

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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ABN: 13 501 173 192

Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Happy \$\$/ Server	Food Server	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday April 4	15 On Me: Marion & Bill Walton / Kath Venters	Peter Cullen	Not Required	Ann Hodgkinson	Chris Watson	John Karis	8/4 Martin Geerings; 9/4 Gordon King
Tuesday April 11	Liddy Neville - Landcare	Janet Alexander	Paul Brewster	Rod Greer	Alan Keyse	John Paton	10/4 Jo & Peter Hawthorne.
Tuesday April 18	Peter & Diane Hobbs, Salvation Army	Adrian Schmidt	Alex Magee	Lyndy Stagg	Andrea Tierney	David Larkin	18/4 Hazel & Geoff Ford, 19/4 Adrian Schmidt

Our Club

President

Secretary



Peter Cowburn



Rod Bush

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club

When: 6pm for 6:30pm
Visitors are Welcome

Late Apologies: Lyndy Stagg - 0429 436 858

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: March - Water and Sanitation

Past bulletins

- Available from our website (rotaryoceangrove.org.au) via the 'Our Club' menu.

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

We acknowledge the traditional First Nation custodians of country throughout Victoria and their ongoing connection to this land. We pay our respects to their culture and their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Coming Events

• **Rotary International Convention - 27 - 31 May 2023** (Melbourne). The website through which to register is: rotarymelbourne2023.org

- 1 April - 100 Trees Working Bee
- 8 April - Barwon Heads Duck Race
- 10 April - Easter Monday Market
- 25 April - ANZAC Day breakfast
- 30 April - Vicpol Golf day

Visiting Rotarians: Glennis Jones, Delia Jenkins, Graeme Wise, Rotary Club of Bellarine North

Meeting 28 March 2023

Kath Venters showed a short video of the Shelter Box Experience in Turkiye.

REPORTS

Ann Hodgkinson, Bulletin: Requested all Committee spokespeople send her a report of tonight's discussions by end of business Thursday. All received.

Heather Willson, Duck Race: Sales going well but there are still many available online. She has a list of jobs on the day but still needs a few more workers. See Heather if you can help. Please take your Duck Tickets back to Heather's home if they are still outstanding.

Wisdom for the Week

If you can't be happy with a coffee,
you won't be happy with a yacht.
Naval Ravikant

"Letter words" - with new definitions. 7

Hangover: When the brew of the night meets the dark of the day. The wrath of grapes.

Happiness: Nothing more than health, and a poor memory.

Hatred: A sentiment appropriate to the occasion of another's superiority. By far the longest pleasure.

One liners

Saturday is April Fool's Day. Believe nothing, and trust no one. So it's like any other day.

What monster plays the most April Fool's jokes? Frankenstein!

Do you think they named April Fool's Day in your honour?

You should know that no one understood it was an April Fool's joke because no one expected you to have a sense of humour.

Links

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780: www.rotary9780.org

Rotary Foundation:

www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au

Footy Tipping www.footytips.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryOG>

Instagram: [#rotarycluboceangrove](https://www.instagram.com/rotarycluboceangrove)

Please remember:

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the next meeting - **please respond when you get it** - it's a very simple process. You will receive a return email advising your response has been registered.

Frank Rice, Treasurer: The \$10,000 payment to Feed Me Bellarine has been sent. There is still enough money in reserve to get to the end of the financial year.

John Karis, Vocational: Nominations to date for the Community Awards are 24 for Small Business, Team Member 5, but Volunteer Organisations and Apprenticeships still need more. If you are involved with a volunteer organisation, get it nominated.

Pearl Macmillan, Community and Environment: The 100 Trees weeding working bee is on 1st April starting at 10 am. Bring your sprayer full of water. There will also be some hand weeding. When spraying be careful of the trees which are getting bigger. Wear long sleeves, trousers, gloves and a mask. More helpers welcome.

Kath Venters, International: Projects are progressing. There have been 12,000 hits on our social media sites.

Graeme Batrouney, Membership: We currently have 59 members, four joined in 2022, one new person in 2023 plus one inquiry.

Judy Greer, Family of Rotary: Alison George has had her shoulder reconstruction operation. Flowers sent. She sounded well and thanked everyone for three good wishes and the flowers. John Calnin is supporting his wife Nan and asks if anyone can help with relief on Wednesday mornings. Sue Hill is still suffering from her back issues.

Harry Hanley, Footy Tipping: Noel Emselle won this week with seven winners. No one tipped Carlton to beat Geelong.

Lyndy Stagg, Social: We are considering doing a meal at Feed Me Bellarine on 28 April, the Friday after ANZAC Day.

Ballarat Conference Report: Peter Cowburn and Gil Morgan.

There were excellent speakers. Tony Holmes, AO, works with ROMAC. He studied craniofacial surgery at Harvard. He was involved in the conjoined twins separation, cleft pallet work and skin expansion. If each of the 9780 District Clubs donated \$1,000 each year to ROMAC it would fund all the kids being referred to Melbourne surgeons. Other speakers were Jelena Dokic, tennis player and John Marsden, author who talked about how children are taught and understand language.

President's Report: Peter Cowburn

There is an invitation to attend a dinner with the new President of R (in Mount Gambie). Please see Peter if you are interested in going.

April 25, ANZAC Day breakfast but no meeting that night.

Thank you to Andy McKoy for organising new brochures to take to the Conference

[Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.](#)

[Lookout Maintenance Roster: Noel Emselle](#)

2 April	David Larkin
16 April	Gordon King
30 April	Graeme Chamberlain
14 May	Delia Naumann
28 May	Marita Scott

[15 on me: Rod Bush](#)

April 4: Marion & Bill Walton/ Kath Venters

[100 Trees Maintenance Roster: Pearl Macmillan](#)

March: Adrian Schmidt (leader) - Beth Eustace, Jenny Wright, John Karis, Greg Leece.

April: Warren Chapman (leader) - Heather Willson, Delia Naumann, Judy and Rod Greer.

May: Noel Emselle (leader) - Meredith O'Neill, Lynne Carlson, Alex Magee, Ann Hodgkinson, Frank Rice.

June: Andy McKoy (leader) - Jenny Templeton, Neil Templeton, Sue Hill, Lisa Hanley, Harry Hanley.

[Where you can use your OGBA voucher:](#)

Driftwood Cafe, OG Cellars, Ian Pattison Jewellers, Piping Hot Chicken Shop, Viewpoint Digital Media, OG Bar, Wardrobe by the Sea, Bellarine Eye care, Bay IT, Bells by the Beach, Laminar, Wish Fish, OG Hardware, OG NewsXPress, Pavilion Property, Ocean Eyes, OG Super Toys, Covenant Wine Bar, Roche Accounting, Bakers Delight

RUOK calls can be sensitive, one couple were followed up. The project needs to be reviewed in terms of how to treat those who are not okay.

If you want to move committees next year, let Lynne Carlson or Peter know as soon as possible.

Ty Symons was thanked for the provision of meals since we moved to the Surf Club. Tonight was his last service.

Graeme Wise, President of Bellarine North

Graeme spoke about two of their upcoming projects.

* A Mothers' Day Lunch will be held on the 12 May at 12 pm at the Portarlington Golf Club.

* Bellarine North Easter Art Show April 8 - 9, Christian College, Collins St., Drysdale. Admission, including catalogue, \$10, concession \$6, Family \$18, Children under 12 Free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vocational Committee

We are currently reviewing progress with this year's Community Awards Project before making plans for next year. We are developing strategies to get more nominations for Volunteer Organisations and Apprenticeships. Next year we are considering introducing a popularity or people choice award for the entity which receives the most nominations and will review the prize money.

We will continue with the Anzac Day packages in conjunction with Ty Symons. This year packing will be done at Ty's new shed, located at 4 Smithton Road, next to Kerr's Hire. This will involve the whole club. We are looking for a new project and will approach volunteer organisations to see if they have something that we can participate in. A vocational visit to SeaRoad Ferries including a trip to Sorrento and a High Tea is being considered.

Community and Environment Committee

Our original White Mangrove Plan has been delivered to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to be considered for inclusion in the (Places of Many Stories) Rivers of Barwon Action masterplan which will be released for Public Consultation in the next few weeks. We hope that by informing the public of our plans that people will vote to include our ideas in the final draft of the Masterplan.

Future plans include:

- * a BBQ for Feed Me Bellarine on their premises at the beginning of May with all proceeds going to them.
- * Re-investigate the possibility of setting up a WERN program.
- * Continue to maintain the Lookout Reserve and the 100 Trees.
- * Work with Ocean Grove Park on replacing trees.
- * Invite speakers from Ambulance Victoria on CPR, Geelong Council Environment Department on waste recycling.
- * The plague will be attached to the Sand digger next week.
- * Check with Police about numbers of people sleeping in cars in our area.

* It was suggested that we give \$100 vouchers to four op shops for people in need of warm clothing.

Youth Committee

Junior Community Award - new leaders for the program for 2024 are needed with Tony Haines and Judy Greer planning to step down. Paul Brewster, Jenny Wright and Lyndy Stagg have offered to take on the role of leadership with Tony and Judy on hand to act as mentors. Extra assistants for working with the individual students will be needed - Heather Willson and Meredith may be available. Progress report for this year is as follows - Star of the Sea 19 participants, Surfside 15, Wallington 8, Ocean Grove to be determined. Visits to schools will be made at least twice a term during terms 2 and 3. The program will conclude during week 1, Term 4 and presentations will take place shortly after. Meredith has prepared an Appendix of Activities to be used as a resource when assisting Students.

Tony expressed a concern relating to a student doing Community Service at Cherished Pets a non-profit organisation but with some paid staff and with the child being under 14 years in terms of Child Employment Laws. Meredith will follow up with some safety checks in relation to Child Safe Standards, W.W.C. and legal requirements and discuss further with the Board. Meredith informed the meeting there is a new District Code of Conduct which we need to follow.

Rotary Youth Exchange is back. Board has a letter from a potential outbound student. Moved that we consider the matter but do not go ahead at this time, for 2024. Students need to be between 14 1/2 and 17 1/2 at 1st July. Moved Heather, seconded Paul. District RYLA is going ahead. Difficulty in sourcing applicants was discussed. Defying the Drift - with visitors from Bellarine North Rotary Club present Meredith put forward idea of a combined initiative. Program is in September.

International Committee

- * ShelterBox stall at Easter Monday market will not go ahead.
- * Bali Smiles - we are preparing for the next sponsorship year, translated reports are on the Club website.
- * Cambodia - teacher trainees have completed their training, report is on the web site. Project in conjunction with RC Phenom Peng and RC Highton. The Committee is considering options for continued support via RCPP.
- * Playground demolition - no more demolitions planned for this year. Photos of the official opening have been received for a playground that was shipped to and constructed in Sri Lanka.
- * Indonesia - The Club has donated 4 folding tables and acrylic stands to assist with the dog desexing program.



Club Assembly, 28 March



Our Mob at the Ballarat Conference, 25 March