

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 March 28	Club Assembly	Peter Cowburn	Not Required	Graeme Chamberlain	Lynne Carlson	Harry Hanley	Coral Barker 30/3; Harry Hanley 2/4
Tuesday April 4	15 On Me: Marion & Bill Walton / Kath Venters	Peter Cullen	Not Required	Ann Hodgkinson	Chris Watson	John Karis	8/4 Martin Geerings; 9/4 Gordon King
Tuesday April 11	Liddy Neville - Landcare	Janet Alexander	Paul Brewster	Rod Greer	Alan Keyse	John Paton	10/4 Jo & Peter Hawthorne.

Our Club

President

Secretary



Peter Cowburn

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: March - Water and Sanitation

Past bulletins

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

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0417 319 465.

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

- **District Conference**, Ballarat, 24 - 26 March, 2023.
- **Rotary International Convention** - 27 - 31 May 2023 (Melbourne). The website through which to register is: rotarymelbourne2023.org

- 1 April - 100 Trees Working Bee
- 8 April - Barwon Heads Duck Race
- 10 April - Easter Monday Market
- 25 April - ANZAC Day breakfast
- 30 April - Vicpol Golf day

Notes from the Secretary, Rod Bush

- Many will remember **Leeanne Watson** - an inspirational guest speaker from last year. Leeanne has an informative online newsletter. If you'd like to subscribe click the link.: [Newsletter](#)
- We received a great thank you letter from **Glenn Mills**, CEO of *Feed me Bellarine*, following our recent donation to support their work.
- Some interesting statistics from Feed me Bellarine:
 - We operate from three locations in Geelong, Torquay and Ocean Grove.
 - We cook and prepare 7,000 to 8,000 meals a week and distribute them to the homes of those in need.



Leeanne Watson

Wisdom for the Week

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you. Anne Lamott

“Letter words” - with new definitions.

Golf: A game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose.

Good Intentions: The way to Hell is paved with.

Gossip: Vice enjoyed vicariously.

Guest: Someone who stays at your house without paying and expects to be served meals at regular intervals.

One liners

Why do kangaroo mothers hate rainy days?
Because the kids have to play inside.

Why do birds fly north in the autumn?
Because it is too far to walk.

My wife asked me to get her lipstick but I accidentally gave her a glue stick instead.
She's still not talking to me.

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.

- We pack and home deliver between 1600 and 1700 food crates a week to families with food insecurity.
- We operate on a volunteer basis with 500 plus active volunteers.
- We rescue up to 60 tonnes of food a week depending on the time of the year.
- We operate wasted markets at three locations so that those who do not need food delivered but are financially challenged can shop and pay what they can afford. In February these three markets served 7,343 families and this number is growing monthly.
- We operate a restaurant service each Friday night for dinner and brunch on Saturday. These services provide an opportunity for those in financial stress to eat out and for those who wish to provide financial support to help generate critical funds.
- We continue to receive between 30 and 50 requests a day for emergency support. Our commitment is to deliver to these people within 24 hours.



Meeting 21 March 2023

Visitors: Jo Cowling, Rotary Club of Richmond, John Lee-Archer, Tasmanian Croquet Team

Guest Speaker, John Paton, Visit to Bali

John worked with Charlie Al-Haigh and the Rotary Club of Batarann Lombok which had been sponsored to implement a project to spay or desex dogs in Indonesia. Our Club gave \$500 to assist this project. John's trip was a result of the talk given to our Club by Charlie about his work with horses on Gillie Island. He travels there about six times a year.



Although the club has only 25 members, it has some very ambitious projects. These include provision of children's equipment to the hospital, programs to counter poor growth in children and the treatment of cervical cancer which is difficult as religious beliefs often taboo the practice and the vaccine is very expensive. They received an International Grant to vaccinate dogs against rabies. Treatment of animals is very ad hoc and planning is needed. Many in the population do not like dogs. However expats and businesses do care about spaying. Foreign interference and aid is not really welcome as the work done by foreigners is seen as a local failure. Efforts have been clandestine. There are only two vets in the area. John had to train people to help and hopefully they will continue.

The procedure is very basic as is the equipment. There is no running water, no surgery, no sterilisation, poor lighting, no air conditioning and low tables. The animal is blow-darted for sedation, desexed, returned to the streets and allowed to wake up alone. The survival rate is unknown. To continue, John suggested they needed higher tables, head mounted lights and restraining devices. Our Club will donate money for

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

Lookout Maintenance Roster: Noel Emselle

- 2 April David Larkin
- 16 April Gordon King
- 30 April Graeme Chamberlain
- 14 May Delia Naumann
- 28 May Marita Scott

15 on me: Rod Bush

April 4: Marion & Bill Walton/ Kath Venters

100 Trees Maintenance Roster: Pearl Macmillan

March: Adrian Schmidt (leader) - Beth Eustace, Jenny Wright, John Karis, Greg Leece.

April: Warren Chapman (leader) - Heather Willson, Delia Naumann, Judy and Rod Greer.

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

these. Plans have been developed to provide better facilities for horses on Gillie Island, including shade, fresh water and vet checks. The horses seemed well nourished and cared for. The local people seemed happy, there were very few beggars.



John's Rotary exchange was good, although the expense involved to provide a service may not have been worthwhile, especially as the people did not seem to want the service. John has been asked to return but is currently undecided.

REPORTS

Heather Willson and Lisa Hanley, Duck Race: Sales are going well. Helpers are needed, see Heather. You are only required for about two hours. Corporate sales have also gone well.

Marion Walton, Rotary Clothing: Please notify her if any apparel is required.

Peter Hawthorne, RUOK: Many members were supplied with names and phone numbers of elderly people to ring. They find this call very helpful. If you find issues or sense that person is in need of assistance, contact Peter Cowburn who will follow up.

Harry Hanley, Footy Tipping: First round won by Judy Greer.

Judy Greer, Family of Rotary: Coral Barker is home for the weekend in between dialysis treatments. A roster has been developed for transportation next Saturday.

President's Report: Peter Cowburn

The District Conference commences on Friday in Ballarat.

R.C. Bellarine North have four or five members attending next week's meeting.

Car raffle has raised \$3,500.

Discussions have taken place with Alison Marchant regarding the White Mangroves project. She may be able to assist.

There will be six District club groupings for 2023-24, we are in Group F.

Sponsorship for duck race of \$5,000 from Ocean Grove Real Estate has been received.

New signs will be made for the market.

Next week is Club Assembly.

I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.

I discovered that answering the door naked helps deter trick-or-treaters. Oh, here we go again, here's two dressed as policemen...

The longer I live, the more convinced I am that this planet is used by other planets as a lunatic asylum.

- GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

TRUE FRIENDS DON'T GET OFFENDED WHEN YOU INSULT THEM. THEY LAUGH AND INSULT YOU WITH SOMETHING EVEN BETTER.

Why a woman needs a husband?



Woman: I don't want to marry. I am educated, self sufficient and satisfied with myself. But my friends all say that I should marry. What should I do?

Psychiatrist: You will no doubt achieve great things in life. But sometimes things won't go your way. Sometimes your plans will fail. Then whom will you blame? Will you blame yourself?

Woman: "NO."

Psychiatrist: "yes.. that's why you need a husband.."



WHEN SHE COMES HOME AND YOU'VE ALREADY RUN THE HOT WATER FOR HER