

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
17-Mar	Community Service Awards	Lynne Carlson.	Gill Morgan.	Bill Walton, Rod Bush.	Alex Magee	19/3 Gerry Spencer.
24-Mar	Club Assembly.	Marion Walton.	Martin Geerings.	N/A	Vic Harnath.	25/3 Jenny & Neil Templeton, 30/3 Coral Barker.
31-Mar	David Williamson. - Second Bite.	Michelle Fox.	Peter Hawthorne.	Adrian Schmidt.	Alison George.	

Our Club

President: Marion Walton

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club:

18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

When: 6 pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0457 315 900

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Water & Sanitation Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

08/03/20 - 21/03/20 James Ricchini

22/03/20 - 04/04/20 Adrian Schmidt

05/04/20 - 18/04/20 Chris Watson

19/04/20 - 02/05/20 Tony Haines

Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Meeting Notes 10th March 2020

Visiting Rotarians: ADG Di Crawford, PDG John Crawford, Chris Kennelly - Lara. Michael Lapina (Guest Speaker), Alan Davidge, Patricia Davidge - Wyndham. Leila Stecher, Sue Van Every - Drysdale.

Visitors: Alex Lapina, Amy Hawker, Isabel Paton, Pam Matison, May Ayers.

President: Marion Walton

Marion welcomed partners who had attended tonight. Induction of new member Ron Ayers accompanied by his wife, May Ayers. Ron was proposed by Alan Keyse, who will be his mentor. Ron was appointed to the Community Service Committee.

Ron thanked Alan and Janet for bringing him into Rotary. He wanted to do something for the community and was looking forward to his time with Rotary.



Marion reported the following items from the last Board meeting.

A new constitution has been prepared by David Whiting. Several members are going through it and will report back. The Club has joined the Ocean Grove Business Association. Students from the Corryong Primary School were very grateful for the book packs donated through the Rotary Bush Fire Relief Fund.

District Assembly will be in Ararat on the 26th April. Anyone interested in attending should contact Gil Morgan.

Members: Coming

Events: From Stage To Screen. Sunday 28th June. The Italian Sports Club, Werribee. \$8opp (inc 3 course Italian meal).

District Assembly - Sunday 26th April, Ararat.

Saying of the week

To be Old and Wise, you must first be, Young and Stupid.

Humour

If you ever get cold, just stand in the corner of a room for a while. They're normally around 90 degrees.

Links

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

- APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING, THOSE WHO DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE SENT A BILL, AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY IF NO APOLOGY IS REGISTERED.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

The Board has decided to buy a new BBQ trailer. They have received a grant of \$6,700 from the City Council of Greater Geelong and are looking for sponsorship and other funding sources.

\$4,000 was donated to Shelter Box.

A payment of \$1,375 was made to the **Solmaid School in Bangladesh** as part of our ongoing commitment to sponsor the food program at this school for children from poorer families. 12th March between 5.30 and 6.30 pm there will be an event at Johnson Park, Geelong to raise awareness against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. See Andrea Tierney for information.

Chair: John Paton

Reports:

Noel Emselle, Community Service. At the last working bee, the playground was demolished ready for replacement. A significant amount of mulch was left over. Volunteers are required to help spread this on Friday morning at 9.30 am. Please bring barrows, shovels and rakes.

Gordon King, Foundation. He thanked all the helpers from the last Market collection which was very successful. Forms for the Centurion program are available.

Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping. Fixtures start on Thursday, 19th March, just nine days away. You need to register if interested in participating and pay the \$50 contribution to Janet immediately.



Guest Speaker/Singer Michael Lapina

Heather Willson introduced Michael. Michael first joined Rotary with the Melbourne Sunrise Club and joined the Rotary Club of Wyndham in 2017. He has been Chair of the Vocational and Youth Committee at District level and led a GSE trip to the Philippines.

Michael told the story of his life interspersed with his favourite songs from each period. His

singing was supported by backing music, as technology allowed. Michael was born in the Philippines in 1974 and moved to Australia with his family in 1978 under the skilled migration program. His father was an accountant and his mother a nurse. He was singing at an early age and his family has a recording of him singing 'Silent Night' as a three year old. At this point Michael sang the 'Lord's Prayer'. The backing music failed but he still filled the room with his voice.

His parents were not able to find suitable work in Australia at first and they lived with other Philippine families in St. Kilda. As a six year old at Primary School he sang 'Henry the Eighth' to the various classes encouraged by his teacher. He also saw a film of

Mario Lanza singing The Great Caruso (1951) and decided he wanted to be an opera singer inspired by the song '**Vesti La Giubba**'. Michael sang this for us, once the music finally worked.

In 1982, the family moved to Hoppers Crossing where his parents bought a large property. He went to St. James Primary School and did all the things young boys do. He then went to Westbourne Grammar School and was able to learn violin, drums, piano and other instruments. He participated in the school musicals and played the lead in them all. He had planned to become an aeronautical engineer and was accepted into RMIT. However, in 1989, he saw Phantom of the Opera and was inspired by Anthony Warlow. He had to tell his father that he was going to the Victorian College of the Arts instead. Michael sang '**This is the Moment**' for us, which he had sung for his first professional audition.

He was not successful as it was a singing/dancing role and he could not dance. However, he was sponsored to go to Danceworld to learn to dance. He became a professional dancer with Walt Disney and went on to become their international production manager. He also had a position with the Victorian State Opera. However, in 2000 he married Nina and decided to stop singing so that he could stay at home. He then worked as a project manager for the National Australia Bank. They had three children, Michael Christopher Jnr. 2001, Michael Alexander 2002, and Michelle Brianna Rose 2003. He volunteered as the musical director at their local church.

In 2006, they went to a re-release of Phantom of the Opera and Michael realised how much he missed it and decided to go back to singing. He began auditioning again, this time successfully. He joined Rotary and uses his voice to raise funds. In 2010 and 2011 he toured internationally including China singing '**Nessum Dorma**'. He sang this for us. Michael is now a principal singer with Opera Australia and the Melbourne Opera Company and has toured around the world. He is also Artistic Director at his local Point Cook school. For his last song, Michael sang '**You'll Never Walk Alone**' and asked the audience to join in. The night ended with a standing ovation.

Michael brought to our attention a major fundraiser that he is organising for Wyndham Rotary on the 28th June 2020 called From Stage to Screen. Four Principals from Opera Australia are coming. They will present a variety of music, not just opera. It will be held at the Italian Sports Club of Werribee, 601 Heaths Road, Werribee, Victoria commencing at 5.00 pm. Tickets \$80pp including a three course meal of Italian Food and Wine. Bookings are essential Phone 03 9741 1225, online www.iscw.com.au or book through TryBooking <https://trybooking.com/BJCCC>. All proceeds will go towards supporting humanitarian projects of Wyndham Rotary.

Andrea Tierney thanked Michael for a wonderful night.

Next Week; Three new members will be inducted - Amy Hawker, Isabel Paton and Jenny Wright. It is the Community Service Awards presentations. Large numbers are expected so please book in carefully.