

We run a fishing completion in March, but bad weather on the day, a struggle for sponsors and low numbers on the day results in an overall loss – but nothing ventured nothing gained. Charitable distribution reaches \$23.5K and club membership at the end of the year is 47.

1999-2000
President Peter Cullen

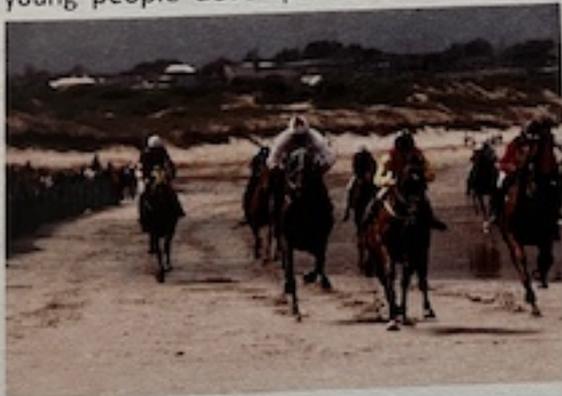
The project for the Zimbabwe Hospital gets slowed down through difficulties experienced in constantly changing currency rates, political problems in Zimbabwe and a change in the people handling the project in Rotary HQ in Evanston USA. We are hopeful of completion in the latter half of 2000.

Club Service members wrestle with the periodic problem – the meeting venue. A sub-committee explores options and find no local venues were able to meet our criteria – Queenscliff Estate was pretty close...

The Seniors Citizens Christmas Dinner is held at the Ocean Grove Golf Club and looks like being a long term fixture on the Club calendar. \$4,000 is raised for Red Cross Calling, we continue our involvement in the Christmas Tree lighting at Pt Lonsdale, we adopt a section of the foreshore conducting several clean-ups and through our contacts assist 13th Beach Surf Life Saving Club to get a refrigerator.

Two students go to RYPEN, one to RYLA, Roy Rose Awards continue and more schools join the Rotary Junior Community Awards. Donovan Krill from Edmonton Canada is the inbound Youth Exchange student due to arrive in early July 2000 and Josh Rankine is our outbound student going to Thailand.

Operation Livewire, a program whereby Rotarians work as mentors to assist young people develop a business plan, was conducted again this year. Three



Rotarians use their knowledge, experience and business skills to mentor three projects; Hydro Therapy Works, Budget Accommodation and a business associated with bicycles. Katrina Gibson is selected and sponsored by the Club to attend the week long Rotary Adventures in Citizenship in Canberra. (Pic: Ocean Grove Cup)

We provide significant manpower support to the Ocean Grove Cup Day as ticket sellers. We close the year with 45 members and distribute \$19.5K.

2000-2001

President Hans Franken

A first for our Club as we host the Annual General Meeting of the fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians with Rotarians from many parts of Australia attending.

It finally happens – after what seems like light years since we started on the project for the Zimbabwe Hospital and since we committed our funds the project comes to fruition and the funds committed to Zimbabwe under the Matching Grant for the purchase of equipment are finally handed over. We provide \$1650 to purchase three treadle sewing machines for an orphanage in Cambodia which is run by Geraldine Cox and ex Ocean Grove nurse, we of course continue our support for Polio Plus and make a donation to Rotary Foundation. We also contribute funds to help re-roof a hospital in Tonga and continue supporting the Indonesian students.

Two students from Bellarine Secondary College attend the Siemens Science Experience at Deakin University and nine students complete the Rotary Junior Awards. Unfortunately there are no RYLA or RYPEN students this year but we purchase books for hearing impaired children, help two kids in the Ocean Grove Scout Group and help in the running costs for the Youth Festival plus support the Neighbourhood Centre Friday night youth program. Our exchange student is not able to settle into our environment and is transferred to Geelong West Rotary Club but our outbound student Joshua Rankine is doing well in Thailand.

We purchase new lights for the Christmas Tree, again host the Seniors Christmas Dinner, establish two more Probus Clubs (Ocean Grove Surfside Probus and Point Lonsdale/Queenscliff Probus), support the Ocean Grove Cup and try something new with catering at the Geelong Show.

\$24.5K is distributed across the Avenues of Service including \$2K to Polio Plus and \$2K to Rotary Foundation.

2001-2002
President John Powell

We sponsor three young people to participate in a voyage on the 'Lady Nelson' and we are awarded the "Geoff Tually Award" at the Ballarat Conference for the highest Club percentage present at the Conference.

We provide a free sausage sizzle to support The Terrace Reconstruction – Opening Street Party and our first working bee under the Adopt a Highway nets 40 bags of rubbish.

Vandalism in our town is discussed at a Club Forum attended by local police and retailers. An initiative generated by our Club sees eight of our surrounding primary schools being invited to design an anti- vandalism sticker with an excellent response. Rotary Junior Awards move beyond Ocean Grove Primary School and Wallington Primary School joins in but ventures into Surfside Primary and Queenscliff are not fruitful. Honour Boards for the Roy Rose Awards are erected at the Bellarine Secondary College, our Outbound Youth Exchange student Joshua Rankine returns home from Thailand and we continue our support of the Friday Night Program at the Neighbourhood Centre.

We continue under RAWCS to fund the education of two Indonesian students "Triyani and Slivester" and support the Aquabox program.

During vocational month Rotarians visit to the Black Rock Sewerage Treatment Works and are amazed at the size of the complex and mock job interviews again prove worthwhile for Bellarine Secondary College students.

We expend \$20K through the Charities Account and club membership is 46.

2002-2003
President Colin Brown

The President highlights that he can recall 5 different regular meeting venues during his time in the Club and identifies that deciding on the sixth venue is no more dramatic than previous. Trials are conducted at the Barwon Heads Hotel, the Royal Hotel Queenscliff and Ocean Grove Golf Club.

The Club focuses on the magnificent Rotary International project - Polio Plus during this year contributing \$5K which was helped by a successful Dinner Auction run by John and Nan Calnin and a band of willing helpers. Due to the Bali bomb blast we decide to contribute \$4K to Interplast.

Martin Geerings got the social programme pumping and through the Vocational team Rotarians visit the Great Southern Waters marine farm at Indented Heads. New Generations (Youth) is busy as usual with a First Aid course, Roy Rose Awards, Rotary Junior Community Awards, RYPEN, Youth Exchange and the National Youth Science Forum.

We clean up along the highway between Grubb and Wallington Roads under the Adopt a Highway program. Food was tops for the year - a fundraiser through supporting the CFA Championships at Portarlington saw some Rotarians drop egg and bacon off their diets for a few years, we organised breakfast on the banks of the Barwon for 55 riders in 'Rotary Ride for Research', ANZAC Day Dawn Service breakfast of course and the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. The market continues and surges to its best year over the last 5 years; crayfish spins return and an average of 97 sites are occupied per market across the season.

The Club has five members in positions across District 9780 and National committees. Rotary encourages clubs to set up new systems that are member friendly.

Club membership stands at 53 at the end of the Rotary year and we expend \$28K through the Charities Account.

2003-2004

President Geoff Brentnall

The Club celebrates 20 years with a dinner at the Club Italia in Moolap where the Club held the Charter Dinner, club members attend the District Conference in Mount Gambier and following a series of trials at various establishments narrowing the field to two, the Club votes 28 to 14 to return to the Ocean Grove Hotel.



Service Club signs are erected at the entrance to Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove thanks to Rod Birrell. The Club rallies helps to erect the lights on the Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree, assists in turning on the tree lights and of course pulling it all down again ready for next year. (Pic: Pt Lonsdale Christmas Tree)

We establish another Probus Club – Winchelsea as other Rotary clubs decline the invitation to investigate a new club. Eleven Probus clubs have been formed over the last 19 years – six in Ocean Grove, four in Queenscliff-Point Lonsdale and now one in Winchelsea. We host another GSE Team, this time from the UK and help fund 4 Aquaboxes for use by relief agencies during

humanitarian disasters.

Three students attend RYPEN and judging from the emails our Outgoing Exchange Student Matt Craig is enjoying Chicago. Jack Madin is endorsed as the Outgoing Exchange Student to Sweden and we help support the Youthfest Youth Art Show at the Neighbourhood Centre as well as helping to partially fund nine young people from Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre Youth Group to attend the High Challenge Camp which is organised and conducted by Victoria Police. Our market experiences all four seasons in the market season with sun hats and umbrellas. On one rainy day the 12 cray spins could not be conducted but we were able to sell them to the Ocean Grove Hotel. A vocational visit to the Ocean Grove Police Station saw some nervous Rotarians... perhaps it wasn't their first visit and \$18K is distributed through the Charities Account.

2004-2005
President Tim Kemp

The Club Bulletin goes on line with colour photos – another technology leap for our Club.

Sadly Club stalwart and Charter member Graham Bath passes away leaving a legacy of flourishing Probus Clubs and the Junior Community Awards in Primary Schools locally.

We all see the power of Mother Nature and the faces of human suffering and devastation as the Boxing Day Tsunami strikes. The Club combines efforts with the Ocean Grove CFA and individual donors to raise \$15K for the Tsunami Appeal. The Seniors Christmas Dinner is once again a great success. *(Pic: Seniors Christmas Party)*



Whilst door knocking is unpopular with Rotarians we again knuckle down and collect more than \$4K through Red Cross Calling. The Club struggles with Council and its processes for getting approval for major projects. And Mother Nature again shows her powerful hand causing us to delay the Rotary Centennial Year project of planting 100 trees as we wait for RAIN – but we schedule planting 50 trees based on a forecast of rain and John Wynn's weather eye.

Three students attend RYPEN at Maldon with Alison George providing transport, one student attends RYLA, seven students attend the Siemens Science Experience, 11 students participate in the Rotary Junior Community Awards and we financially assist a student at Bellarine Secondary College. The Club presents three Pride of Workmanship Awards and conducts mock interviews for Bellarine Secondary College students.

\$20K is expended through the Charities Account including \$5K to the Bellarine SES and \$3.5K on Student Exchange. Club membership reaches 54.

2005-2006

President Helen Trigg

In another milestone event for our Club we charter the Rotary Club of Queenscliff to continue the expansion of the great organisation of Rotary.

We get our hands dirty, bend our backs and build the Barwon Heads Bluff walkway and board-walk – 300m of shell grit pathway, 100m of elevated boardwalk and a viewing platform. (Pic: Boardwalk construction) We build outdoor tables and seating at Mirrabooka

but the major project concepts of a Memorial Garden at the Lookout Reserve and a Rotunda and BBQ at Tuckfield St Reserve do not crystalize. The first Public Access Defibrillator



(PAD) of the PAD Project is installed at Market Square Ocean Grove and by years end we have three units in Ocean Grove and a target of eight to ten.

Combining with our sister club of Southampton, Ontario Canada we committed funds to complete a water project on Yanuca Island, Fiji and Signe Uhlenfeldt, our exchange student from Denmark was farewelled after 11 months with our Club. In January 2006 we welcomed Jack Madin from Sweden and we wished outgoing exchange student Jan Howard bon voyage for her 12 months in Brazil. Jan left well prepared for the adventure thanks to the efforts of David Tyrrell. We decide not to continue our sponsorship of Indonesian students.

The Club helps break a drought during its Beach Party and the Progressive Dinner/Auction raises over \$5K with 100 people going through the homes of some Rotarians. We continue our traditions of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service breakfast and the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. The Club expends \$17.5K across the Avenues of Service and we end the year with 44 members despite the loss of Rotarians to the new Queenscliff Club.

2006-2007
President Richard Grimmatt

The Club initiates, under the guiding hand of Martin Geerings and supported by Geoff Chandler, the inaugural Paul Harris Fellow Annual Dinner which raises funds for Rotary Foundation with over 100 people attending.

We host four couples for 10 days from our sister club Southampton Ontario Canada and we knock over a couple of one day garden and front yard blitzes to help people in our community.

We provided \$5K to Rotary Peace Scholarship, \$3K to the Rotary Foundation and overall \$23K through the Charities Account. Donations in Kind (DIK) benefits from



our efforts of collecting 7,000 books and several cubic metres of household goods, toys and clothing over 5 collections. In addition we collected 2 truckloads of desks and chairs for schools in PNG. We purchase Shelter Box serial # AUS 2004 (which is subsequently sent to Karachi Pakistan in June 2007).

Outgoing exchange student, Jan Howard, is welcomed home

from Brazil, we sponsored three RYPLEN students, provide funds to help revive the Neighbourhood Centre "Friday Drop In" and the Roy Rose Awards continue from strength to strength. This year the Rotary Junior Community Awards are renamed the Graham Bath Junior Community Awards in recognition of the wonderful work of Graham Bath and his service to Rotary. Rotarians again pound the streets of Ocean Grove for Red Cross Calling collecting \$4K, seek excitement as marshals at the Ladies International Cycling Race in Barwon Heads and help out at the Seafood Fest in Queenscliff.

The Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) project installations now number four and Wal and Val Kelly showcase the project at the District Conference in Warrnambool. Fred Andrews starts the first of his seven continuous years as our Club Treasurer. Membership is 48 and we distribute \$23.7K.

2007-2008

President Alison George

The two Shelters Boxes we purchase this year are quickly swallowed by disasters in China and Burma. We do a great repair and paint job on the buildings at the Barwon Heads Community Garden and visit the new Ocean Grove Ambulance Station. Six students attend the Siemens Science School Experience, 12 students participate in our Junior Community Service Awards, Roy Rose prizes are presented to Students at Bellarine Secondary College and we feed over 200 at the ANZAC Day breakfast. 100 seniors attend our Christmas Dinner and we take on our sister club Queenscliff in a lawn bowls night.

We built raised garden beds as our first part in an ongoing commitment to the Kitchen Garden at the Surfside Primary School – and this project is still running in our 30th Anniversary year. (Pic: Building garden beds)



Unfortunately there are no RYLA or RYPEN students this year. We make the third and final donation of \$2000 to the Neighbourhood Centre and we purchase Shelter Boxes # AUS 2932 and AUS 3515. (AUS 2932 is sent to Chengdu China in May 2008).

John (Foxy) Fox is recognised for 50 Years' Service and also receives the Four Avenues of Service Citation, and Geoff Ford and Wal Kelly lead a herculean effort selling car raffle tickets. Tony Haines continues his duties as Club Public Officer.

Membership is at 45 and \$23K is spent across our various endeavours including \$3K to the Rotary Foundation.

2008-2009
President John Calnin

The Club celebrates 25 years with a birthday bash attended by the DG and DG Elect and their partners as well as former charter members and guests. We contribute to two joint club water projects in Zambia and India with Coral Baker leading the International Service committee while on the Community front the Club makes a five year commitment to the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club while continuing to support the CFA, Ambulance Victoria and the Neighbourhood Centre.



Under the leadership of Judy Greer we host five families from the drought effected area of Wedderburn/Korong in April 2009 to give them a holiday during tough times. Geoff Brentnall leads a team to organise the very successful Mental Health Forum in February 2009 with over 300 participants and we made a significant

contribution to Ocean Grove's "Celebrate 58" Commemoration Parade. Club members visit the brand new Ocean Grove Fire Station. (Pic: Mental Health Forum)

We source commercial sponsorship for the market, conduct an advertising letter box drop and start the gold coin "Donations Bin" at the market entry with great successes. We organise an eight race Trots Night at Beckley Park with 80 people attending generating money for the Charities Account and enjoying some great fun and fellowship. The Car Raffle results reach even higher heights and overall we expend an amazing \$46K through the charities account including the purchase of two more Shelter Boxes.

Vic Harnath starts the first of his six continuous years as Club Secretary. Membership leaps up; Ian Bent, Dick Clay, John Paton, Jim Ricchini, Richard Trigg join and John Eyles, a Charter member, re-joins and we conclude the year with 53 members.

**2009-2010
President Rod Greer**

Geoff Ford and Wal Kelly once again drive the car raffle ticket sales making extraordinary individual efforts and some Rotarians thoroughly enjoyed "textaing" the thighs of tri athletes while also raising money for the Charities Account.

Colin Brown once again fronts up to control the summer market car park with an iron fist, Bob Smith (RIP) fleeced all and sundry during the fines sessions while Dick "the Raffle" Clay and Gary "The Footy" Golding helped push up the Administration Account. More work was done on the Surfside Primary School Kitchen Garden Project including building a chook pen giving the chickens 3* accommodation.



The Ocean Grove Lookout Reserve project gets underway and through Vocation with John Eyles we learn how to make pizza bases at Lombardy's on Hesse and present three Pride of Workmanship Awards. We have a full plate across the Youth portfolio having successes in RYPEN, VCE support, Roy Rose and Graham Bath Awards and the Youth Science and Engineering programs. Planning gets underway for our first Art Show as a new project for the Club and as always Geoff Eglin provides great club support through Paxton Press.

\$41K is distributed from the Charities Account including the purchase of another three Shelter Boxes and funds towards Polio Plus, RAMS and ROMAC. Our matching Club Southampton in Canada donates \$1K for bushfire relief which we combined with our funds for Youth in Kinglake. Mick Cummins joins the Club and our membership hits 54.

2010-2011
President Noel Emselle

Sadly we lose Bob Smith early in the Rotary year and we all feel the loss of the "Big Bob". The new Club website is in its infancy but is showing great promise as the Club jumps (pushed) into the technology age under the guidance of Richard Grimmatt and Rod Bush. Norm Elliot continues to look after the Family of Rotary.

Geoff Brentnall coordinates the conduct of a 12 Hour Mental Health First Aid Workshop while in New Generations Judy Greer and her team were busy with participants at RYPEN and RYLA, the Science Experiment and the VCE Summer School. Again, this year two deserving students of Bellarine Secondary College benefitted from Rotary funding and the Club hosted two Thai students from Thai orphanages.

Marion and Billy Walton coordinated the annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner for more than 80 and we worked hard on the Lookout Project coordinating with the Geelong Historical Society and the Wathaurong community to finalise the interpretational signs. We again cook up a storm for the breakfast after the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and on the international front purchase another three Shelter Boxes. Pride of Workmanship awards are presented to three recipients including a great supporter of our Club, Alan Barber from the Ocean Grove Voice.

We continue our commitment to Red Cross Calling door knock collecting \$5500 under the steady hand of Peter Hawthorne and the Summer Market with Geoffrey Cummins turns a profit of over \$18K. Geoffrey Cummins and John Paton start the planning for a trial of Winter Indoor Markets.

The Club gains some notoriety leading the Conga at the District Conference... and our program of work at the Surfside Primary School Garden is recognised with a District 9780 Preserve Planet Earth award.

An amazing \$55K is dispersed through the Avenues of Service and membership is 53.

2011-12

President Margaret Campbell

We are well settled in the Ocean Grove Bowling Club for its weekly meetings and John Paton kicks off the indoor markets at the Aquatic Centre while the evergreen summer markets continue at Kingston Park. Emerging from an idea at a 2009 Club Assembly the Club holds its first Art Show on the Melbourne Cup weekend in 2011 in Queenscliff with great success and \$17K shared across Rainbow Riders, Disabled Surfers Association, a long time beneficiary Cottage by the Sea and a number of smaller local good causes.

The Ocean Grove Lookout project is completed, and our annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service Breakfast and Seniors' Christmas party are again great successes. Trevor McArdle leads the organisation of our first 24 hour MegaSwim raising \$21K for the MS Society. The Club took the lead and made a significant dollar contribution to enhancing the capability of the Ocean Grove Ambulances funding an upgraded MRX Monitor Defibrillator. Under Vocational we established a scholarship with the Gordon Institute of TAFE and had a very enjoyable visit to Scotchman's Hill Winery. On the International front through Geoff Brentnall and John Wynn seven truckloads of "much needed stuff" were delivered to the DIK Depot Geelong and we purchased more Shelter Boxes. Noel Ritson-Bennett from Canada joins the Club, Pete McLennan re-joins the Club, Alex Magee takes on running the club footy tipping competition, Bob Osborne continues to look after our Club history and Noel Emselle initiates the FROG's breakfast program.

The New Generation (Youth) program lead by Ann Hodgkinson continues from strength to strength. The Graham Bath Junior Community Awards continue to flourish with more students and schools joining the program and the Roy Rose Citizenship Award continues. Our special ongoing sponsorship program with Bellarine Secondary College continues to provide financial support to selected Year 11 and 12 students and we support one student at RYPEN and one student at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

The Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) project rolls out the 21st PAD - an amazing successful project. The Club's website grows in popularity and functionality and Alan Barber of the Ocean Grove Voice continues to provide us great PR support. Overall the Club distributes \$42K from the Charities Account for the year.

2012-13
President Dick Clay

Our Club provided a second District Governor in our 30 years, with Helen Trigg taking on the big job and the Club hosting the District 9780 Conference at Christian College Drysdale. The conference is a great success and a tribute to the hard work of the Conference Committee over a long period and the effort of Club members on the Conference weekend. DG Helen's efforts are a great reflection on herself, her husband Richard and the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove. Rod Greer's efforts as District Secretary are outstanding.



We hold our second Art Show with Marg Campbell taking on the marketing role and we host a GSE team from New York State as the last visit of their exchange. Markets continue under James Ricchini and the Winter Markets become a permanent activity. A project to provide a fitness machines along the Ocean

Grove spit track kicks off and there is more work at the Ocean Grove Primary School Kitchen Garden under the guidance of Peter Cullen. A tree planting day gets us a donation of \$500 and a day of fun and fellowship. Our annual Senior Christmas Dinner and ANZAC Day Dawn Service Breakfast continue to grow. Graeme Chamberlain organises a great day at the Birregurra Cup and John Flett ensures we get great PR coverage of all our Club activities. *(Pic: tree planting lunch break)* Graham Bath Junior Community Awards are run again with a significantly increased number of participants and 29 successful completions from Year 6 students. Roy Rose Citizenship Awards continued, we supported one student to RYPEN and we support two students under our VCE Individual Support Program. Gemma Borgwardt from Drysdale is presented with our Gordon Scholarship, we make five Pride of Workmanship Awards and purchase our 15th Shelterbox.

We welcome our newest Club members Eng Ho, Gillian Morgan, Jill Grigg, Peter Cowburn and Adrian Schmidt. Membership is 55 and we expend \$25K from the Charities Account.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2012-2013
District Governor Helen Trigg

When PP Coral Barker approached me one night after a Rotary meeting and suggested that it was time Ocean Grove hosted another Conference, I agreed. It would be a wonderful thing to do, our club working together to showcase the Bellarine Peninsula, what a wonderful ideal! Then it dawned on me and I asked the question "doesn't the District Governor usually come from the host club?" "Yes," she said "You would be great".



"Me" I nearly fainted. Did I know enough about Rotary? Would I have the time? Did I want to be District Governor? You bet I did! We would need the Club's endorsement, it was unanimous. OK, I am on my way.



(Pic: The pressure of Conference) What an incredible three years, training, training and more training! Here in Australia and in the USA. It was amazing. Did I know enough about Rotary? I do now!

To be the leader of District 9780 has been a great privilege and an honour. To know that I had the support and encouragement of all of my fellow Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove was something I will carry with me always. This club has come such a long way since the first lady was inducted and then the first lady President and now a lady District Governor. I would like to congratulate The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove on its 30 years of its acceptance and fairness to all, the ability to make the hard decisions and then stand by them as a club no matter what they thought as individuals. Congratulations also for the 30 years of service to their Community and the International Communities they support through the Rotary Foundation.

We look forward to the next 30 years.

2013-14
President Gordon King

As a relatively new member of Ocean Grove Rotary, I was surprised and flattered to be asked to be Club President for the 2013-2014 Rotary year; the 30th year of the Club. I had transferred to Ocean Grove from St Ives Rotary, which I joined in 1993, following my retirement.

Looking back over the past decade shows that Ocean Grove Rotary is a club that can be proud of its achievements, particularly in the areas of community service and youth. These achievements include:

- Provided a second District Governor in Helen Trigg and hosting a District Conference;
- chartered Queenscliff Rotary in 2005;
- sponsored 11 Probus clubs (six in Ocean Grove, four in Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale and one in Winchelsea);
- supported numerous youth programmes, including Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYDA), Rotary Junior Community Awards, attendance at the High Challenge Camp and the Siemens Science School Experience and participated in Junior Service Awards;
- community based projects included construction of the Barwon Heads Bluff walkway, boardwalk and viewing platform, construction of outdoor tables and seating at Mirrabooka, construction of an interpretive walkway at the Ocean Grove Lookout, construction of a kitchen garden at Surfside Primary School, installation of 21 Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) throughout the area, Pride of Workmanship Awards, support to the Ocean Grove Ambulance for an upgraded MRX Monitor Defibrillator as well as general support for the CFA, Ambulance, Surf Clubs and Red Cross;
- The establishment of summer and winter markets, and an annual Art Show were major fundraisers for the Club;
- Internationally, the Club purchased a number of Shelterboxes, supported the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, Rotary Against Malaria, Donations in Kind, and Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children, and, with our sister club of Southhampton, Ontario, Canada, supported a water project on Yanuca Island, Fiji.

As the Club begins its fourth decade, Rotary International, with the theme of "Engage Rotary. Change Lives", will be introducing sweeping changes to the way that it does business and how Clubs are managed. Ocean Grove Rotary is well placed embrace these changes, having already adopted the new Club Leadership Plan.

Of particular interest to the Club will be changes made to the Rotary Foundation through its new programme, Rotary Foundation Grants. Specific issues are to be considered in seeking grants for both local and global grants will be:

- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Disease Prevention
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development.

It is expected that, over the next decade, Ocean Grove Rotary will continue to support local community and youth projects, and play an expanded role with international projects through a greater involvement with the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE 30 YEAR HONOUR ROLL

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	SERGEANT
1983-84	Wal Kelly	Alan Kilpatrick	John Calnin	Roy Rose
1984-85	Frank Mountford	Alan Kilpatrick	John Calnin	Peter Robinson
1985-86	Henry Hudson	Denis Joseph	John Wynn	Trevor McArdle
1986-87	John Calnin	Denis Joseph	John Wynn	Barry Reid
1987-88	Jim MacDonald	Maurice Barwick	John Calnin	Barry Reid
1988-89	Hans Franken	Maurice Barwick	Geoff Chalker	John Calnin
1989-90	Trevor McArdle	Jim MacDonald	Geoff Chalker	Alan Kilpatrick
1990-91	Maurice Barwick	Geoff Brentnall	Bob Perry	David Tyrrell
1991-92	Peter Robinson	Bob Osborne	Bob Perry	Hans Franken
1992-93	Geoff Morphett	Bob Osborne	Ian Walker	Rod Birrell
1993-94	Eric Bare	Ken Thibou Bob Osbourne	Colin Brown	Alec Magee
1994-95	Geoff Chandler	John Dodgshun	Colin Brown	Phil Butters
1995-96	Gerry Spencer	John Dodgshun	Colin Brown	John Powell John Calnin
1996-97	Barry Reid	John Dodgshun	Coral Barker	James Turnbull
1997-98	Coral Barker	Mark Donehue	Martin Geerings	Felicity Dales
1998-99	Martin Geerings	Mark Donehue	John Powell	Rod Birrell
1999-00	Peter Cullen	Mark Donehue	John Powell	Geoff Brentnall
2000-01	Hans Franken	Geoff Morphett	John Powell	John Calnin
2001-02	John Powell	Tony Haines	Norm Elliot	Bob Jordan/Andrew Brown
2002-03	Colin Brown	Tony Haines	Norm Elliot	Coral Barker/Peter Cullen
2003-04	Geoff Brentnall	Tony Haines	Bob Osborne	Henry Hudson Peter Cullen
2004-05	Tim Kemp	Dennis Saliba	Coral Barker John Fox	Rod Birrell
2005-06	Helen Trigg	David Cornwell	Coral Barker	Rodney Birrell
2006-07	Richard Grimmett	Rod Greer	Coral Barker	John Calnin

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2007-08	Alison George	Rod Greer	Fred Andrews	James Turnbull
2008-09	John Calnin	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	Hans Franken
2009-10	Rod Greer	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	Bob Smith
2010-11	Noel Emselle	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	Gary Golding
2011-12	Margaret Campbell	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	John Paton
2012-13	Richard Clay	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	John Paton
2013-14	Gordon King	Victor Harnath	Fred Andrews	Richard Grimmett

