

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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ABN: 13 501 173 192

Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Happy \$ \$/Server	Food Server	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Tuesday May 30	Max Leonard, Ambulance Victoria; Induction of Janice Nation	Ann Hodgkinson	Lisa Hanley	David Larkin	Adrian Schmidt	Graeme Batrouney	1/6 Wal Kelly
Tuesday June 6	Vocational Committee Community Awards	Rod Birrell, M. C.	Vocational C'tee members	N/R	N/R	N/R	5/6 David Larkin, 6/6 Neil Templeton, 7/6 Gil Morgan, 11/6 Fred Andrews
Tuesday June 13	15 On Me: Andy McKoy; Andrea Tierney	Wal Kelly	N/R	Jenny Wright	Neil Templeton	TBA	13/6 Lisa Hanley, 16/6 Geoff Brentnall, Geoff Ford

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.

Our Club

President



Peter Cowburn

Secretary



Rod Bush

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

Theme: May - Youth Service

Past bulletins

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

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

Coming Events

• **Rotary International Convention** - 27 - 31 May 2023 (Melbourne).
The website through which to register is: rotarymelbourne2023.org

Meeting: 23 May 2023

Visitors: Larrie Winzar, Rotary Club of Bendigo, Linda and Chas Wood, Feed Me Bellarine.

Induction: Jenny Clairs

Jenny has been proposed for membership and duly elected. President Peter Cowburn presented Jenny with Rotary information and badges. Each member contributes to service above self. Jenny is aware of the requirements for Rotary membership. She will be a source of strength to our Club. Peter asked all members to be friendly and supportive of Jenny. Jenny thanked Delia Naumann for introducing her to the club. She hopes she will add to our programs.



Peter and Jenny

Linda Wood, Feed Me Bellarine

Linda was presented with a stylised cheque representing our previous donation. Chas and Linda are volunteers with Feed Me Bellarine. Lana Purcell, founder, and Glen Mills, Chair, send their apologies but were unable to attend due to previous engagements.



Cheque presentation

Many Club members have already been to their facility in Ocean Grove. Feed Me Bellarine was founded in 2019. Lana ran a local food business and a catering service to the Blues Train. She realised that they should not be throwing out the

Wisdom for the Week

Doubt is the origin of wisdom.
Augustine of Hippo

“Letter words” - with new definitions. ?

Infancy: A period of our lives when, according to Wordsworth, ‘Heaven lies about us’. The world begins lying about us pretty soon afterward.

Inflation: Prosperity with high blood pressure.

Insanity: A perfectly rational adjustment to an insane world.

One liners

My doctor told me that jogging would add years to my life. He was right - I feel ten years older already.

Doctors’ Office: All our records are electronic now, just fill out these 12 forms.

The therapist asked my wife why she wanted to end our marriage. She said she hated the constant Star Wars puns. I looked at the therapist and said, “Divorce is strong with this one!”

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** - it’s a very simple process. You will receive a return email advising your response has been registered.

left over food and made up 50 boxes to distribute. The service now runs a food rescue service from local outlets thus saving food from going into landfill, Wasted Dinners, and a pantry / food market store. They now provide 2,000 families with food relief each week with a ‘No questions, no agenda’ policy so that all people can feel comfortable coming in. They currently cook 8,000 meals a week and have 500 volunteers who make a variety of contributions.



Linda Wood

Chas became involved at the very beginning making school breakfasts and lunches for children in need. Early in 2020 due to COVID, needs exploded. They went to a different set of businesses to stock the food market. They sourced greater volumes of food from organisations such as Second Bite. Donated food was sorted by quality into that to go out to families, to be cooked, or to go out as animal food. They now service the Greater Geelong area and the Surf Coast as well as the Bellarine as a food bank.

This provides supplementary shopping items to ease financial pressures. If they have an excess of one product, this can be made available to the general public, past examples being blueberries, eggs, ice cream, protein powder. At its peak, they received calls from up to 50 families a day. This has now settled down to 20 a day. They now also have market sites at Torquay and Newtown.

Expenses are around \$70,000 a month for items such as containers, rent, energy costs. This is covered by grants, donations and markets which have a take what you need, pay what you can afford policy. They also sell coffee and snacks. On Friday nights, the chefs prepare a meal based on what food is available that night, again on the basis of pay what you can with wine at bar prices. The money recently donated by the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove was used to buy defibrillators and to redo the floors.

Guest Speaker: Larrie Winzar, Starthrower Project.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo wanted to make a difference to flood recovery in nearby Rochester. *Starthrower* provides a three night beach experience in Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff to women whose homes were devastated by the recent flooding. The aim is to improve their wellbeing by giving them time away from the drama and negativity in the aftermath of the floods. They have time to relax with their host, go on outings, etc.



The service is free of charge to these women. Contacts are made through Rotary Rochester and referrals. They are followed up with telephone calls and meetings. The criteria for selection is that participants have been evacuated from their homes or businesses due to the floods.

Costs are covered by the hosts for accommodation and meals, outings and transport are paid for by a mix of Rotary funding and donations. They recently received a District Grant. Activities include exploring the local beaches, pampering, group activities, op shop tours or a ferry trip to Sorrento. The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove

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

**Lookout Maintenance Roster:
Contact Noel Emselle**

- 28 May Marita Scott
- 11 June Rod Greer
- 25 June Alex Magee

15 on me: Contact Rod Bush

13 June: Andy McKoy, Andrea Tierney

**100 Trees Maintenance Roster:
Contact Pearl Macmillan**

May: Noel Emselle (leader) - Meredith O'Neill, Lynne Carlson, Alex Magee, Ann Hodgkinson, Frank Rice.

June: Andy McKoy (leader) - Jenny Templeton, Neil Templeton, Sue Hill, Lisa Hanley, Harry Hanley.

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

recently provided blankets and other items to fill the bus on its return trip to Rochester. *Starthrower* is now seeking funding to expand into Queensland, NSW and other parts of Victoria to set up programs which can swing into action when further disasters occur.

CHAIR: Gordon King

REPORTS

Foundation, Gil Morgan: Gil thanked members who were contributing to the Centurion program and the Paul Harris Society. She made a presentation to **Kath Venters**, her third Sapphire Pin to her Paul Harris badge.



Kath Venters

Peter presented Gil Morgan with her second Ruby Pin as a Paul Harris Society member.



Peter, and Gil

Footy Tipping, Harry Hanley: Geoff Brentnall is now two points ahead on top of the ladder. Lisa Hanley was this week's round winner.

Family of Rotary, Alison George: Barb Watson is having a hip replacement Wednesday. Fred Andrews is improving. Coral is continuing to have medical appointments. Sue Hill is slowly improving and has finally had a diagnosis regarding her lower back.

Marion Walton, Rotary Clothing: If you want to order see Marion immediately. Gil and Marion took clothing to the Lazarus Centre and then took a large volume to D.I.K. consisting of items which had been incorrectly printed.

Frank Rice, Treasurer: Frank mentioned a charge which had not gone through the square reader tonight. It was suggested everyone check their accounts to ensure things are being debited correctly. John Paton will be taking over as Treasurer while Frank is overseas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Peter Cowburn

- If you want to change committees for next year, please let Rod know asap.
- Please get outstanding Annual Reports to Rod Bush as soon as possible.
- The Club's donations to the community for this year currently stand at \$90,000 and this will go up before the end of the financial year.
- Lynne and Gil represented the Club at the recent District Assembly.
- Thank you to the BBQ Team at Feed Me Bellarine. \$300 profit will be donated to FMB.
- Several members indicated that they would be attending the upcoming International Conference.
- A letter was received from Bellarine Catchment thanking the Club for our help with their truck repairs.

President Peter gave a brief report on his holiday in Broome. Activities included swimming with whale sharks, a fishing trip where they caught nothing, an Air Boat ride in Roebuck Bay which got stuck on a sandbank, and a trip to Horizontal Falls where he strongly suspected the plane was about to run out of fuel on the way back.

Fortunately, both he and Jenny got home safely.

Finally figured out
the reason why I
look so bad in
pictures.

It's my face.

Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector
that shuts off
when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"

My super power is
holding onto junk
for years and
throwing it away a
week before I need
it.

Nothing spoils a
good story like
the arrival of an
eyewitness.

~ Mark Twain

I've been watching
my weight.

It's still there.

If a cookie falls on the
floor and you pick it
up...

that's a squat, right?