

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X

ABN: 13 501 173 192

Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Happy/Sad Dollars	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Jan 30th	Simple Meal - Shell Rd Pavilion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jim Ricchini 17/1; Marg Campbell 22/1; Lyndy Stagg 24/1; Peter Hawthorn; Jenny Templeton 1/2; Alex Magee 3/2
Feb 6th	TBA					Barb Watson 12/2; David Larkin & Mary Treleaven 13/2
Feb 13th	TBA					Peter Cowburn 13/2; Wal & Val Kelly 15/2; Marian King 16/2

Our Club

President

Secretary



Lynne Carlson



Rod Bush

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



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

Our Major Sponsors:



Meeting enquiries or apologies:
Lyndy Stagg - 0429 436 858
Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

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

PLEASE TAKE NOT OF THESE DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY.

- Jan 16 Casual dinner - Ming Terrace, Ocean Grove
- Jan 23 Barefoot Bowls, BBQ and drinks at Barwon Heads Bowling Club
- Jan 30 Simple dinner; Shell Rd Reserve.

An attendance form for these events will be issued with more details re time etc. It'd be a good idea to put these dates on your calendar.

- Feb 6 First formal meeting for 2024.
- Mar 30 Great Barwon River Duck race

District Conference 15 -17 March, 2024, Mount Gambier.

Off we go again into 2024 !

2023 was a busy year for us all but I think we came out of it really well.

It did finish on a sad note though as the end of the year approached. We lost **Geoff Brentnall** in October (10 Oct 2023) after a long battle with Parkinsons. Geoff was a PP, PHF and was recognised as one of 'nature's true gentlemen'. He was a major sponsor of our art show.

Then we lost **Bill Walton** to a respiratory illness. (Dec 20, 2023) Bill was a PHF, a much loved and hard working member - and warm, friendly man - always keen for a chat.

Theme: January - Vocational Service Month**Past bulletins**

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

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

Wisdom for the Week

Don't worry about what I'm doing.
Worry about why you're worried about what I'm doing.

One liners

- Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
- Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple term and conditions.
- If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$6.30 now.
- I've just written a song about tortillas; actually, it's more of a rap.

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**

Soon after (Jan 3rd, 2024), **Coral Barker** passed away after a long illness. Coral was our first female club member, a PP and PHF. Along with **Ian Downing**, she was a driving force behind the introduction of our Annual art Show. We'll miss her humour, direct communication and her friendship.

- At the very end of the year, we negotiated a **venue change**, returning to the **Ocean Grove Bowling Cub** as our meeting location.

Changes to our operations on meeting night will include:

- Menu choices from the Bistro Menu, served to your table.
- Having a meal is optional.
- Variable table/space arrangements according to numbers attending and meeting requirements.
- Happy Hour available prior to the meeting (5 -> 6)
- Attendance intentions still required (for meeting planning), but this isn't needed until Monday night.
- Bread Rolls available with all meals
- Tea/coffee available after meals.
- Introduction of a meeting fee (\$5) to cover raffle costs, guest meals and Community Membership costs.
- All members to become **Community Members** of the Bowling Club, giving a 5% discount on drinks/meals when the card is produced. (Except for those already Full Members of course)
- We can store all our meeting gear at the club.

All very positive changes !

What did we do in 2023 ? 🤔

- We distributed some proceeds from the Art show. **Riding Develops Abilities** and **Surfing for the Disabled**; Both received \$4,000. They will be formally presented at an early meeting in February.
- Our **100 trees** continue to grow and flourish thanks to the care and attention being showered on them.
- During 2023, we welcomed **7 new members** - Paul B, Janice N, Jenny Clairs, Penny B, Richard C, Gary W, Nick L
- We grew our partnership with **Ocean Grove Real Estate** who are providing financial support to a number of our programs including the Summer Market, The Duck Race and the Art Show.
- The **Lookout reserve** received equal maintenance attention and thanks to a recommendation from the Community/Environment C'tee., retained its car parking spaces.
- **Our markets** go from strength to strength and are the major fundraiser for our community support programs.
- The **Art show** was recognised as being one of the best in the district. It was a most successful event.
- We assisted in the **dismantling of playgrounds** to be sent to disadvantaged countries overseas.
- The **Duck Race** was very successful providing support scholarships to selected students at all local primary schools.

Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.

Lookout Maintenance Roster:
Contact Noel Emselle

TBA

15 on me: Contact Rod Bush

I'll chat with members about availability and add names here as I get willing participants

100 Trees Maintenance Roster:
Contact Noel Emselle

Feb - Warren Chapman (Leader)

Frank Rice, Beth Eustace, Geoff Chandler, Jenny Wright, John Paton

March - Adrian Schmidt (Leader) Chris Watson, Alex Magee, Marg Campbell, Neil and Jenny Templeton

April - Pearl Macmillan (Leader), Rod and Judy Greer, Gordon King, Lisa and Harry Hanley

May - Andy McKoy (Leader) Kath Venters, Rod Birrell, David Larkin, Alison George

B Noel Emselle (Leader) Martin Geerings, Paul Brewster, John Karis, Tony Haines

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, OG Hardware, OG NewsXPress, Pavilion Property, Ocean Eyes, OG Super Toys, Covenant Wine Bar, Roche Accounting, Bakers Delight

- Through **Andrea Tierney**, we supported the '**Say No To Family Violence**' program.
- We continued our support of **Cambodian Rural Student Trust** student, **Secondary students in Bali, water provision in Myanmar.**
- We provided **Shelter box** support to distribute packs to those in need, in disaster areas around the world.
- We continued support for the **White Mangrove** proposal which has been incorporated (in principle) in future local government plans.
- We recognised small businesses, volunteers and apprentices via our **Community Services awards.**
- We recognised selected students at a **local Secondary school** and **several primary schools**, via scholarships and the **Graham Bath student awards.**
- We provided support to selected **Salvation Army projects** - vouchers for use at Opportunity Shops and refurbishment of storage containers on the Outreach bus.
- Several members supported the **Reverse Advent Calendar** program providing Christmas hampers to immigrant families.
- We acknowledged our **7th Paul Harris Society member.**
- We supported **Feed me Bellarine** via a variety of activities.
- We sold **Rotary Cakes/Puddings** to support Rotary Foundation as well as providing some to be included in Salvation Army Care packs.
- **David Larkins** headed up a group that sold **car raffle tickets** supporting the Rotary Club of Ballarat South. This raised valuable funds to support our programs.
- The Community/Environment group **planted 60 new trees** in Ocean Grove Park, replacing those blown down in a storm.
- We received a **Bronze Environment award** from district, acknowledging work we have done in this area.
- **Kath Venters** supported the **Starthrower project** which provides emotional care to wives unable to return to their homes in flood affected areas in N Victoria.
- We provided a BBQ and coffee for those attending the **ANZAC day dawn service** in Ocean Grove.
- We assisted in the distribution of **care packs** to veterans or their partners prior to ANZAC day.
- The Community committee raised funds through a range of **recycling projects** including plastic items, blister packs and overseas currency (coins).
- We donated **hygiene packs** to the Salvation Army for distribution through their Outreach Bus.
- Support of children to attend school through **Seven Women in Nepal.**
- We raised funds by overseeing the entry gates at the **GFDL football** grand final series over 4 weekends.
- We raised funds via a number of **Bunnings BBQs.**
- The Community committee replaced a popular piece of machinery in Ocean Grove Park - the much loved '**Digger**'

- We recognised **13 life members** who have provided 30 years of more of Rotary service.
- We planned and hosted a celebration of our **club's 40th anniversary** at 360Q in Queenscliff.

There may be some missed here - but

The next time you're asked, 'What does your Rotary Club do?' - you'll have a few responses to select from !!

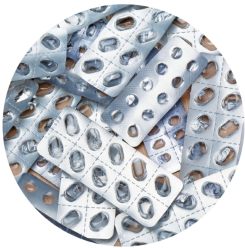

- Special Thanks to **Rod Birrell and Andrea Tierney**: Andrea has been working on the Salvos Outreach Bus, supporting homeless people in the Bellarine area. She commented to Peter Cowburn and Rod Birrell that the bus needed some features repaired or modified to make it more effective in its role. Rod jumped starlight in and constructed a new storage area with a service table.



And (2nd from right) with the bus crew

- Pearl Macmillan and the Community/Environment group took up a program to support the recycling of blister packs at local chemists. We purchased the bins to receive these items - look out for them next time you visit the chemist - save up your blister packs and drop them in.

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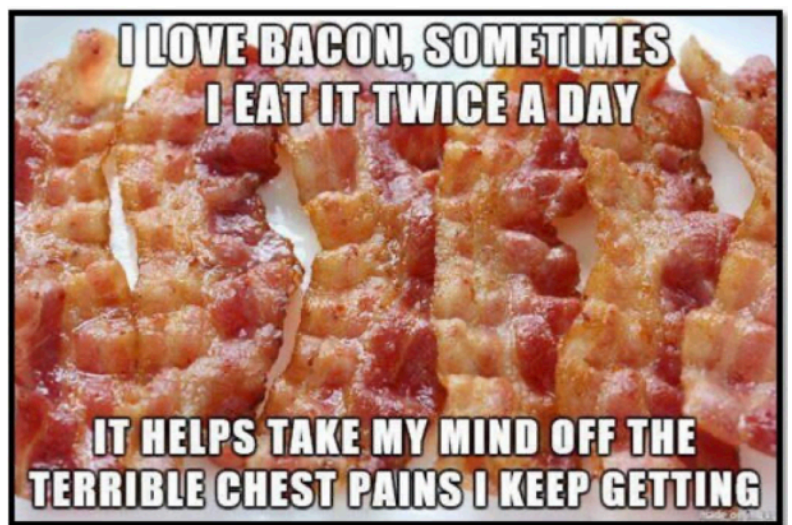
Proudly donating Blister
Pack recycling bins for
this pharmacy



I'M SO OLD THAT

I HAVE DIALED A ROTARY PHONE (THAT DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWERING MACHINE), RECORDED A SONG THAT I LOVE OFF A TRANSISTOR RADIO ONTO A TAPE RECORDER, WATCHED A BLACK AND WHITE TV (WITH LESS THAN 10 CHANNELS) THAT HAD FOIL ON THE RABBIT EAR ANTENNAS, TAKEN A LONG WALK WITHOUT COUNTING THE STEPS, AND EATEN FOOD THAT I DIDN'T TAKE PICTURES OF.

Most people write Congrats because they don't know the spelling of congratulashions



Two things to make your day better:

1. Do not watch the News.
2. Stay off the bathroom scale.

ONE MINUTE YOU'RE 21. STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING BEER, EATING PIZZA AND DOING SKETCHY STUFF JUST FOR FUN.

THEN...

IN A BLINK OF AN EYE YOU'RE 50, DRINKING WATER, EATING SALAD AND YOU CAN'T DO ANY SKETCHY STUFF, BECAUSE YOU PULLED A MUSCLE PUTTING ON YOUR SOCKS.

