

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
	Are we					9/05 Janet Alexander, 10/05 Rod & Carol Birrell,
	There					11/05 James Ricchini, Graeme Batrouney, Ann Magee, 12/05 Geoff & Jan Brentnall

## Our Club

**President:** Marion Walton

**Secretary:** Pearl Macmillan

**Where:** We (usually) meet each Tuesday at the **Ocean Grove Bowling Club:**

**18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226**

**When:** 6pm for 6:30pm

## Visitors are Welcome

**Apologies:** 0457 315 900

**Web:** [rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**During the COVID 19 crisis, we meet via ZOOM on Tuesdays at 7.**

**Theme: Maternal & Child Health**  
**Month**

## Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

03/05/20 - 16/05/20 Neil Templeton

17/05/20 - 30/05/20 Victor Harnath

31/05/20 - 14/06/20 Pearl Macmillan

15/06/20 - 28/06/20 Meredith O'Neill

## Past bulletins

- Available from this website via the 'Our Club' menu.

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

**Meeting: Tuesday May 5th:**

About 42 members joined the ZOOM gathering on Tuesday night.

- PE Gill asked the assembled members of their feelings about taking responsibility for the soon-to-be vacated area of Point Lonsdale/Queenscliff following the pending closure of the Queenscliff club. It was supported.

- around 60 chairs were loaded and sent to **DIK** - good effort.

- **Lynne Carlson** - Vocational meeting next Tuesday via ZOOM. We're hoping to get the Community Awards event happening during Marion's year - an outdoor event may be a possibility.

**- Footy tips:**

- An exciting round. 8 winners Alan Keyes and Rod Bush
- Rod Greer - closest margin
- Ladder being circulated by email. (Marion on top - just)

**Guest Speaker:** we welcomed Alex Schmidt (son of Adrian & Jenny). *The Venezuelan Migrant Crisis*

Alex works for a group called *Accenture* a company that is involved in not for profit consulting in an area involving IT applications and social justice.



It's a very large organisation with over 400 000 employees. Their model involves employees taking a salary deduction to volunteer their efforts in areas of need. Alex did this in Venezuela. He worked mainly on the refugee crisis problem in that area. (It is the world's second largest refugee problem after Syria.)

Columbia will have received around 1.4m refugees from Venezuela by the end of last year and could reach 2m. While it is a comparatively well run country, there are issues around the refugees being exploited, discriminated against and subject to

## Members: Coming Events:

### Saying of the week ....

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

### Humour ....

What did the toilet roll complain about?

"People just keep ripping me off!"

### Links .....

#### **Rotary International:**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

#### **Rotary District 9780:**

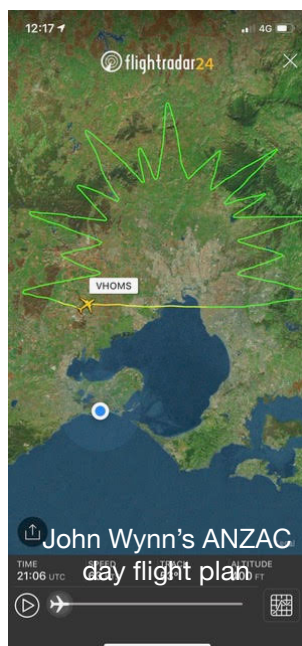
[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

#### **Footy Tipping**

[www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)

### Please remember:

- Normally, 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. At ZOOM meetings, this isn't required
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.



a range of xenophobic responses. They have usually have no documents, complicating their integration prospects.

The financial support provided by the W.H.O. and other N.G.O.s is much less than in other areas.

Alex worked to investigate how technology could be used to help Venezuelan migrants (and returning Columbians) to find quality jobs, using technology. His group developed a technology based process to assist the Government to help organisations to contact/hire potential employees in a reliable manner as well s providing them with reliable and accurate information. It helped to address issues around using popular social networking processes such as WhatsApp and Facebook which often distributed false/misleading information.

It also provided the Government with useful data to potentially develop further beneficial changes.

• **Rotary Drinks:** About 17 hardy drinking members joined in the conversation on Friday night. We welcomed Sandy Chamberlain, Jenny Schmidt, Marian Coppins-King, Trish Emselle and Wilma Andrews who joined the throng. Some must have had a little too much to drink - Rod & Judy released their pet - a GIANT wombat ! And Andy McKoy got a new mohawk hairstyle....



• **Community Service:** Noel Emselle led a ZOOM meeting to look at the projects/budget/activities etc the for group. Other service groups will be doing likewise over the coming weeks.

**This is the Rotary logo for the 20/21 year.** The doors indicate the opportunities and the colours have meaning: Blue and Yellow are Rotary colours and Red/Pink is the colour for Rotaract. You" see more and more of this as the new Rotary year approaches.

Rotary



Rotary Opens Opportunities

• **District online seminars/meetings** are offered via a Microsoft program called **Teams**. It works the same way as ZOOM, but is part of the Office 365 suite of programs which require a licence to use. Non licence holders can still access the meetings etc via the web, but should use the web browser **Chrome**.

- **A new version of ZOOM has been released** - you will receive notification about this and how to download the new version. It has security enhancements - there is no change in the way it operates.

- **From Ty Symons and the Driftwood team:**

Last week, with all of your help, we delivered 35 Care Packages to local Veterans in time for Anzac Day. They were all very well received and we have been fielding thank-you calls all week.

Thank-you to Lard Ass Butter, Pretty's Prime Cut Butchers, Ocean Grove Cellars, La Madre Bakery, Green Pastures Milk and Will Evans - The Egg Man. We would also like to thank Mike & Jenny Killingsworth and Lynette Carlson & Family who donated money to help increase the number of packages. Also the OG/BH RSL and the team of people from OG Rotary who very efficiently and enthusiastically delivered the packages to the Veteran's doors.

The packages were worth about \$130 in total and would not have been possible without your generous support.

It is wonderful that we live in such a caring and generous community. Thank-you all very much!  
Kind Regards,

Ty, Rachael & The Team  
The Driftwood Café

- **In this time of Covid 19 – How a Stimulus Package works.** (Courtesy of a modified Neil Templeton source)

It is a slow day in the small coastal town of Ocean Grove, and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel, and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms to pick one for the night. As soon as he walks out, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs into town to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and drives to retire his debt to the beef farmer.

The beef farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes to the motel and pays off her accommodation bill with the owner.

The motel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveller comes back in, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves. No one produced anything. No one earned anything...

However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus package works.

**I went to the psychiatrist today. She told me I had a split personality and charged me 160 dollars.**

**I gave her 80 dollars and told her to get the rest from the other idiot.**

### ROTARY PROJECTS ONLINE WEBINAR, 6 MAY 2020

**This is available online but runs for an hour. Below is a summary. Any links will be forwarded once they are received from Zone 8.**

Rotary Co-ordinator for Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands), Tim Moore organised a webinar on Zoom on 6 May to highlight projects that were engaging clubs - both within their membership and outwards to the community. Below is a summary of the 5 projects on the webinar.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHBANK (Melbourne): Jasmine Dhillon found ways to create handmade facemasks, mainly to distribute to the homeless in her area. She will be sending information on how to make the masks and I will forward them when received. These are non-medical grade masks and a disclaimer needs to be given with the masks to reflect that.

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH: David Hanlon described how a club member offered fitness lessons online to members of the community. They organised a \$5 ticket cost which would cover a household through Eventbrite, with the money going to a local hospital project. Their next project will be an online trivia night once technical things can be overcome - maybe via Zoom with Cahoot on the side. *(Don't ask me - Rod Bush might have the answer).*

ROTORACT CLUB OF ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY: Lenard Sciancalepore cranked up an online cooking class, initially for club members and then started finding queries from people elsewhere. There are a number of international students contributing recipes for dishes from their countries. Maybe a cookbook one day. *In the meantime, I hope to have a link to his cooking class on Zoom on 16 May at 12.30 EST.*

ROTARY CLUBS OF ROWVILLE-LYSTERFIELD (Rajif) AND BAYSWATER (Neil): Their Art Show this year was suddenly put in jeopardy by the virus regulations and, with only 2 weeks' notice, managed to create a virtual Knox Art Show. This show has been going for 40 years and they were reluctant to stop. Artists were asked to submit a photo of their painting and from this, a selection was made for the virtual show. Instead of the show running for 2 days, it ran online for 2 weeks and although only two-thirds of the previous year's revenue was received, the clubs believe it was well worth it and they were able to distribute funds as usual, though somewhat smaller in \$s. Even if virus restrictions are lifted, think about doing both in the future. *(I haven't tried the link yet but they recommended Googling gallery 247. If it doesn't work, wait till I get more links from the Zone. An interesting part of their flyer for their regular art show is a cartoon in the corner by WEG. We have a local cartoonist Roy - maybe worth a phone call Art Show Committee?)*

ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB (NZ) OF GULF HARBOUR/ARMY BAY: (This is the North Island on the east coast, north of Auckland with a high proportion of the residents being retired. 3 clubs were involved but rather than promoting individual clubs, they carried out their project under the Rotary banner.). This began with a desire, in NZ's severe restrictions, to help the vulnerable with errands, grocery shopping or just checking in to see if people were needing help in any way. Flyers were printed and distributed by volunteers (not sure how they recruited them as they weren't all in Rotary). Volunteer badges were made and the clubs liaised with police to let them know what was happening. People could provide a grocery list which was then purchased, the receipt placed in the bag with items delivered to the door, with a request to reimburse Rotary and if possible include a small donation. So far \$2,100 has been raised.

If you are interested in what happens in a wider sphere than just our District 9780, check out Zone 8 on Rotary on the Move. Good stuff on there. Went to their conference in Christchurch last year. As soon as I get links to the above, I'll pass them on to the Board and general membership.

Gil Morgan