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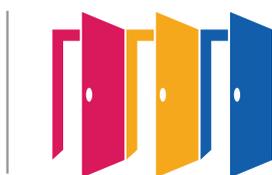
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Ocean Grove Inc



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Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc.

Office Bearers and Directors

President of Rotary International	Holger Knaack
District 9780 Governor	Phil Beasley
Assistant Governor	Di Crawford/Vikkki Funnell

Board of Directors

President	Gillian Morgan
Immediate Past President	Marion Walton
President Elect	Alan Keyse
Vice President	Graeme Chamberlain
Secretary / Club Administration	Pearl Macmillan
Treasurer	John Paton
Public Relations	Xenia Williamson
Rotary Foundation	Gordon King
Membership	Rod Bush
Service Projects	Chris Foster

Special Purpose Committee Chairs and Other roles

Community Service	Gordon King
International Service	Graeme Batrouney
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	Geoff Ford
Family of Rotary	Norm Elliott / Judy Greer
Property	Rod Birrell
Risk Management	John Wynn – (on request)
Meeting Program	Janet Alexander
Art Show	John Calnin
Social	Marion Walton
Club Historian	Norm Elliott; Geoff Brentnall
Public Access Defibrillator Project	Wal Kelly
Merchandise	Pearl Macmillan
Grant Sourcing	Rod Greer

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Past Presidents and Secretaries

<i>Past Presidents</i>	<i>Past Secretaries</i>
1983-84 Wal Kelly	Alan Kilpatrick
1984-85 Frank Mountford	Alan Kilpatrick
1985-86 Henry Hudson	Denis Joseph
1986-87 John Calnin	Denis Joseph
1987-88 Jim MacDonald	Maurice Barwick
1988-89 Hans Franken	Maurice Barwick
1989-90 Trevor McArdle	Jim MacDonald
1990-91 Maurice Barwick	Geoff Brentnall
1991-92 Peter Robinson	Bob Osbourne
1992-93 Geoff Morphett	Bob Osbourne
1993-94 Eric Bare	Ken Thibou
	Bob Osbourne
1994-95 Geoff Chandler	John Dodgshun
1995-96 Gerry Spencer	John Dodgshun
1996-97 Barry Reid	John Dodgshun
1997-98 Coral Barker	Mark Donehue
1998-99 Martin Geerings	Mark Donehue
1999-00 Peter Cullen	Mark Donehue
2000-01 Hans Franken	Geoff Morphett
2001-02 John Powell	Tony Haines
2002-03 Colin Brown	Tony Haines
2003-04 Geoff Brentnall	Tony Haines
2004-05 Tim Kemp	Dennis Saliba
2005-06 Helen Trigg	David Cornwell
2006-07 Richard Grimmett	Rod Greer
2007-08 Alison George	Rod Greer
2008-09 John Calnin	Victor Harnath
2009-10 Rod Greer	Victor Harnath
2010-11 Noel Emselle	Victor Harnath
2011-12 Margaret Campbell	Victor Harnath
2012-13 Richard Clay	Victor Harnath
2013-14 Gordon King	Victor Harnath
	Rod Greer
2014-15 John Paton	Martin Geerings
2015-16 Adrian Schmidt	Tony Haines
2016-17 Judy Greer	Fred Andrews
2017-18 John Calnin	Pearl Macmillan
2018-19 Graeme Chamberlain	Pearl Macmillan
2019-20 Marion Walton	Pearl Macmillan
2020-21 Gillian Morgan	Pearl Macmillan

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Service Recognition

Four Avenues of Service Citation: PDG Henry Hudson OAM, John Fox

Tony Haines, Geoff Chandler (Youth & Community Services)

Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Citation: PDG Henry Hudson OAM

Paul Harris Fellows in our Club:

◆ = Sapphire Pin PHS = Paul Harris Society  Ruby Pin (= 6th, 7th & 8th ◆)
 = Diamond [Major Donor (≥ 9 x ◆)]

Fred Andrews	Geoff Ford	Frank Mountford
Moya Armstrong	Jan Fox	Graham O'Donnell
Eric Bare	John Fox ◆	Bob Osbourne
Coral Barker ◆	Hans Franken	John Paton ◆
Graham Bath ◆	Martin Geerings	Bill Penna
Wilma Bath	Alison George ◆	Peter Robinson
Graeme Batrouney	Robert Grant	James Ricchini
Rodney Birrell	Judy Greer	Roy Rose
Carol Birrell	Rod Greer	Adrian Schmidt
Geoff Brentnall ◆	Richard Grimmett	Audrey Spencer ◆
Colin Brown	Tony Haines ◆	Gerry Spencer  PHS
Rod Bush 2 ◆	Pam Haines	Bill Steains
John Calnin 2 ◆	Victor Harnath	Ty Symons
Nan Calnin	Peter Hawthorne ◆	Neil Templeton
Margaret Campbell	Ann Hodgkinson	Jenny Templeton
Lynne Carlson	Isabella Hudson	Andrew Thornton 
Graeme Chamberlain ◆	Henry Hudson ◆	Ron Todd
Geoff Chandler	Wal Kelly ◆	Richard Trigg
Richard Clay	Tim Kemp	Helen Trigg ◆
David Cooke	Gordon King  PHS	David Tyrrell
Marian Coppins-King 	Pearl Macmillan ◆	Kath Venters 2 ◆
Peter Cullen	Graeme May	Bill Walton ◆
Charles Dawborne	Alex Magee ◆	Marion Walton ◆
John Dodgshun	Trevor McArdle	Chris Watson PHS
Norm Elliott ◆	Gill Morgan 5 ◆ PHS	Heather Willson
Elaine Elliott	Geoff Morphett	Dennis Wooten
Noel Emselle		John Wynn

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President's Annual Report

Rotary Theme 2020/21: Rotary Opens Opportunities

I doubt that anyone in our Club could have forecast the difficulties to be faced in 2020/21. With severe restrictions coming in almost immediately after our Changeover Dinner, all the planning went out the window and a new world of electronic meetings came to be the norm. Grateful thanks must go to Rod Bush for finding the right medium and then teaching and encouraging a large club in its use.

The main concern with lockdown was how to keep members connected and to keep up their interest in Rotary and what it stands for. Pleasingly, members embraced the idea of Zoom and for those uncomfortable with it, we still managed to keep in touch through the Bulletin and phone calls, and have more or less normal meetings. Thank you to all for your persistence. Zoom even enabled us to share drinks on Friday evenings and chat about things outside Rotary - another great way of keeping in touch.

The prospective loss of income from the Art Show, GDFL gates, car raffle and the markets was confronting. Committee budgets had to be redrawn with worst case scenarios developed. In July it wasn't looking good and the Board was concerned how some of its normal recipients would be able to carry on. Treasurer John Paton kept us on track during the difficult time and rejoiced when funds started coming in. Thank you John.

By late September, there was some very distant light at the end of the tunnel and it looked like we might be able to start up our market in November with restrictions in place: plenty of sanitiser and lots of signs telling people to keep apart and wear a mask. I don't think any of us anticipated the crowd that turned up to that first market - all eager to get outside and do something different but happy to keep to the restrictions.

A sensible decision by the Board was to hold all monies collected at the market gates and to distribute these later in the Rotary year to those we normally support and perhaps some new ones that deserved attention. With the help of Rotarians' partners and families, we were able to man the market gates and collect sums of money that gave us hope we would have an almost normal year financially. The Board later agreed that this was a better method than asking various organisations to man the gates. It has meant we could distribute funds more equitably. The local community showed great faith in Rotary by giving far more at the gates than was expected (\$19,837) and this shows the respect our Club has garnered in the area. My thanks must go to Rotarian partners and their families who took part enthusiastically and helped to encourage people coming into the market to support Rotary. Our Club has an excellent reputation in the community and as a result, people were very generous. Adrian Schmidt made everything run smoothly at the markets as usual despite having record numbers of stalls. Thank you Adrian.

Despite being shut down for four months, the Club still managed to raise a net income of \$56,004 to the end of May 2021. Thanks go to Home Hardware for the donation of a barbecue to raffle at the markets, helping to add to our funds. Well done to those who manned the raffle stall.

After looking at the financial records for the previous years, it was obvious that the market sausage sizzle was bringing in substantial funds, so a BBQ trailer was investigated and ordered through Overlanda Caravans in Ararat. Grants were sought and received,

donations given and in the end, our Club had to find a smaller amount to pay the balance. It will make life much easier for those manning the BBQs with no heavy lifting and with much of our cooking and sundry equipment able to be washed on site and stowed inside. It will also provide a good source of income in future years. I encourage members to have a go at the sausage sizzle as

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it's great fun and a good way to promote our Club and Rotary in general. Thanks go to Graeme Chamberlain and Wal Kelly who encouraged this activity in the last few years and helped us with another way to earn funds. Thanks to the many cooks and also to Lynne Carlson and Marion Walton as we danced around in a small space to serve the public. In 2020/21 the sausage sizzle brought in \$14,204.

The great support of the Board gave me confidence in leading this Club forward in a year where initially there seemed little hope. Grateful thanks go to each of them - Vice President Graeme Chamberlain, Past President Marion Walton, President Elect Alan Keyse, Treasurer John Paton, Foundation Director Gordon King, Membership Director Rod Bush, Public Image Director Xenia Williamson and Service Projects Director Chris Foster. A new structure for the Board was approved by Club Members and that will come into place at the start of the 2021/22 Rotary Year with Alan Keyse leading the charge in the President's role.

No Club can function well without a competent Secretary and we have certainly had one in Pearl Macmillan. The amount of work that Pearl has done in the last few years in that role is a great example of dedication to Rotary and I can't thank her enough for her support in my year.

For those of us who love going to the annual conference, it was yet another year where we couldn't congregate as a District in person, listen to great speakers and have some fun. Let's hope that can change that in the year to come.

We heard some great speakers over the year. Probably the standout was Mike Dillon who kept us enthralled with his films of Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary. Credit goes to Janet Alexander for her sterling work in finding interesting people to keep us entertained during the year and make us think about all the worthy causes out there.

Membership continues to grow thanks to Rod Bush's work in that area. We were able to welcome Isobel Paton, Kath Venters, Lyndy Stagg, Lisa and Harry Hanley, David Larkin, Graham O'Donnell, John Karis and Jo McDowell into the Club. Our newer members are showing great enthusiasm. Sadly, Isobel Paton had to resign due to the effect of Covid 19 on her family situation and Amy Hawker left due to family illness. We also farewelled Dick Clay and Vic Harnath, both long term and respected members of our Club. The expanding size of our Club and the need for more space led to a search for a larger and quieter venue with the Ocean Grove Surf Club fitting the bill.

As from 1 July 2020, we embraced the Borough of Queenscliffe into our area of service following the closure of the Queenscliffe Rotary Club. It was important to create connections with the Borough and the Queenscliffe Primary School seized the day when we needed letters from local children to send with toiletry packs to a remote school in the Northern Territory as part of the DG Partner project, End Trachoma. We ended up with twice as many letters as needed so each NT child would have gained two new friends. Thanks to all members who contributed to the packs, Judy Greer for organising the collection of toiletries and putting it all together. Discussions with the Rotary Club of Bellarine North have resulted in them remaining at the Queenscliffe market (sausage sizzle) and our club taking over that function at the Point Lonsdale market.

Community: Sculpture: congratulations to Gordon King who managed to achieve what many tried hard to do - reinstatement of the sculpture that was removed from the Aquatic Centre many years ago. After many approaches to different organisations over the years and false hopes that a home had finally been found, we were disappointed so many times. Now the sculpture is back almost where it originally stood. Noel Essex helped to supervise the reinstatement process and also repaired some work on the stone surround at the base - thank you Noel. Thanks also to those who patiently stored the sculpture on their properties over those years.

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Walking track: the combination of Rotary, Keep Victoria Beautiful (Adopt a Roadside) and the City of Greater Geelong has come together to reinstate this walking track from the Shell Road/Grubb Road roundabout to the entrance into the nature reserve. Council looks like providing an entry gate into the nature reserve so that there will be safer pedestrian access from the gate near Oakdene estate down to the roundabout.

International: Playgrounds: the lockdown meant that only one small playground could be dismantled in Point Lonsdale. However, the good news is that there is now a District 9780 focus working through Don Shields in Geelong, to the extent that the District now has a container almost ready to go the Philippines.

Following discussions with Craig Salmon and his assurances that support for Solmaid School in Bangladesh could be sourced elsewhere, it was decided that International funds could be directed elsewhere, with a joint project in Vanuatu thought to be the best.

R100: after a number of months of meeting with Clubs from Groups 9 and 10 when nothing seemed to be happening, a baton relay from Torquay to Ocean Grove, Drysdale and Geelong was finally organised with the baton being carried by Rotarians chauffeured in a Harley Davidson sidecar. Geelong Clubs arrived as well, many in vintage cars, to celebrate Rotary's 100th year in Australia. It's hoped that 100 trees can be planted by Rotary Ocean Grove in the very near future as an additional acknowledgement of this significant anniversary.

Oral History project: Many times, people have said that they wished they had written down an older person's story before it was too late. Thanks to Ann Hodgkinson, there is now a record of what it was like to live on the southern part of the Bellarine from the WW2 era to the 1970s. Many interesting stories have been told so far, with more to come. These stories reside on the Club website and are well worth listening to. In future the stories may also be shared with Bellarine library services so that the wider community can tune in.

Youth: Graham Bath Junior Community Awards: Restrictions meant that this had to be cancelled in 2019/2020 but once again, in February this year, the team was able to get things up and running with Ocean Grove, Surfside, Star of the Sea and Wallington Primary Schools taking part. Tony Haines, Judy Greer and Geoff Chandler have been involved for many years with this wonderful scheme included in the Youth Services portfolio capably led by Meredith O'Neill

Vocational: The work done by Lynne Carlson and her committee on the Vocational awards was exceptional this year and, with the assistance of Ty Simons from the Ocean Grove Business Association, the community is now more aware of giving local businesses the recognition they deserve. Presentation night in May this year was a huge event with the winners and runners up able to bring along their colleagues and families. Thank you to Lynne and Ty.

Public Image: Xenia Williamson has given Rotary a boost in the local area with many articles in the local press and especially on Facebook - an important way of communicating with people in our area and a great way to get information out into the community. Thanks, Xenia.

Foundation: Gordon King continued his enthusiasm for the Foundation and we now have another member of the Paul Harris Society in Chris Watson. This Club is fortunate to now have five Society members.

Golf Day: As a funds booster, John Calnin organised a successful Rotary Golf Day at Lonsdale Links in late May. This was well attended and the auction afterwards resulted in all items being purchased and a profit of \$3,500. Thank you John.

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Duck Race: A new project taken up by Heather Willson turned out to be a massive day at Barwon Heads. The town was packed and extra ducks sold on the day till there wasn't a duck left. The work done in the background by Heather and helpers was huge and we hope this will be a regular feature in our Rotary calendar. Thanks to Heather (and Gary Willson as well).

Regrettably, our social events were almost non-existent and we missed the fun of them, with restrictions keeping numbers low at gatherings and the ever-present threat of any event having to be cancelled at short notice. However, we did manage in January to have a movie night at Waurm Ponds and a visit to Brewicolo.

In closing, I also need to thank all those who work diligently in the background. The time and effort is usually unseen but without it, many projects would not come to fruition. The work of *Rod and Judy Greer* in our Club makes them worthy recipients of the **John Fox award** this year.

Thank you to every Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove for your support in a challenging year. The work we do in our community and elsewhere is a true reflection of Service above Self. I sincerely thank you all and wish Alan my very best wishes for his presidential year.

Gillian Morgan, President 2020/21

Foundation Report



District Grants

In 2020 Ocean Grove Rotary was again successful in obtaining a District Grant for the amount of \$3,000, to be matched by an equivalent amount from the Club. The purpose of this Grant was to reinstate a community sculpture that had originally been installed by the Club at the Surfside Centre in 1991-2.

The Club had previously been successful in 2019-20 in obtaining a District Grant for this purpose, but circumstances preventing the work proceeding at that time. Accordingly, the Club sought approval from District to repurpose part of the Grant (\$1,000) for a Covid-19 project, and a local community food project, "Feed Me Bellarine", was selected. The balance of the Grant was surrendered to District.

The sculpture was finally installed in May 2021 at a site at the Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre (close to its original location), and the reconciliation report submitted to District.

Donations to The Rotary Foundation

The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions has had a major impact on the Club's income, and the ability of members to contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Nonetheless, the Club has contributed an amount of \$5,000 to The Rotary Foundation, as well as a further \$US4,000 through the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) in recognition of \$US1,000 donation to TRF.

Individual Rotarians have continued their generosity to The Rotary Foundation through the Centurion programme, PHF recognition, and The Paul Harris Society. In recognition of these ongoing donations the Club currently has more than forty PHF's, numerous multiple sapphire and ruby pin recognitions, two "Major Donors", and four Paul Harris Society members.

The Rotary Foundation appreciates the on-going support of Club members.

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The Future

For 2021-22 the Club will again be seeking a District Grant to plant 100 trees to commemorate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Gordon King - Foundation Director

Membership Report



Firstly, thank you to all members for their contributions throughout the 2020/21 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 62. They were: Lyndy Stagg, Harry & Lisa Hanley, JoAnne McDowell, Graham O'Donnell, Kath Venters, David Larkins and John Karis. With their obvious skills and keen desire to get involved, they will be valuable assets to our club membership group. Unfortunately we had 4 resignations from the club over the year. Amy Hawker and Isobel Paton left due to business and family commitments. Vic Harnath and Dick Clay were both long standing members who made outstanding contributions during their time with us. We wish them all the best.

As the COVID crisis waned, we transitioned back to regular meetings at the Bowling Club. But we found with our increased size and COVID social distancing requirements, it wasn't really big enough for our purposes. As a consequence, we moved to the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving club which has a much larger meeting space available.

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. The committee structure we have in place will ensure we have appropriate opportunities for members to work in areas of interest/expertise.

We are in the process of preparing role descriptions to provide detailed information about the assorted roles and responsibilities within the club.

Bulletins

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

Web Site

It has a wide range of information for members as well as details about club projects and activities. This includes rosters, bulletins, meeting minutes, member related documents and much more.

Attendance statistics:

These include member involvement in meetings, markets and other reported club related activities.

Rod Bush - Membership Director

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Annual Membership records - 20/21																
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	%ge	
Alexander	Janet	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	44	89.8%	
Andrews	Fred	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	31	63.3%	
Ayres	Ron	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	4	2	2	23	46.9%	
Barker	Coral	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	4	5	4	4	47	95.9%	
Batrouney	Graeme	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	5	4	3	44	89.8%	
Batrouney	Lorraine	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	28	45.2%	
Birrell	Rod	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	4	4	2	3	43	87.8%	
Brennall	Geoff	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	1	44	89.8%	
Bush	Rod	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	4	5	4	3	47	95.9%	
Cainin	John	2	3	4	5	3	2	2	1	3	4	3	2	34	69.4%	
Campbell	Margaret	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	1	4	5	4	4	46	93.9%	
Carlson	Lynne	4	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	4	5	4	4	44	89.8%	
Chamberlain	Graeme	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	45	91.8%	
Chandler	Geoff	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	2	4	5	4	4	43	87.8%	
Clay	Richard	3	3	4	5	2	3	2	1	4	3					Resigned April 2021
Cowburn	Peter	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	0	4	5	4	4	32	65.3%	
Cullen	Peter	2	1	0	3	3	1	4	2	2	5	4	2	29	59.2%	
Elliott	Norman	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4	5	4	3	23	46.9%	
Emsele	Noel	4	4	4	5	2	3	4	2	4	5	4	4	45	91.8%	
Ford	Geoff	4	4	2	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	46	93.9%	
Foster	Chris	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	41	83.7%	
Fox	Michele	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	10.2%	
Geerings	Martin	2	2	1	3	2	2	4	0	2	4	3	4	29	59.2%	
George	Alison	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	1	4	5	3	4	45	91.8%	
Greer	Judy	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	3	5	4	4	46	93.9%	
Greer	Rod	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	5	4	3	44	89.8%	
Grimmett	Richard	1	1	2	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	17	34.7%	
Haines	Tony	2	4	4	5	4	3	4	1	4	5	3	2	41	83.7%	
Hanley	Lisa											5	4	4	13	Transferred March 2021
Hanley	Harry											5	4	4	13	Joined March 2021
Harnath	Victor	4	4	4	5	4	2	2	0	3	3					Resigned April 2021
Hawker	Amy	1	1	0	2	3	1	1	0							Resigned Feb 2021
Hawthorne	Peter	4	3	3	4	2	3	3	1	4	5	4	3	39	79.6%	
Hodgkinson	Ann	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	44	89.8%	
Karis	John											2	4	4	10	Joined March 2021
Kelly	Wal	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	5	4	3	21	42.9%	
Keyse	Alan	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	4	4	4	45	91.8%	
King	Gordon	5	4	4	5	3	3	4	2	3	5	4	4	46	93.9%	
Larkins	David											4	3	2	9	Transferred March 2021
Macmillan	Pearl	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	47	95.9%	
Magee	Alex	3	2	2	0	1	1	4	1	3	4	4	4	29	59.2%	
McDowell	JoAnne											3	1	4		Joined April 2021
McKoy	Andy	2	3	4	5	4	3	3	1	3	5	4	3	40	81.6%	
Morgan	Gillian	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	49	100.0%	
O'Donnell	Gary	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	2	4	4	4	4	45	91.8%	
O'Donnell	Graham											4	3	7		Joined April 2021
O'Neill	Meredith	2	4	4	3	2	2	3	1	3	4	2	4	34	69.4%	
Paton	Isobelle	0	1	4	1	1										Resigned Feb 2021 ??
Paton	John	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	48	96.0%	
Ricchini	James	1	4	4	2	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	37	75.5%	
Schmidt	Adrian	3	4	4	5	3	3	4	1	4	5	4	3	43	87.8%	
Spencer	Geny	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	2	22	44.9%	
Stagg	Lyndy											5	4	4	13	Joined March 2021
Steains	Bill	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	12.2%	
Templeton	Neil	5	4	4	5	4	1	3	3	4	4	4	3	44	89.8%	
Templeton	Jenny	4	3	4	4	3	0	2	3	4	3	4	2	36	75.5%	
Thornton	Andrew	0	0	1	4	1	0	2	1	3	1	2	1	16	32.7%	
Tierney	Andrea	1	2	4	4	4	2	3	1	3	4	3	4	35	71.4%	
Venters	Kath										3	3	4	4	14	Transferred February 2021
Walton	Bill	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	4	5	4	2	45	91.8%	
Walton	Marion	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	49	100.0%	
Watson	Chris	3	2	4	5	1	2	2	2	4	5	3	4	37	75.5%	
Williamson	Xenia	3	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	3	5	4	3	38	77.6%	
Wilson	Heather	3	3	4	5	2	3	4	2	4	5	4	2	41	83.7%	
Wright	Jenny	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	1	2	5	2	3	23	46.9%	
Wynn	John	4	3	4	4	3	3	0	0	2	4	1	0	28	57.1%	
Meetings		5	4	4	5	4	3	5	2	4	5	4	4	49	74.1%	
Member count		58	58	58	58	58	57	57	57	57	62	62	62	62		

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Public Image Report



The 100th anniversary of the chartering of the first clubs in Australia and New Zealand, celebrated in April this year, provided many opportunities for showcasing Rotary from baton relays to commemorative plaques, all great projects for raising our public image.

Although the year starting in July 2020 was affected by the COVID 19 outbreak, and thus was a slow beginning, by November we were happy to announce that the Ocean Grove market was back on and thus a chance to get our name back out in the public arena. Facebook notices on a number of community noticeboards had an enormous response and online information published by the local papers was helpful. Never has the internet been so important for publicity as in the lockdown.

Fundraising events such as the duck race and scarecrow competition, and community events such as the design competition for the Ocean Grove entry signs and the vocational awards, were well publicised in the press and again a huge response on Facebook

‘One Voice Every Club’ is the name of Rotary’s worldwide public image campaign. Rotary’s logos are the visual representation of our identity and values, and they instantly convey who we are. There has been an evolution of the logo and RI is currently emphasizing the importance of using the correct Rotary Logo which can be referred to in the Brand Centre on www.rotary.org.

Finally, a special thanks to new member Kath Venters who has stepped in to help me while I’m away being a grandmother.

Public Image Director - Xenia Williamson

Community Service Report



1. Community Sculpture Reinstatement –

In 2020-21 Ocean Grove Rotary was again successful in obtaining a matching District Grant of \$3,000 for the reinstatement of a community sculpture, comprising three vertical granite panels. The work was by local sculptor, Noel Essex.

After many false starts, the sculpture was finally installed at the Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre on 14 May, 2021. This site is close to its original location.

Total cost of the project was \$6,500

2. Ocean Grove Entry Identification –

The Club, together with the Ocean Grove Business Association and the Ocean Grove Community Association, organised an “ideas” competition, seeking input on how to improve the quality of the entry signage to the town. Approximately sixty entries were received from the community (20) and local schools.

The entries were judged by the three COGG councillors. Sixteen entries representing the ideas from the Ocean Grove community were selected and forwarded to Council for further development into practical signs.

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3. Grubb Road Walking Track/Adopt a Roadside

The Club has approached “Adopt a Roadside”, part of VicRoads, to obtain approval to undertake routine maintenance along the Grubb Road verge.

COGG has approached ParksVictoria to install a pedestrian gate in the southeast corner of the OG Nature Reserve to provide pedestrians with a route, other than along Grubb Road

4. Lookout Reserve

COGG has reopened discussions with the Club in relation to developing the masterplan for the Lookout Reserve. It is anticipated that further “hands-on” activities will continue next Rotary Year.

5. R100 Celebrations

Along with other clubs in the Geelong Region, Ocean Grove Rotary participated in the R100 Baton Relay to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

The Club also proposes to plant 100 trees as a permanent recognition of the Centenary, and COGG is working with Rotary in identifying suitable locations.

OG Rotary has applied for a District Grant to assist with the costs of this project

6. Marconi Memorial

Following the closure of Queenscliff Rotary Club, and its absorption into Ocean Grove Rotary, the Club has considered projects in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

The first project is likely to be the refurbishment and relocation of the Marconi Monument in Point Lonsdale. (The monument is currently hidden behind vegetation and there is no safe parking, therefore the monument is generally unknown.)

The Borough has funds available and has accepted OG Rotary’s offer of assistance.

PP Gordon King - Community Service Director

International Service Report



Chair Person Graeme Batrouney
Committee members Janet Alexander, Geoff Brentnall, Coral Barker, Peter Cowburn,
Peter Cullen, Rod Greer, Andy McKoy, Andrea Tierney, Kath Venters

The International committee held five meetings during 2020 - 2021
Due to Covid-19 lockdowns, financial constraints were placed on International projects.

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SOLMAID SCHOOL BANGLADESH;

- The financial commitment of \$5500.00 to support the Solmaid School was maintained for 2020/2021.
- August 2020, Graig Salmon, our contact to the Solmaid School, was advised that the International Committee, Rotary Club of Ocean Grove would be ending our support to the Solmaid School and the final payment will be made in June 2021.
- The School will be receiving ongoing support from local and German benefactors and the local Rotary Club.

SHELTER BOX;

- The Shelter Box was displayed at the 2021 April Easter market, creating interest in what the Rotary Club is doing to support countries that have experienced severe disasters.
- \$2000 was donated to Shelter Box in May 2021

PLAY GROUND EQUIPMENT;

- RORP – Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds.
- Playground equipment at Point Lonsdale school was dismantled on Saturday 22nd May 2021

It was prepared for pickup to be sent by container to the Phillipines.

GRIG – Geelong Regional International Group

- Attended 3 meetings of the above group – 10-12 members in attendance.
- The group now concentrating on a District 9780 and or Rotary global grant.
- Submissions have been put forward for projects in Vanuatu and Gulf Province of Papua New Guinea for the group's consideration 2021/2022.

SUMMARY 2021 – 2022;

- The International Committee have been discussing a number of new projects in the Pacific region, focus on education programs.

My sincere thank you to all members of the International Committee for your guidance and input during the year.

Graeme Batrouney - Chair – International Committee

Youth Service Report

The Committee members are: Meredith O'Neill [Chair], Judy Greer, Geoff Chandler, Tony Haines, Adrian Schmidt, Michelle Fox, Jenny Wright, Xenia Williamson, Lorraine Batrouney, Lyndy Stagg, Joanne McDowell and Graham O'Donnell. The full committee met by Zoom in July 2020 and June 2021 for the purpose of setting program priorities, annual program planning and setting a draft budget for Board approval. Thank you to Rod Bush for his assistance with Zoom.



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The full committee also met in scheduled club assembly sessions that were part of Rotary meetings. Sincere thanks to members of the Youth Committee for their commitment and support in the past year.

The Graham Bath Community Award sub committee met for the purposes of updating our insurance requirements and making adjustments to the program due to Covid restrictions. Sub committee members kept in regular communication on a needs basis.

The Youth Services Budget

In July 2020 the Youth Services Chairperson received communication from the President and the Board that club fundraising opportunities had been severely restricted due to COVID and the Board was now directing service committees to select one area for priority spending. The proposed Youth Services budget was significantly reduced. The selected area for priority spending was school based awards. The committee is now planning for the resumption of Rotary programs and a return to normal budgets.

Rotary Youth Programs

The Rotary District 9780 Youth Programs that we previously participated in were cancelled due to Covid. These programs included Youth Exchange (we were not a recent participant), RYLA and RYPEN. There were Education Department restrictions on excursions and camps for much of the year and the Science Experience Program for Year 9 and 10 students did not run. The club had previously decided not to participate in the National Youth Science forum that was to be held in Canberra in January 2021. The local club Graham Bath Junior Community Awards for 2020 were cancelled in term 1 due to school lockdowns and restrictions on visitor access to schools.

The Graham Bath Junior Community Awards program resumed in term 1, 2021.

The Youth Services Committee is planning for participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for young people aged 18 -25 to be held in September 2021. The Committee is also planning to participate in the Science Experience program, the National Youth Science Forum and the new Careers and Leadership in Agriculture program which is a district initiative.

The Graham Bath Rotary Junior Community Awards – Local Primary Schools

The 2021 program commenced during term 1 with a total of 51 students from four invited schools taking part. The participating schools in the Junior Community Awards program are Ocean Grove Primary School, Surfside Primary School, Star of the Sea Primary Schools in Ocean Grove and Wallington Primary School.

To work around Covid issues for 2021, activities involving interaction with elderly community members such as those working in Opportunity shops and residing in Aged Care facilities have been deemed 'unsuitable'. Other activity modifications are to be made on a needs basis as the program proceeds and Covid guidelines vary.

We continue to appreciate the warm welcome that schools extend to our Rotarians and also the excellent support that we receive from the Year 6 teachers.

Thank you to Tony Haines, Judy Greer, Xenia Williamson and Jenny Wright for their involvement in the program and their work commitment.

Support for Bellarine Secondary College Students

These awards are usually presented or recognised at the formal college presentation evening in December. Due to Covid the presentation evening was cancelled. A Rotary representative was

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invited to a planned whole school presentation assembly in February but this was also cancelled.

Roy Rose Citizenship Awards

These awards are for students who have demonstrated a willingness to contribute to the health and well being of the college and its students. In previous years the awards were \$100 for a Year 7-8 student, \$150 for a years 9 -10 student and \$250 for a years 11-12 student. Due to financial cut backs the Youth Services Committee agreed to change these awards to a \$50 book voucher for a student in years 7-8 and a student in year 9-10. The student in years 11-12 received a \$100 book voucher.

VCE Support Award

This school selection needs based award of \$2000 (\$1000 per year over 2 years) is held in trust at the school and used to contribute to the students' booklist, uniform, computer, vocational education and excursion expenses.

The VCE Awards presentation Rotary dinner was held in November. It was disappointing that our 'retiring' year 12 recipient and the ongoing year 11 to year 12 recipient did not attend. Sophie Arkle was presented with the year 11 award and her presentation to the Rotary club was well received.

Meredith O'Neill will be involved in further communication with the college on the award selection process and the need to ensure that award recipients have a clear understanding of the expectations attached to the awards. Due to the Covid restrictions and other factors it was sometimes difficult for her to do the required follow up.

Youth Services Compliance Matters

Meredith O'Neill is the Designated Youth Protection Officer. There is an expectation that members of the Youth Services Committee have the required Working with Children's check and this is mandatory if members are entering schools or having direct contact with children. The Secretary is the Club Public Officer who does the Rotary District required follow up interview checks with referees.

President Gillian Morgan and sub committee members Meredith O'Neill, Tony Haines and Judy Greer worked to ensure that all our insurance documentation was up to date and met district insurance requirements. This included the new insurance pro formas and risk assessments for activities.

Acknowledgement of Geoff Chandler

The Youth Services Committee acknowledges the service of Geoff Chandler. Geoff was previously a Regional Director of Education and was regarded in high esteem by the school leaders and teachers working in our region. Geoff has brought his expertise and his calm, rational manner of decision making to the work of our committee. He has mentored new members and we have benefitted from his wisdom. Thank you Geoff.

Meredith O'Neill - Youth Services Committee Chairperson

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Vocational Service Report

Committee: Lynne Carlson (Chair), Alan Keyse, (Marion Walton PP), Ann Hodgkinson, Neil Templeton, Chris Watson, Chris Foster, Gary O'Donnell, unfortunately Vic Harnath resigned from the club in April 2021 and will certainly be missed by our committee, we wish him all the very best for him. John Karis a new member of our club has joined the vocational committee at the beginning of May. We look forward to having John work with us.

COVID - 19.

What a challenging ride we have all been on, over the last fifteen months.

Full of uncertainties to say the least, are we IN or are we OUT are we locked DOWN or are we OPEN, we never knew what tomorrow would bring.

We congratulate both Marion Walton and Gillian Morgan on what they have achieved during these very trying times.

The Vocational Committee were unable to fulfil all of what we would like to have achieved, and will endeavour to do a lot better this coming year.

Guest Speakers: Sharyn Johnson, Australian Tea Masters. (Nov 2020)

Sharon is a Tea Masters International Judge Worldwide. Australian Tea Masters is the leading organisation for tea training and tea education in Australasia. Sharyn founded the organisation in 2011 as its director, and is a specialist business executive with over 25 years of global training experience. Sharyn has worked with some of the world's leading tea experts to develop the training material used in the Australian Tea Masters Certified Tea Master course. We are hoping to be able to have a work place visit this coming year, there is also a retail outlet at 107 Ryrie St, Geelong where you can drop in at any time and have a tasting session.

Blake Hillebrand and Jeremy Finkelstien: Baru Threads. (April 2021)

Their business has a goal and care about sustainability, not only for the environment but for our minds as well. Complete transparency and Uncompromised Ethics. We're Baru; we're for the conscious kind.

From waste to wear: Each pair of swimshorts has been manufactured with TEN used plastic water bottles. This is recovered ocean waste that's been collected, cleaned and melted into workable fabric. This means that every pair of shorts we've created has helped reduce both landfill and ocean pollution.

We've used organic cotton to create both our t-shirts and long sleeved linen shirts.

Our t-shirts and shirts are 100% certified organic cotton. It has been grown without the use of pesticides or other chemicals and it's GMO-free!

They also work with young people with their Making Tracks & Ocean Mind initiatives where approximately 70% of their funds are assigned to the Making Tracks initiative.

Community Service Awards 2019 - 20:

Our Awards were to be held on the 17th March 2020 @ the Ocean Grove Bowling. Due to the Covid -19 virus pandemic that brought our country & the world to a halt very quickly, this event was postponed two days prior to the event.

The new dates of the 28th 29th -- July 2020 were confirmed and took place at two venues Driftwood Café and Beach Terrace for the year July 2019- June 2020.

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Winners/Runner Up, Small Business Excellence Awards: Champagne & Nibbles.

Winner – Beach Terrace Café Chris & Won – Runner up – Lisa Stein, Von Ruby Hairdressing.

Guests:

Alan Keyes, Chris Foster, Vic Harnath, Gil Morgan, Ty Simons, Mark Edmonds & Lynne Carlson.

Winners/Runner Up, Apprentice of the Year Award: Burgers & Drinks.

Winner – Kylie Kermeen, Dave Purdie Electrics – Runner Up, – Otto Opperman Econ Constructions.

Guests: Neil Templeton, Gary O'Donnell, Gil Morgan, Lynne Carlson, Dick Clay.

Winners/Runner Up, Pride of Workmanship Award: Afternoon Tea.

Winner – Kim Kosta, Bellarine Hub -- Runner Up, – Rachelle Telstra Shop.

Guests: Marion Walton, Alan Keyse, Chris Foster, Gil Morgan & Lynne Carlson.

Winners/Runner Up, Volunteer Award of the Year Award: Morning Tea.

Winner – Lola Fisher, RSL – Runner Up, – Pamela Healy—Parkinson's Bellarine

Guests: Ann Hodgkinson, Vic Harnath, Chris Watson, Marion Walton & Lynne Carlson.

This quick fix was due to the fantastic work done and put together by the committee over just a few days.

Anzac Day Care Packages: 24th April 2021.

Sponsored: by Driftwood Café & Ocean Grove Businesses, with lots of goodies for the Vets of our local area. This is the 2nd Year we have had this opportunity to assist, with the packing and delivery by the vocational committee and many other Rotarians.

Community Services Awards: Held on the 25th May 2021.

To all Rotarians we had an amazing evening and we are very grateful to all our members and partners who were able to attend. We had one hundred & twenty people who participated including our twenty six guests & sponsors. You are the people who work on so many of our Rotary committees and we don't always get to see the work you do, but certainly see the results you have achieved.

We will look forward to learning more from our experience this time around, our aim now is to continue to improve this event to ensure it will continue to grow. We say thank you to our judging panels that were from our committee, as well we had the opportunity to have guest judges from Rotary to assist us.

Thank-you: Rod Birrell, Martin Geerings, Marg Campbell.

Vocational Awards Winners & Runners for 2020-21 are below:

Winners/Runner Up -- Small Business Excellence Awards:

- Winner – Zero Point Yoga—Rebecca Duffield.
- Runner up – art'Skool@KAZWORKS – Kaz McGlynn.
- Highly Commended – Cakes 'n' Bakes – Kate Hudson.

Winners/Runner Up -- Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award:

- Winner – Lachlan McVilly – VDB Homes.
- Runner Up- Jack Martin – Mod Electrical.

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- Highly Commended – Kayla Mair – Ocean Grove Hotel.

Winners/Runner up -- Team Member of the Year Award:

- Winner – Nicki Goodwin – Bellarine Community Health Centre.
- Runner Up – Janine Wilde – Ryman Healthcare.
- Highly Commended – Rachelle Calleja – Bay IT.

Winners/Runner up -- Volunteer Organization of the Year Award:

- Winner – Bellarine Community Support Register – Denise Hibbins.
- Runner Up – Bellarine Bears Baseball Club – Daniel Harvey.
- Runner Up – Ocean Grove Playgroup – Sarah Forsterling.

Our sponsors are listed below for your reference:

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| 1. Ocean Grove Business Association, | = \$500.00. |
| 2. Pavilion Property Ocean Grove, | = \$500.00. |
| 3. Ryman Healthcare, Ocean Grove, | = \$500.00. |
| 4. MEGT (Australia) Ltd, | = \$750.00. |
| 5. APCO Barwon Heads, | = \$200.00. |
| 6. D C Roofing Ocean Grove, | = \$250.00. |
| 7. Cleo Fine Jewellery, Ocean Grove, | = \$200.00 |
| 8. Helloworld Travel Waurun Ponds,. | = \$110.00 |

Current Total committed to-date 25th May 2021, \$3,010.00

We have all learnt from this years' experience as to where we can improve, and where we can grow and what we are looking forward to achieving for 2021/22.

I would like to thank all of the Vocational committee members, for all their amazing efforts in completing our Agenda for the Rotary year 2020/2021.

We thank the Board for all their support, Rod Bush was there from the beginning right to the end, Xenia thank you for all the Social Media and Printed articles.

Lynne Carlson, - Chair – Vocational Services.

Summer Market Report

This season we had 6 markets instead of the gazetted 7 due to missing the October market because of Covid 19. Overall takings from the several fundraising areas (treasurer report) was \$58,700



Stallholder attendance was up and almost all markets had more applications than we had sites, which was a great result for the club. Some of the excess may have been

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due to the fact that some markets such as Lonsdale and Queenscliff did not resume for some time after Christmas.

The November market was attended by a huge crowd probably due to the relief of being finally able to get out of lockdown and enjoy a bit of freedom and spending some of their excess cash at our market.

All markets after this one were well attended despite some very inclement weather experienced on the first three markets after November.

The board decided to use our members to do all Voluntary gold coin collections this season and a big thanks goes to all the helpers. We were able to cover all 7 gates from 9 to 12.30 and we had some record takings ranging from \$1800 on the wet market day, to the last markets where we took \$4700. Thanks to the partners and family members who helped in this terrific effort.

Total gold coin was just on \$20,000 which is an amazing amount to be given by the general public which was donated to many various communities.

Stallholder takings totalled over \$18000 averaging over \$3000 per market. Costs were higher than we would have liked: -

The Ocean Grove Park committee get around \$550 per market (total over \$3000), and we had extra costs for setting up due to COVID 19. Sadly, some of our boards we have around the entrances to Ocean Grove were destroyed or taken by vandals and had to be replaced at a significant cost. Also, John Paton had new core flute signs made for the Voluntary gold coin collection which was a welcome relief from carrying the very heavy wood and metal signs we had been using for markets over the years. They should last us several years. Hopefully our costs will be down significantly next season.

While we didn't run the normal raffle out of our BBQ setup due to COVID 19, Geoff Ford, Bill Walton and Chris Watson and several others ran a Weber BBQ raffle donated by Home Hardware, and made over \$3000 for the club.

The Egg and Bacon sandwich and Sausage Sizzle run by Coog was again a resounding success at the market, and thanks to all the hard-working members who staffed it. Including 2 Bunnings, 2 Queenscliff and the Duck Race, The BBQ raised a massive \$18,800 and after expenses, cleared a little over \$14000.

Our market days are only successful with the help of many Rotarians, partners and family helping out, and most markets saw around 50 helpers, so for that I must say a BIG thank you to you all.

Adrian Schmidt, Market Manager

Art Show Report



10th ANNUAL ART SHOW (Cancelled)

Like many events in 2020, the Annual Art Show suffered the same fate and had to be cancelled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic

It was anticipated that by the time the Melbourne Cup weekend had arrived that all would have settled down and the Committee could proceed.

Mid way through the year, it was realised that this was not going to happen and the decision to cancel was accepted. This was a big disappointment to all as much had been put into place but there was no option.

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At the time of cancellation, some of our sponsors had lodged their funds. They were contacted but were happy for the Committee to retain the funds to 2021 when the 10th. Show will proceed all being well. This gave confidence to the Committee.

As I write this, Victoria has just gone into a short lockdown so hopefully there is not another in November.

2021 Show looks extremely promising as many artists have been shut out for some time however to fill in their days, have been busy painting. From this the Committee is expecting large numbers of submissions.

Sponsorship for 2021 has exceeded expectations and as a result, prize money for many categories has had an increase.

There is not a lot that I can report as all have faced difficulties ,however I thank the Committee for their continued work and to our new members who have joined us and have come up with some new ideas that we are hopeful can be implemented if not in 2021 but by 2022.

All being well, the Art Show will open this year on 29/10 and will be bigger and better.

On behalf of the Committee I thank the Board and members for their continued support both financially and attendance at the show.

John Calnin - Chairman



Meeting Program Report

My aim as program officer is to provide a diverse range of speakers and activities ranging from community interest topics, human interest stories, health and wellbeing along with Rotary's International projects as well as Rotary Australia monthly themes.

The beginning of the year 2020-2021 saw the Rotary Club continuing to meet via Zoom until the last meeting in November.

Highlights included a presentation from Sue Longmore about Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees, David Cox on Guitars for Vets to assist, Senior Sargent Adrian Bickley spoke about the changing nature of policing and a presentation by Matt Dillion who was film maker for Sir Edmund Hillary.

Topics related to health included Dr. Bruce Poole talking about Skin Cancer prevention and treatment, Stroke Safe and local optometrist Anthony Dowling.

During Rotary Australia's Lift the Lid month we enjoyed a variety of presentations including a current research project funded by Rotary Health, a true story about developing resilience from Dr. Caroline Walker and a local men's mental health project called Shedding the Blues.

Local Community and Vocational presentations included Feed Me Bellarine from Lana Purcell, Australian Tea Masters from Sharyn Johnston and Jirralinga Wild Life Rescue Park from Tehree Gordan among others. Ty Simmons from the Ocean Grove Business Association and Phil Edwards from The Ocean Grove Community Association gave updates on current and future projects.

District Governor Phil Beasley and his wife Judy paid us a visit in March where Judy spoke about her Indigenous Literacy Project and ADG Vikki Funnell will visit during June.

A special thanks to those Rotarians who have suggested potential speakers, it is a great help.

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After three years as Program Officer, I am handing over the position to Andrea Tierney.

Janet Alexander - Meeting Program Coordinator

Australia Day BBQ



For the 4th year our Club held a free BBQ in The Terrace Shopping Precinct on Australia Day; one of the few events that happened in 2020 and again in 2021 despite Covid.

It is not a high profile event however in a small way it adds to the overall celebration of Australia Day. This year it was effectively self-funding and we did not ask for any sponsors.

Many children went away happy with balloons and stickers and we put a smile on the faces of lots of adults as they walked away with a sausage in their hands!

Thank you to the small band of willing helpers – the cooks and balloon blowers and face painters and particularly Coogs for organising the trailer and the barbeque.

John Paton

Disabled Surfing/Riding Develops Abilities Report



It was a torrid year for both these organizations with both in recess in 2020 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The Club was able to assist the Disabled Surfers during this period. Over the years, the barbeque group have been cooking on well worn barbecues that threaten to blow up at any time.

We are fortunate to have in our group Hans Franken who is very meticulous on safety and prior to each meet, he would do a thorough check on the them.

There just so happened to be a bit of a special on flat top barbecues so the Club was asked if they would purchase two for the Surfers. This was agreed by the Board however they are still in their boxes waiting to be unpacked and used. All being well, they will be put to use in February 2022.

Fortunately, with our Club members manning the gates at the Markets, the Club was able to make a donation of \$2500 which no doubt their committee will be very grateful.

Our group, each year is finding the days are getting more popular with registrations coming from all parts of Victoria. In 2022 we will be increasing our work force and running two shifts each day. Some new members have been asked to assist and the results are very encouraging especially for us older members

The RDA has had to close shop for 2020 however again the Board were able to assist them with a donation of \$2500 which no doubt will help them pay their ongoing costs.

Both these organizations benefit from the profits of the Art Show however that was also a no go in 2020. All being well, 2021 will be a better year and everyone can get back on track

John Calnin

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Health Report



The Health Report is very favourable. All members are aware of our government's social distancing requirements, which is not too difficult when we are only having Zoom meetings!

Thanks to Vic Harnath who organised the Bowelscan program for many years and to Bill Walton for stepping in.

Last year because of COVID we were unable to hand out the kits but this May we were able to put kits in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and Queenscliff Pharmacies.

Peter Hawthorne

Social Committee



Due to COVID this year we were limited to the social gatherings we were able to organize. But during lockdown we had social drinks via Zoom on Friday nights with even the cats attending.

In January while the Bowls Club was unavailable we went to the movies to see The Dry and Ocean Grove Brewery for burgers and fellowship.

We are hoping to have a Bar-B-Que for Rotarians and Partners when the new BBQ trailer arrives so that we can all learn how it operates.

Marion Walton



Fundraising Report

Due to Covid 19, Club funds were at a standstill with the fear of no markets, the cancellation of the car raffle, no Bunning's Sausage Sizzles and meetings being held on ZOOM with no funds coming in.

President Gill Morgan asked if I would chair a Fundraising Committee. This I agreed to do to help out, however had no idea what we were going to do.

A plan I had was to ask a few members to join me in a "Think Tank" to see what ideas were out there and members were given the opportunity to put in their sixpence worth to see what we could come up with.

Coral Barker, Pearl MacMillan and Andrea Tierney offered their services

Our first meeting; ideas put forward were "Wine Sales, a "Beach Water Bucket" contest. a" Torch Light March up the Bluff" at Barwon Heads and a "River of Gold" at the street festival in December.

Unfortunately some of these did not get off the ground due to restrictions however we started our campaign with Wine Sales. This proved very successful and 30 dozen of wine sold. Andrea Tierney took control.

Our march up the Bluff didn't proceed. Heather Willson was asked to investigate this and ran into a brick wall but not to be outdone, took control of the Duck Race which was hugely successful. This was run in conjunction with 3 Barwon Heads organizations. It is quite possible that this will be an ongoing project.

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Rod Birrell was keen to encourage kids onto the Beach but his water competition did not get started due to COVID restrictions.

It was then decided to hold a Golf Day/Auction and with the support of many traders and Lonsdale Links Golf Club; 82 attended the day with funds raised going into our Charities account for distribution.

Although we are nearly to the end of our Financial year, the Street Festival will be held in July and Rotary has a position in that. We will be selling tokens to build a line of Gold in the Main Street. It should be fun and Coral and her Committee are getting their spruiking voices ready for the big day.

To date \$7500 has been raised and we are hopeful of a further \$2/3000 from the Gala Day

John Calnin - Chairman

Oral History Project



Oral histories are an increasingly popular method for recording stories of an *arua o pasī* which reflect residents' experiences of those times. The lower Bellarine Peninsula is undergoing rapid changes with an influx of new families, housing developments and tourist facilities.

Many of these new residents and visitors are unaware of the social life, landscape and townships that existed here in earlier days. Long-time residents of the towns of Barwon Heads, Wallington, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale, and Queenscliff were asked to recount their memories of what life was like in the area in the post-war period from the 1940s to the end of the 1970s. Some memories went even further back. Their stories were recorded by members of the Rotary Club, edited by inserting photographs and images of other memorabilia, and placed on our website for public viewing.

This project began under the COVID lockdown as an option for Club members when our normal projects had to be suspended. By the time we had completed the training and organisation, lockdown had been lifted. Nevertheless, the interviews went ahead with the advantage that we could meet face to face with our narrators. There are now around twenty interviews available for viewing with more to come.

They tell stories of when towns such as Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale were small, somewhat ramshackle collections of houses among the teatree, many constructed by the residents themselves or fibro holiday shacks. Holiday visitors camped along the foreshore in tents and holiday fun was found on the beach, the large sandhills which backed it, catching eels in the river, and shooting rabbits. Known for their fishing fleets, Barwon Heads and Queenscliff were the more significant towns, Queenscliff had the high school and Barwon Heads the police station.

Wallington, somewhat like today, was a rural farming area predominantly potato growing and orchards. The narrators tell how community infrastructure was developed, much of it constructed by the locals themselves. There are stories of how the fire brigade and the maternal health centre came to Ocean Grove, and many tell of their experiences at the local primary schools which had far fewer students than today. Churches, sports clubs, and Town Halls were the centres of social activity, dances and cinemas the popular meeting places for young people. The interviews give the perspectives of people who spent their childhood in the lower Bellarine, regular family holiday visitors and post-war immigrants.

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The interviewing team consisted of Rod Greer, Alison George, Heather Willson, Judy Greer, Pearl Macmillan, Michelle Fox, Noel Emselle, Ann Hodgkinson, Marg Campbell, Coral Barker and Rod Bush. Many conducted several interviews, with Coral Barker starting with five!

Rod Bush provided technical backup, convinced us all to video record the interviews on our phones, computers and tablets, edited the films, and fixed our mistakes. The interviews can be seen by going to the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove website and clicking on the button on the front page which takes you into the site. Enjoy.

Ann Hodgkinson - Project Coordinator

Grant Sourcing

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It's an interesting process sourcing, and then applying for a grant that will help fund the various projects of the club. Finding the sources, and then 'playing the game' of writing an application according to the criteria is a challenge.

There are a great number of grants available, but in the end there are generally only one or two that are realistic options.

Our Applications

- This year we have been able to **carry over the 2019/20 District Grant for the re-erecting of the sculpture at the Sport and Aquatic Centre**. The sculpture is now in place and will have the signage attached shortly.
- Through the **Rotary District Centenary Grant, \$1,000** was gained to do sign writing that will recognise 100 Years of Rotary in Australia. This will be placed on our new BBQ trailer.
- A **\$5000 Stronger Communities Program 6 Grant** was made through a Federal Govt Fund administered by our local Federal MP, Libby Coker. This was to help in funding the BBQ trailer (last year we were able to source a similar amount for the trailer through a Geelong Community Grant.)
- An application is pending through the Victorian State Government for funding that will support **an exhibition of the Oral History Project**. If successful the exhibition will occur in late January.
- A **District Grant for 2021/22** is being sought to support the **planting of 100 trees** that will recognise the centenary fo Rotary in Australia.

Thank you to all those who highlighted the various sources of grants, and those who have assisted in the preparation of applications.

Rod Greer - Grants

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Ocean Grove Rotary presents

RETURN OF THE GREAT BARWON HEADS DUCK RACE 2021



Sat 3rd Apr 2021, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Duck Race Report

The Rotary Club had an opportunity to organise a long-standing event in Barwon Heads and the Annual Duck Race was held on Saturday 4th April. (This event was originally run by the Festival by the Sea or the Barwon Heads “Sheepwash Classic” race event organisers.)

The previous event organisers were unable to run the event and were willing to share funds with the Rotary Club, allocating 25% to Rotary, Barwon Heads Association, Barwon Heads Primary School and the Barwon Heads Scouts respectively.

After collecting some \$1500.00 in prizes from local businesses, the tickets were allocated at 600 on line using “Eventbrite” and 620 for face-to-face sales. Tickets were allocated to Rotary members, Barwon Heads Association members and the Barwon Heads Scouts to sell – in packs of 5.

The online tickets sold out 3 days prior to the event. The face-to-face sales sold out 2 hours prior to the event. Tickets were \$10 per duck and “Eventbrite took \$1.40 per duck to sell it but the face-to-face sales allocated all funds to the event organisers.

Race Day proved a challenge at 30 degrees with a strong north wind threatening to blow the ducks out to sea. After waiting an extra hour to allow for a stronger tide flow the race was run – involving tipping the ducks off the footbridge over the Barwon River, allowing the ducks to float toward the finish line 400 metres away at the Ozone Jetty (which they didn’t achieve instead beaching themselves on the Ocean Grove side of the river) However, the race rules allow for the weather and 10 winners were collected and prizes allocated respectively.

A total of over \$11,000 was collected giving the 4 recipients over \$2700 each and these funds were presented at a Rotary club meeting one month later.

Special thanks to the Organising team from its organiser Heather Willson

- Andrea Tierney for her great work on the mighty retrieval logistics
- Peter Hawthorn and Lyndy Stagg for their hours of sales and visibility at the IGA which netted great results
- Lisa Hanley for wearing a duck costume (that most of us wouldn’t do)
- Lorraine Batrouney for her BBQ logistics and application and “Coog” & team for the BBQ.
- Rod Greer as race caller – whose stalling skills certainly got a work-out.

It is hoped this event might develop into a rotary event over time, placing these funds at our disposal.

Heather Willson

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Charities Income 2020-21

Source	Gross income	Net Income
Market site Fees	18181	11270
Market Raffle	239	239
BBQ Raffle	3315	2907
Market Entry Collections	19837	19837
Sausage Sizzles	18744	14204
Wine sales	3450	1200
Duck Race	11180	2681
Golf Day	8165	3090
BBQ Trailer Grants/Donations Grants	14810 + Deposit!	
Australia Day	337	337
Lift the Lid	239	239
Vocational Awards Sponsorships	2510 +	
Net total		\$ 56004

CHARITY DONATIONS 1/7/20 - 8/6/21

Name	Amount
Bellarine Secondary College	2,000.00
Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees	500.00
RAWCS Queensland Flood Appeal	1,500.00
Guitars 4 Veterans	500.00
Sexual Assault & FV Centre	1,000.00
Bellarine VCE Girls House	1,000.00
Australian Rotary Health	1,239.25
Ocean Grove SLSC	2,000.00
Ocean Grove Community Association	1,000.00
Riding Develops Abilities	2,500.00
Bellarine for Refugees	1,341.00
Parkinsons Victoria	1,000.00
Disabled Surfers Association	2,500.00
Feed Me Bellarine	3,000.00
Barwon Heads Primary School	2,682.00
Barwon Heads Arts Council	670.50
Friends of The Lobster Pot Inc	670.50
Barwon Heads Scouts Association	2,682.00
Solmaid School	5,500.00
Rotary Donations in Kind Geelong	2,000.00
Interplast	1,000.00
ShelterBox Australia	2,000.00
ROMAC	1,000.00
RAWCS -Timor Leste Floods	1,000.00
Rotary Foundation (The)	5,000.00
RI District 9780 Indigenous Literacy Foundation	500.00
	45,785.25

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Profit and Loss, All Accounts			
1 July, 2020 - 8 June, 2021			
	Total		
	1 Jul., 2020 - 8 Jun., 2021	1 Jul., 2019 - 8 Jun., 2020 (PY)	
Income			
0500 Charities Income			
0501 Summer Market Sites	18,180.95		16,520.00
0510 Market Raffle	239.05		1,316.90
0511 BBQ RAFFLE	3,314.95		1,196.00
0515 Market Entry Collection	19,836.95		18,981.20
0520 Community GDFL Gate etc.			5,000.00
0521 Community Sausage Sizzles	18,743.81		8,300.70
0525 Car Raffle			9,120.01
0530 Foundation			2,301.65
0535 Rotary Grants	2,000.00		
0540 Public Donations	15,147.55		264.45
	<i>Trailer Donations</i> 3,540.00		
	<i>Australia Day Donations</i> 337.55		
	<i>COGG Trailer Grant</i> 6,270.30		
	<i>Dep't of Industry Grant</i> 5,000.00		
0570 Sundry Projects Income	3,795.55		2,152.55
	<i>Lift the Lid</i> 239.25		
	<i>Scarecrow Comp'n</i> 96.30		
	<i>Wine Sales Gross</i> 3,450.00		
0580 Interest earned	5.41		
523 GOLF DAY Sponsorship	1,400.00		
524 GOLF DAY Entries	6,844.84		
526 Duck Race	11,179.93		
545 Vocational Sponsorship	3,010.00		
Total 0500 Charities Income	A\$ 122,632.39	A\$	65,153.46
0600 Administration Income			
0645 Member Annual Subscriptions	12,730.00		12,000.64
0650 Meeting Receipts	25,722.21		33,633.25
0655 Meeting Sergeant	317.75		1,005.60
0660 Club Meeting Contribution	2,160.00		
0665 Footy Tipping	470.00		315.00
0670 Sundry Admin. Income	290.00		463.64
Total 0600 Administration Income	A\$ 41,689.96	A\$	47,418.13

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0700 Art Show - Income			
0710 Sponsorship		5,250.00	10,750.00
0720 Art Raffle Sales			2,874.40
0730 Art Entry Fees			4,480.00
0740 Catalog Advertising			595.00
0750 Screen Bond Return			400.00
0760 Art Show Door Collection			764.90
0770 Sale of Paintings			20,769.27
0780 Sundry Revenue		120.00	220.00
Total 0700 Art Show - Income	A\$	5,370.00	A\$ 40,853.57
Total Income	A\$	169,692.35	A\$ 153,425.16
Expenses			
1500 Charities Expenses			
1528 Summer Market Expenses		5,831.43	4,341.31
1532 Market Insurance		1,080.00	612.00
1534 Youth Donations		(1,200.00)	3,700.00
1535 Youth Payments excl Exchange		2,366.10	835.98
1540 Vocational Payments		8,968.50	1,680.14
1543 GOLF DAY Expenses		5,074.88	
1545 Car Raffle Expenses			2,300.31
1546 BBQ RAFFLE EXPENSES		407.87	100.00
1549 Community Donations		21,762.25	3,350.00
1550 Community Projects		4,539.61	9,403.20
1552 Market Gate Refunds			18,981.20
1553 Sausage Sizzle Costs		4,896.37	2,449.05
1555 Solmaid School Project		5,500.00	5,500.00
1560 International Projects Donations		7,000.00	6,000.00
1563 Rotary Foundation (The)		5,000.00	
1565 Other Charitable Donations		4,523.00	500.00
1580 Sundry Projects Expenses		20,683.65	1,603.31
	<i>Duck Race costs</i>	453.17	
	<i>Wine Sales Costs</i>	2,250.00	
	<i>BBQ Trailer -partial payments</i>	17,980.48	
Total 1500 Charities Expenses	A\$	96,423.66	A\$ 61,356.50

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2021 -> 2022 - Board Members

President:	Alan Keyse
Secretary:	Heather Willson
Treasurer:	John Paton
Pres. Elect: 2021 → 2022	Peter Cowburn
Immediate Past President/Vice President:	Gil Morgan
Youth Service	Meredith O’Neill
Vocational Service	Lynne Carlson
International Service	Graeme Batrouney
Community Service	Gordon King

