

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
Feb 20th	Presentaion to RDA (Susan Dodson) and Disabled Surfers (Jeremy Swift) from Art show proceeds	Andrea Tierney	Janet Alexander	John Karis.	Paul Brewster.	Lorraine Batrouney 20/2; Geoff Chandler 21/2; Paul Tierney 24/2
Feb 27th	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3	John Paton 28/2; Pam Haines 3/3

Our Club

President



Lynne Carlson

Secretary



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 NOTE OF THESE DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS.

Mar 30 Great Barwon River Duck race

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

Footy Tipping. Harry Hanley is unable to continue in the role of 'manager'. A new person is required. All applications considered for this important activity!

The **Great Barwon Heads Duck Race** on the Barwon River will be staged on Easter Saturday 30/3/24. Schools at Queenscliffe and Point Lonsdale are being supported this year as well as those in Ocean Grove.

Reports

Community. Pearl MacMillan. Delia will collect the used blister packs at meetings and take them to the Pharmacy.

Environment. Tree maintenance will be carried out on either 17/2/24 or 24/2/24. Those involved will be notified.

Family of Rotary. Judy and Rod Greer. Jim Ricchini remains very positive. Chemotherapy has reduced the tumour size and surgery is proposed within the next few weeks.

Trish Emselle is progressing slowly. Her balance and speech are improving.

Social. Barefoot bowls was enjoyed by all participants. Meredith O'Neill was given recognition as the best player for the opposition

Treasurer. Frank Rice Funds are healthy.

Theme: February - World Understanding



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

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

One liners

- When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
- My father has schizophrenia, but he's good people.
- The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast.

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**

A Finance Committee will be formed. An Accountant will be appointed to assist the Club to comply with ATO requirements.

The Great Duck Race on the Barwon River will be staged on 30/3/24. Heather Willson reported that sponsorships were coming in well.

Car Raffle: Members were asked to sell a book of raffle tickets. Prizes....1st prize, the Car and second prize \$1000 spend at Bunnings. Reminder to members to sell the books ASAP

Footy Tipping. A new person is required.

Gill Morgan. Rotary Groups within the district will remain similar to this year.

Lindy Stagg reminded members that the invitation to attend the meeting must be answered.

Guest Speaker. Gary Willson, Geelong Emergency Relief Network. (GERN)

Gary has been involved with the groundwork of setting up other similar groups/organizations where the unique needs of the local areas have been incorporated into very successful activities.

GERN is ready to commence to assist those in need and to make a difference in their lives.

Gary put the proposal that the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove should consider establishing an organization that will bring change to those who are experiencing difficulties or trauma or considerable loss by providing desperately needed household



Gary Willson



Attentive listeners

goods. Bellarine Emergency Relief Network or (BERN).

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

Stakeholders would include:

- Rotary Clubs to supply management, volunteers, and financial support.
- Welfare agencies who select and manage those needing assistance.
- Sponsors who supply money, goods and services
- Volunteers to assist with the collection, storage and distribution of goods.
- Grant organizations whose funds will the network to function.
- Clients who will be selected by the welfare agencies.

Assistance and goods would be provided to those who need relief.

Clients pay nothing.

Welfare agencies register with the organization, pay a nominal yearly fee that entitles them to select clients and bring them to the storage facility to select goods.

Support will given in the local area, but has the ability to expand.

We need to decide:

- Does the club support the idea?
- Would other clubs be involved?
- How much is the club willing to invest?
- Is there a volunteer base to form a willing committee and maintain the project?



Gary Willson

Gary believes that there is a need for an emergency network on the Bellarine and surrounding areas. He hopes The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove has the vision and desire to make it happen.

Benefits to the club would be:

- Doing sustainably more good in the community.
- Ongoing hands-on project which is attractive to the younger generation.
- Increased profile in the area; membership opportunities.
- Greater alignment with a network of welfare agencies.
- Allows smaller clubs to be aligned with a major community service project.
- Synergistic benefit of enhanced delivery of services, avoiding duplication.
- Greater camaraderie among Rotary Clubs, start small and grow to fill the need.

If the Club members and the Board support the idea a working group would need to be established to conduct a feasibility study with the commitment to support for upcoming years.