

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Assistant Cashier	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday Mar 29th	Leanne Watson	Jenny Wright	John Paton	Chris Watson	Ron Ayers	30/3 Coral Barker, 2/4 Harry Hanley.
Tuesday Apr 5th	John Oswald and Lucy (Lese Oaia) PNG.	David Larkin	Graeme Batouney	Rod Birrell	Noel Emselle	8/4 Martin Geerings, 9/4 Gordon King, 10/4 Jo & Peter Hawthorne.
Tuesday Apr 12th	Sally Cant	Geoff Chandler	Rod Greer	Marion Walton	Pearl Macmillan	18/4 Hazel & Geoff Ford

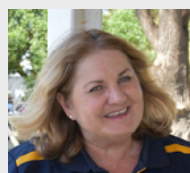
## Our Club

### President



Alan Keyse

### Secretary



Heather Willson

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

**Theme:** Rotary Awareness -  
Vocational Service

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance  
Roster:**

4 April - Rod Birrell

### Past bulletins

- Available from our website  
([rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)) via the  
'Our Club' menu.

**Market:** 0401 606 036 **Art Show:** 0417 319 465

### Members: Coming Events:

- \* Leanne Watson, guest speaker
- \* Duck Race, Barwon Heads Bridge,  
16 April.
- \* Tree Planting, Wallington Road

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.

## Report of Meeting: 22/3/2022

**Visitors:** Owen Kelso, Livian Kelso, Jessica Johnson, Kate Halfpenny.

### President's Report, Alan Keyse

\$4,200 raised at the market and Club contribution donated to Flood Relief.

Position Vacant - two people required to help with Bulletin by scribing the meeting report once every three months. Talk to Ann Hodgkinson or Alison George.

### Reports

**Heather Willson, Duck Race** - tickets have been given out. Prizes worth \$2,500 are available. Some tasks still need to be allocated for 16th April. See Heather.

**John Paton, Treasurer** - Valid vouchers have been given to replace the earlier ones. If you still have an old voucher, let John know.

**Rod Bush, Art Show** - there has been a great response to the pre-loved art show at the next market. Please submit prices for sale items as soon as possible.

**Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping** - Coog won the first round.

**Janet Alexander, Social** - The wine and cheese night produced a small surplus as Tom Van Etten donated all the wines. A Music Trivia night will be held in May.

**Gil Morgan, Port Fairy Conference** - while smaller numbers than usual attended, there were several outstanding speakers. They highlighted that

## Wisdom for the week ....

**At night, especially, it is beautiful to believe in the light (Plato)**

**“Letter words” - with new definitions. .... P**

**The Past** - That part of eternity with some small fraction of which we have a slight and regrettable acquaintance.

**Patriotism** - Your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it.

**Pessimist** - A person who thinks everyone is as nasty as themselves, and hates them for it..

## One liners ....

- \* Whiteboards are remarkable.
- \* Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money? It suffers from withdrawals.
- \* I asked the IT guy, ‘How do you make a motherboard?’ And he said ‘I tell her about my job’..
- \* I don’t suffer from insanity - I enjoy every minute of it.
- \* Did you hear they arrested the devil? Yeah, they got him on possession.

## Links .....

**Rotary International:**

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

**Rotary District 9780:**

[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

**Rotary Foundation:**

[www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au)

**Footy Tipping**

[www.footytips.com.au](http://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.

collaborations between Clubs was beneficial for projects and allowed smaller clubs to participate in large projects. A report on the Conference is included in this Bulletin. Foundation currently has a appeal to raise money which will be sent directly to Ukrainian Rotary Clubs for distribution. A Camp Quality BBQ is being held on Friday 1st April. Volunteers are needed. See Gil.

### Guest Speaker, Kate Halfpenny

Kate has been a journalist with several newspapers and worked for many years with Who Magazine. She received an award for her reporting of the Port Arthur massacre. She recently moved to Ocean Grove. She has two children.



Kate has been interested in reading and writing all her life. She grew up in Bicheno in Tasmania where her parents ran a hotel. Her childhood was idyllic and free and she developed a love of the seaside. She took a cadetship at the Melbourne Herald. She loved the work although the salary was low and attitudes towards women staff very stereotyped. In those days, reporting occurred without today's technical support. She then went to London where she worked with Piers Morgan. When she came home, she married, had children and worked for Who Magazine for twenty years. There she met and interviewed many famous and interesting people including Chris Hemsworth, Shane Warne, and Guy Pearce. She was well treated at the magazine and found the work stimulating, challenging and enjoyable.

She gave up journalism and worked in communications / public relations but realised that had not been a good choice. In 2021 she gave that away and moved to Ocean Grove to be near a beach. She is now working freelance, writing a column for the Age / Sydney Morning Herald each week. She finds ‘ordinary’ people often have the most interesting stories to tell. She always tries to answer questions honestly but has learnt to be careful with comments as a columnist. She has also learnt to accept adverse comments made on social media as part of life.



## ROTARY DISTRICT 9780 CONFERENCE 2022, PORT FAIRY

Although smaller than in previous years, this conference demonstrated that Rotarians want to get together, something that has been missing over the past two years. The conference allowed fellowship between clubs to begin again. DG John Clue and his team did an excellent job in constructing the program in just three months. Around 150 people participated either in person or online. Six members/partners from our club attended: Lynne Carlson, Marian Coppins, Ann Hodgkinson, Gordon King, Pearl Macmillan and Gill Morgan. We all shared a rental house

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and everyone emerged alive. Due to limited numbers, only three of us got into the dinner.



Nevertheless, it was extremely good and we enjoyed the company of some 'Ballaratians' on our table. Keynote speakers at the Conference focused on issues associated with humanity and the environment. Brief summaries of some of the most impactful presentations are given below.



There were several presentations on health and education issues in developing countries. Below its beautiful environment, Nepal suffers from extreme poverty and women,

particularly those with disabilities fall to the bottom of society. **Louise Harper**, a midwife, spoke about the **Women's Health Project** run by Dr. Ray Hodgson. They treat hundreds of young women who have been rejected by their husbands and villages after suffering genital prolapse. The dream is to build a modern Mothers and Babies Hospital. Progress was interrupted by an earthquake and Covid but fundraising has accelerated since Rotary became involved. Rotary Foundation has committed to fitting out the hospital. A book by Ray Hodgson, *Heartbreak in the Himalayas* can be bought online [www.A4WH.org](http://www.A4WH.org). Catherine and Sief reported on their **Bandari Project** in Tanzania where they have built a school for 120 students near Sief's home village. They educate children from the most impoverished households who could not afford to attend Tanzania's limited Government schools. They also have vegetable, fish and fruit farms which they use to feed the children when at school. The project is supported by the Port Fairy and other Rotary clubs. They need to raise \$100,000 per annum to keep the school going. They are pleased to attend Rotary Clubs to speak about their project. John Oswald from Torquay Rotary introduced Lucy Loko who spoke of their proposed project to



rebuild the **School at Lese Oalai** which is 200 km from Port Moresby, PNG very near to the Torres Strait Islands.

They need new classrooms, toilets and a clean water supply and are working with local Rotary clubs and leaders to raise \$500,000 for the rebuild. Schools in nearby villages are in worse disrepair and their students have come to Lese Oalai exacerbating the problem.

### Paul Harris Society Breakfast – Port Fairy Conference 2022



PDG Anthony Ohlsen, DG John Clue PDG Phil Beasley, Gillian Morgan, Judy Beasley, Tony Gregson, Carolyn Millard, Ron Millard, Marion Coppins, Gordon King, PDG Geoff James, Meryl James, Ian McKay, Rosalie Howard, Noel Howard, Sherril McKay, Peter Simons

Simone O'Brien, **Say No to Domestic Violence**, told her horrific story as a survivor of domestic violence. After trying to break up with a man she met online, he bashed her with a baseball bat, breaking her arm, her skull and smashing her face in an attempted murder situation. She now talks to schools, football and netball clubs and other workplaces encouraging people to report domestic violence before the situation gets to this stage. She identified the red flags as controlling behaviour, belittling attitudes towards partners, stealing, telling lies and inconsiderate actions. She encouraged victims to say No, and for everyone to look out for each other. On a happier note, Lachlan Farrington from the **Nature Glenelg Trust** spoke about this organisation's efforts to restore wetlands in south-west Victoria and south-east South Australia as well as Adelaide and Tasmania. Fifty percent of wetlands in Victoria and 70% in S.A. have been drained and those remaining are compromised. The Trust is a non-profit private organisation which purchases land or works with local farmers to preserve and restore significant wetlands to help protect threatened and endangered species such as the Australasian Bittern, Brolgas, growling grass frogs, native fish and eastern swamp crayfish. They can be contacted at [info@ngt.org.au](mailto:info@ngt.org.au). They also run a Bittern recovery program.

The **In Memoriam** section recognised Norm Elliott and Andrew Thornton from our Club. The **2023 District Conference** will be held in Ballarat in March. The DGE is Kath Rivett from the Alfredson Club.

