

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
9th April.	5 on me - New Rotarians.	Adrian Schmidt.	Richard Grimmert.	Bill Walton.	Rod Birrell.	9/4 John Calnin, 9/4 Vic Harnath, 9/4 Gordon King, 10/4 Jo & Peter Hawthorne.
16th April.	Children & Autism	Jim Ricchini.	Alan Keyse.	Nicole Vinken-Powell.	Vic Harnath.	23/4 Nan & John Calnin, 24/4 Jenny & Adrian Schmidt.
23rd April.	Barwon Sports Academy Visit.	Lynne Carlson	N/A	N/A	N/A	30/4 Heather & Richard Grimmert,

### Our Club

**President:** Graeme Chamberlain

**Secretary:** Pearl Macmillan

**Where:** We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club: 18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

**When:** 6 pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

**Apologies:** 0457 315 900

**Web:** [rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**Theme:** Maternal & Child Care Month

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

31/03/19 - 06/04/19 Judy Greer

07/04/19 - 20/04/19 Marion & Bill Walton

14/04/19 - 20/04/19 Janet Alexander

**Past bulletins**

- Available from our club website

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

## Report of Meeting: 02/04/2019

**Guests:** Andy McCoy, Barwon Water, guest of Noel Emselle.

### President's Report:

Board to meet after tonight's meeting.

Presentation: A cheque for \$1,060 was presented to Chris Waitte from the View Club being the revenue from the gate collection at last month's market. Chris thanked the Rotary Club for the opportunity. They have recently established 'Learning for Life' classes in Whittington and Newcombe and the money will be used for that project.

### Reports:

**Marian Walton** advised that a blue folder is being circulated with two surveys. The first related to the Parkinson Fundraiser night, which has been postponed. Members are asked to indicate their preferences in terms of what format a future fundraiser should take.

**Lynne Carlson, Vocational** said the second survey related to attendance at a Vocational Visit to the Barwon Sports Academy at Skilled Stadium on the 23 April. It would be followed by a meal at a nearby Chinese Restaurant. Partners are welcome.

**Rod Greer, International** asked for more volunteers at Lake Reserve at 9.30 this Wednesday to dismantle playground equipment. Enough people agreed to come.



## Members: Coming Events:

- Visit to Barwon Sports Academy. 23 Apr
- Anzac Day BBQ. 25 Apr

## Saying of the week .....

- I do not believe that friends are necessarily the people you like best, they are merely the people who got there first.

## Humour .....

- What do you get when you cross-breed a shark and a cow? I have no idea but i wouldn't try milking it.
- Two police officers crash their car into a tree. After a moment of silence, one of them says, "Wow, that's got to be the fastest we ever got to the accident site.

## Links .....

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

Rotary District 9780:  
[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)  
Footy Tipping  
[www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)

## Please remember:

- APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING. THOSE WHO DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE SENT A BILL, AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY IF NO APOLOGY IS REGISTERED.

**Noel Emselle, Community Service** advised that favourable consideration had been given by the City of Greater Geelong to erect the sculpture at Lookout Reserve. They would apply for a District Grant to help cover the costs. It was hoped to hold a planting day at the end of May.

**John Paton, Treasurer** asked that the BBQ raffle books be returned next week if possible, and definitely by the following week, sold or not.

**Judy Greer, Youth Services** said the Tony, Geoff, Michelle and herself had completed the school visits for the Graham Bath Junior Awards program. They had 10 students interested from Surferside, 26 plus Monique Fox for Star of the Sea and 35 from Ocean Grove Primary School. She also advised that applications were now open for the National Youth Science Forum held in January next year. Year 11 students with an interest in science were encouraged to apply and should see the website for information. Applications close on the 31 May, but students need to do their application in April to meet the timetable.

**Gordon King, Foundation** asked members interested in making donations to see him.

**Adrian Schmidt, Market** advised that the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Leopold last Saturday raised \$1,200 with \$1,000 profit despite the bad weather. All roles for next Sunday's market have been filled and thank you to the last-minute volunteers. He asked participants to remember that Daylight Saving ends this Sunday so don't come an hour early.

**Alex McGee, Footy Tipping** This week's winner was Richard Clay. Four people are leading with 10 winners being Geoff Ford, Janet Alexander, Rod Bush and Alison George. Bill Walton is currently coming last.

**Richard Clay** reminded people that the 25 April is **Anzac Day** and we are doing the dawn service breakfast as usual. He needs two people to do the coffee and teas. He will contact all participants in the next few weeks to discuss arrangements.



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Jeremy Scott, The Long Road from a Broken Heart – a 52,000km bike ride from London to Auckland.**

Jeremy had open-heart surgery as a child in New Zealand. When he was born his mother quickly realised

something was wrong and he had major heart problems.

The surgeon wanted to wait until he was older to operate but his health deteriorated, and the operation was performed when he was four years old. He thinks this early experience made his stubborn. Since then he has always looked for challenges and new experiences. While he was in London, he felt he needed to do something to help heart disease. He decided to 'ride home' and seven years later began his journey, quite unprepared for what lay ahead. This 52,000km bike ride took two and a half years. At the beginning it was daunting and painful, so he set smaller goals – Amsterdam, Prague, Budapest. This helped his confidence; his courage grew over time and he fell in love with the journey. Most of the highlights related to the people he met on the way.

It took 10 weeks to get through Europe to Istanbul. He arrived in the worst winter in Turkey for decades and had to ride in freezing conditions, but he made it. He considered it good mental conditioning. He next rode through Iran where he met the most pleasant, hospitable, heart warming people. But also some bad experiences in the desert, he went into a small restaurant where they were dealing drugs. The owner produced a gun and Jeremy panicked feeling they meant to kill him. Fortunately, four truck drivers arrived for food and he took the opportunity to leave. However, most people were welcoming, extremely kind to strangers and this was the typical encounter.

Jeremy then rode through China, encountering 50-degree heat and sand storms in Western China but he learnt to deal with them. There is no way you can prepare for everything you encounter. Planning was valuable but experience was the main teacher. The journey continued across China, into South Korea, Japan, Southern China to Vietnam. He then proceeded to Bali and flew to Darwin. There he met some elderly relatives who rode with him to Cairns. He then rode down to Melbourne and flew to Christchurch and rode up to Auckland. He was excited to be home but regretted the end of the trip. It was a simple existence when all that was needed was food, water and a bit of dirt to sleep on.

He is looking for another challenge and is considering more rides in the future. Jeremy has produced a photographic book of his journey, with money from each sale going to the Heart Foundation in Australia. It includes his beautiful experiences but also some bad ones. The book costs \$65 and so far he has raised \$70,000 for the Heart Foundation. It can be obtained from [WWW.JEREMYSCOTT.COM.AU](http://WWW.JEREMYSCOTT.COM.AU)

Next week is an in-house meeting. There is no guest speaker.

