

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 Jun 28th	Club Assembly	Peter Cowburn	Not required	John Karis	Andy McKoy	Graeme Chamberlain	1/7 Rod Greer
Tuesday Jul 5th	Harry Hanley	Peter Hawthorne	Not required	Rod Birrell	David Larkin	Geoff Brentnall	7/7 Tony Haines, 9/7 Andy McKoy

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: Rotary Awareness, June - Rotary Fellowships

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

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): Any member interested in doing a course at RLI, can use the links below for more information. Please see Kath or Alan if you need advice.

- <https://rotary9780.org/SitePage/rotary-leadership-institute>
- <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050058/en-ca/files/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute/registration-form-2022/RLIRegistrationForm2022.pdf>
- <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050058/en-ca/files/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute/rli-brochure/The-Rotary-LeadershipInstitute--brochure2-.pdf>

Publications: For those who prefer paper, there are copies of the 2022-23 Member Directory and Annual Report available now. Several collected them at the Changeover Dinner - they will also be available at our meeting on June 21 for those that didn't. Both publications can also be found on our web page.

Changeover Media:

For those unable to attend the Changeover dinner, following are links to some media that was shown.

Link to watch video by incoming RI President, Jennifer Green: <https://youtu.be/tshETK04Q7E>

Link to watch the review presentation for the 2021/22 year: https://youtu.be/Q5ac_008KoM

Wisdom for the Week

Accept your past without regrets,
and face your future without fears.

“Letter words” - with new
definitions. X

Xenophobia -The resentment of
the fact that most people in the
world are foreigners.

Xmas - a popular festival made to
sound like a skin disease.

One liners

- I own the world's worst thesaurus.
Not only is it awful, it's awful.
- People who use selfie sticks really
need to have a good, long look at
themselves.
- Just burned 2,000 calories. That's
the last time I leave brownies in the
oven while I nap.
- Last night my girlfriend was
complaining that I never listen to
her... or something like that.

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.

Report of Meeting: 21/6/2022

Change Over Meeting.

Members were welcomed to
country and a toast was proposed
to Rotary International.

Guests: DG John Clue, ADG Vici
Funnell and partner Steve.

Charter Members: John Calnin and
wife Nan, John Wynn and wife
Janice, Wal Kelly and wife Val.

Special Guests: Dick Clay and wife
Leone, Elaine Elliot, Vic Harnath.

Prospective Members: Marita and
Peter Scott.



Charter President Wal Kelly
proposes the toast to Rotary
International

Outgoing President Alan Keyse stated that when he took the
'job on' he had the personal objective of pointing the Club in
the direction that would encompass both inclusiveness and
diversity. Alan believes that although small steps have been
taken there is still a long way to go.

Five new members were inducted, and nine members were
lost. Three of those members accepted Honorary Life
Membership. Sadly, two members died, Norm Elliott and
Andrew Thornton.

Of the 8 objectives set for the club 7 were achieved, due to the
hard work of the Board and members. Alan has been amazed
at the hard work members do that culminated in a healthy
balance sheet of \$78,000 of which \$70,000 was distributed.
This was an outstanding effort given it was affected by COVID.
The Club also celebrated Rotary's 100 years in Australia with
the planting of 100 trees along Wallington Road, just North of
Thacker Street.

Alan's message for the future was for the Club to embrace
change and be prepared to question the 'status quo' and to
even push the boundaries on certain things. He believes this is
necessary if new members are attracted
and existing members are to be retained.

Finally, he gave special thanks to all
members for their support throughout
the year. Special acknowledgement and
thanks were given to the Board for their
hard work and assistance throughout the
year. Three members who are stepping
down were mentioned, John Paton and
Gordon King after 10 years and Gil
Morgan after 8 years.



Past President, Alan
Keyse

Alan wished Peter Cowburn and the
new Board well for 2022/2023.

Members Activities - Check your allocation and inform the leader if you cannot make that time.

15 on Me schedule	
Tue, Jun 14,	15 on me: John Karis/Sue Hill;
Tue, Aug 2,	15 on me: Meredith O'Neill /Martin Geerings
Tue, Aug 23,	15 on me: Lisa & Harry Hanley/Rod & Judy Greer
Tue, Sept 13	15 on me: Graeme O'Donnell/Rod Birrell
Tue, Oct 11,	15 on me: Coral Barker/Alex Magee
Tue, Nov 1,	15 on me: Greg Leece/David Larkin
Tue, Nov 22,	15 on me: Beth Eustace/Neil Templeton & Jenny Templeton
Tue, Dec 6,	15 on me: Frank Rice/Adrian Schmidt
Tue, Feb 8,	15 on me: Marion & Bill Walton/Kath Venters
Tue, Mar 15,	15 on me: Pearl MacMillan/Xenia Williamson
Tue, Apr 5	15 on me: Andrew McKoy/Andrea Tierney
Tue, May 17,	15 on me: Peter Cowburn/Heather Willson
Tue, Jun 7,	15 on me: Rod Bush/Alan Keyes

Lookout Maintenance Roster

- 18 June - Lisa Hanley
- 2 July - Xenia Williamson
- 16 July - Heather Willson
- 30 July - Jenny Wright

Tree Maintenance Roster

- June: Pearl Macmillan Leader, Tony Haines, Beth Eustace, Peter Cowburn.
- July: Noel Emselle Leader, Ann Hodgkinson, John Paton, Sue Hill.
- August: Warren Chapman Leader but contact Pearl, Martin Geerings, Frank Rice, Marg Campbell.
- September: Rod Bush Leader, Geoff Chandler, Marion Walton, Alex Magee, Jenny Wright.
- October: Andy McKoy Leader, Lynne Carlson, Rod Greer, Judy Greer.

Recognitions and Awards:

Life Membership:
John Wynn was presented with a certificate of Honorary Life Membership. John has worked for the Club, mostly behind the main stage for 38 years. John was pleased to be recognized and briefly mentioned the number of changes which had occurred whilst he had been associated with the Club e.g., women admitted to membership, changes in classification groupings and the difficult and costly changes in business operations.



John Wynn is presented with Life Membership by Alan Keyse

John Fox Award:
This award is given each year by the outgoing president (a 'captains' call) to the person who has made a significant and timely contribution to the Club.



John Fox award winner for 2021/2 Meredith O'Neill with Alan Keyse

Alan believed that the Club needed a well-documented strategic plan as well as a Code of Conduct, complaints and conflict resolution guidelines were needed as well. This work is difficult as there is a myriad of stakeholders to consider and many discussions with the Board. There was not a lot of previous material to commence the activity but with the help and persistence of Meredith O'Neill, the new recipient of the John Fox Award, these important papers are now in circulation.

Meredith accepted the award with surprise stating she had enjoyed the work immensely.

Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions:

Alan Keyes delivered the following: "Rotarians associate the naming of a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person who has demonstrated a shared purpose and support for the educational and humanitarian objectives of the Rotary Foundation.

The recognition is named after Rotary's founder, the late Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, who with three business started Rotary in 1905. A world of goodwill and better understanding comes closer to reality today because both Rod Greer and Gil Morgan have made a substantial donation to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Ocean Grove has made a gift to the Rotary Foundation so that Judy Greer, Adrian Schmidt and again Rod Greer can be given sapphire pins in recognition of the many years of tirelessly working for the Club. All are already Fellows, so this latest donation elevates their status to sapphires for Judy, Rod and Adrian and ruby for Gil.

In being presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition Gil, Judy, Rod and Adrian join a remarkable company of people throughout the world, all recognized for their commitment to 'Service Above Self' to benefit local and international communities."

ADG Vici Funnell was asked to present these pins of appreciation.



PHF awardees with Vic ADG Funnell

Change Over.

ADG Vici Funnell inducted **Peter Cowburn** to the Office of President of the Rotary International Club of Ocean Grove.

Peter Cowburn: responded by thanking Alan for a job well done and for the year of great leadership and initiatives. Peter presented Alan with his past president's badge and a gift. Alan's partner, Janet was also thanked for her support.

The new Rotary Theme for 2022/2023 was shown, **Imagine Rotary.**

A short video of Jennifer E Jones, International President for 2022/2023 was shown. Janet is the first woman to hold the office of Internal President in the 115 history of Rotary.

Peter mentioned that Coral Barker was the first female to become a member in 1994 and was the first female Club President 1997/98.

Peter outlined some objectives for the club in the coming year.

HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY.

- Gather new initiatives and ideas from inside and outside the club and encourage and support members to implement their initiatives
- Ensure this club moves forward with an increase in membership, but keep this at a manageable number
- Make sure our club is healthy and one that all members feel comfortable and happy to attend all meetings and functions. An inclusive club culture should be supported.

Peter noted that as the year progresses things may be introduced or suggested that are not fully supported by all, but he asked that members embrace these in principal and that suggestions and feedback is given respectfully and thoughtfully. Remember we are all doing our best for both the club and our community.

Peter believes that the following words from the outgoing International President, Shekhar Mehta are important and maybe useful as we move through the coming year.

'At Rotary, we're committed to treating everyone with dignity and respect, allowing everyone's voice to be heard, and providing equitable opportunities for social, service and leadership.

Members want and expect Rotary to be a diverse and inclusive organization. We are committed to creating supportive environments that foster open communication and shared learning. Although the Rotary experience may differ from club to club and country to country, the dynamics, histories, and structures that create inequality and bias can be found all over the world. Issues of diversity, equity and inclusion are globally relevant.



Our new President, Peter Cowburn

The Rotary International Board of Directors embrace the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion and Rotary is taking actions to follow these principles in everything we do. We recognize that by being a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization will enhance the experience that members have in Rotary, allow us to carry out more meaningful and effective service efforts, and create open, welcoming environments that appeal to people who want to connect with us. “

Peter acknowledged that all the members have rich, diverse backgrounds, skill and life experiences that can be brought and used in club activities to make this year a successful one. IMAGINE at the next changeover dinner we have a club that is thriving socially and with lots of new members, where more firm friendships have been made, and a community that continues to value and respect the Ocean Grove Rotary Club.

Other Board Members 2022 – 2023.

Rod Bush: Secretary.

Lynne Carlson: President Elect.

Frank Rice: Treasurer.

Alan Keyes: Past President.

Meredith O’Neill: Youth Services.

Xenia Williamson: Vocational Services.

Kath Venters: International Services.

Pearl Macmillan: Community/Environment Services



Our Board for the 2022/23 Rotary year.