

**ROTARY CLUB OF
OCEAN GROVE**
Serving the Southern Bellarine

Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X

ABN: 13 501 173 192



Meeting Roster

Date	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
May 20th	Club General Meeting	Judy Greer	N/A	Jenny Clairs	Geoff Ford	22/5 Pearl Macmillan, 23/5 Jenny Clairs, 24/5 Anne Geerings, 25/5 Graeme Chamberlain, Marita Scott, 26/5 Jenny Wright
May 27th	Australian Rotary Health - Gary Wilson	Janet Alexander	N/A	Sue Hill	Alan Keyse	1/6 Wal Kelly;

Our Club

President

Secretary



Meredith O'Neill



Rod Bush

Where: We will meet each Tuesday at the **Ocean Grove Bowling Club**



When: 5:30 pm for 6 pm
Visitors are Welcome

Meeting enquiries or apologies:
Janice Nation - 0417 332 742

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Monthly **Theme:** May is Youth Service.



Meeting May 13th

Social Night

Guests: Birthdays/Anniversaries: Sally McMahon 16/5

Reports: None

From Lesley Shedden - DG 9780: I am writing to ask for your support for the upcoming Shine On Awards presentation lunch in Geelong on Saturday 17 May 2025. Please encourage your members to attend this event which is so important in recognising the incredible work and contribution of people with disability to our communities.

PP Gary Newton of Geelong East Rotary, has worked tirelessly to bring this event to our District and our town. Please support him in this.

What is Shine On?

Shine On recognises the incredible contributions of individuals living with disabilities—whether physical, intellectual, mental health, or chronic illness—who give back to their communities in outstanding ways. There are two age groups (15–25 & 25+) and two levels of recognition: Certificates of Commendation and Awards Trophies. It's a chance to come together, enjoy light refreshments, and celebrate these inspiring nominees with their families and friends.

A Bit of History

Shine On began in 1993 in Brisbane and is now proudly shared across four Rotary Southern Districts. It shines a light on ability, not disability, and honours those making a real impact.

To register, contact Gary Newton
gary.newton@rotary9780.org or Book via Trybooking, using <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1386263>

Details): Saturday May 17th, 12 midday; Deakin Geelong Waterfront Pantry.

Past bulletins

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

Contacts

Market: 0401 606 036

Art Show: 0410 471 005.

Wisdom quote

It is amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit.

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:

Member Activities - Please check your allocation and inform the appropriate person if you cannot make it.

Lookout Maintenance Roster:

Contact Noel Emselle

11 May	John Karis
25 May	Harry Hanley
8 June	David Larkin
22 June	Ron Ayres

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tuesday 20 May Club Meeting followed by Service Committee Meetings.

There will be considerable club business to report on including the Board report, Regional Community Group meeting, Constitution and By Laws change and developments with Rotary International. After dinner there will be short service committee meetings to review and wind up their activities for the remainder of the Rotary year. Please sit with other members of your service committee when you arrive. There will be no \$5 service charge. Remember to bring some small change for the raffle.

Tuesday 27 May Club Meeting followed by guest speaker Gary Willson on Australian Rotary Health.

This weekend Gary is organising and chairing a big Rotary multi district conference in Adelaide where there will be a session on Australian Rotary Health. I have asked Gary to do a presentation on the information that was passed on at the conference. Lyndy Stagg will also be speaking to the members about committee involvement and positions of responsibility in the 2025 -26 Rotary year.

Tuesday 3 June Rotary Community Night – About the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove.

Students who are participating in the Junior Community Awards Program (JCA) will be invited to attend with their parents. It is a program requirement that students attend a community meeting. We will start by going through the first parts of our normal meeting agenda then will have some short presentations on the different projects and programs provided by our club. This will be a chance to showcase what we do to some members of the broader community. It should also be an introduction to our club for new members and a refresher about what we do for older members. It will be a reverse meeting agenda so after dinner we will go through our usual meeting agenda including the footy tipping, happy and sad and the jokes until last. Parents and the young people will have the opportunity to leave after the first part of the meeting at 6.30 or stay for a meal if they wish.

Tuesday 10 June Bellarine Community Health (BCH) Site visit and guest speaker.

We are planning a member site visit to the new BCH Child, Youth and Family Hub in the Kingston Estate in Ocean Grove to be followed by guest speakers from BCH/Headspace at the Bowling Club. These arrangements are still to be confirmed.

Tuesday 17 June Dr Bernie Jenner, retired Paediatrician

Dr Jenner will be asked to speak about support for vulnerable children and the work of the Hope Bereavement Centre.

Tuesday 24 June Junior Scholarship Recipients.

This meeting will involve talks by the VCE Scholarship student and the Science Scholarship student.

Tuesday 1 July Changeover Dinner

This will take place at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club with arrival at 5.30 pm and the dinner and presentations from 6 pm to 8 pm.

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 Pearl Macmillan**

100 trees maintenance – March to June 2025.

May; – Gary Willson (leader), Beth Eustace, Heather Willson, Judy Greer, Rod Greer.

June; – Adrian Schmidt (leader), Peter Cullen, Delia Naumann, Jenny Templeton, Neil Templeton.

Where you can use your OGBA voucher:

Driftwood Cafe, OG Cellars, Ian Pattison Jewellers, 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

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the next meeting - **please respond when you get it**

Partners are welcome. Menu and pricing arrangements are currently being worked out. It should be a special night.

COMBINED BOARD MEETING.

Monday 9 June – Members of the new Board for 2025-26 are invited to join the current Board for a combined changeover meeting starting at 3 pm in the Boardroom of the Ocean Grove Bowling Club.

GEELONG SERVICE CLUB NETWORK

There is a network in Geelong where service clubs come together and meet on a quarterly basis to discuss shared interests, issues and areas of concern. This group can include Rotary, Lions, VIEW, Kiwanis and Soroptimists. Sam Haywood, President of the Rotary Club of Geelong East will speak on Mental Health Services in Geelong at the next meeting on Monday 19 May 7 pm at the Belmont library.

Meredith and Lyndy plan to attend this meeting and other members are welcome to attend. Further details are available from Meredith.

SHINE ON RECOGNITION AWARDS FUNCTION, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, Saturday 17 May

Thank you to Kath Venters for representing our club at this function.

Meredith O'Neill, President

Did you know that: Plastic ducks have some spin offs

In January 1992, a shipping mishap turned into an unexpected scientific breakthrough when the cargo ship Ever Laurel lost a container carrying 29,000 plastic toys—mostly rubber ducks—into the Pacific Ocean.



A Journey Across the Seas: Months later, these tiny travelers began washing up on Alaska's shores, over 3,270 km (2,030 miles) from where they were lost.



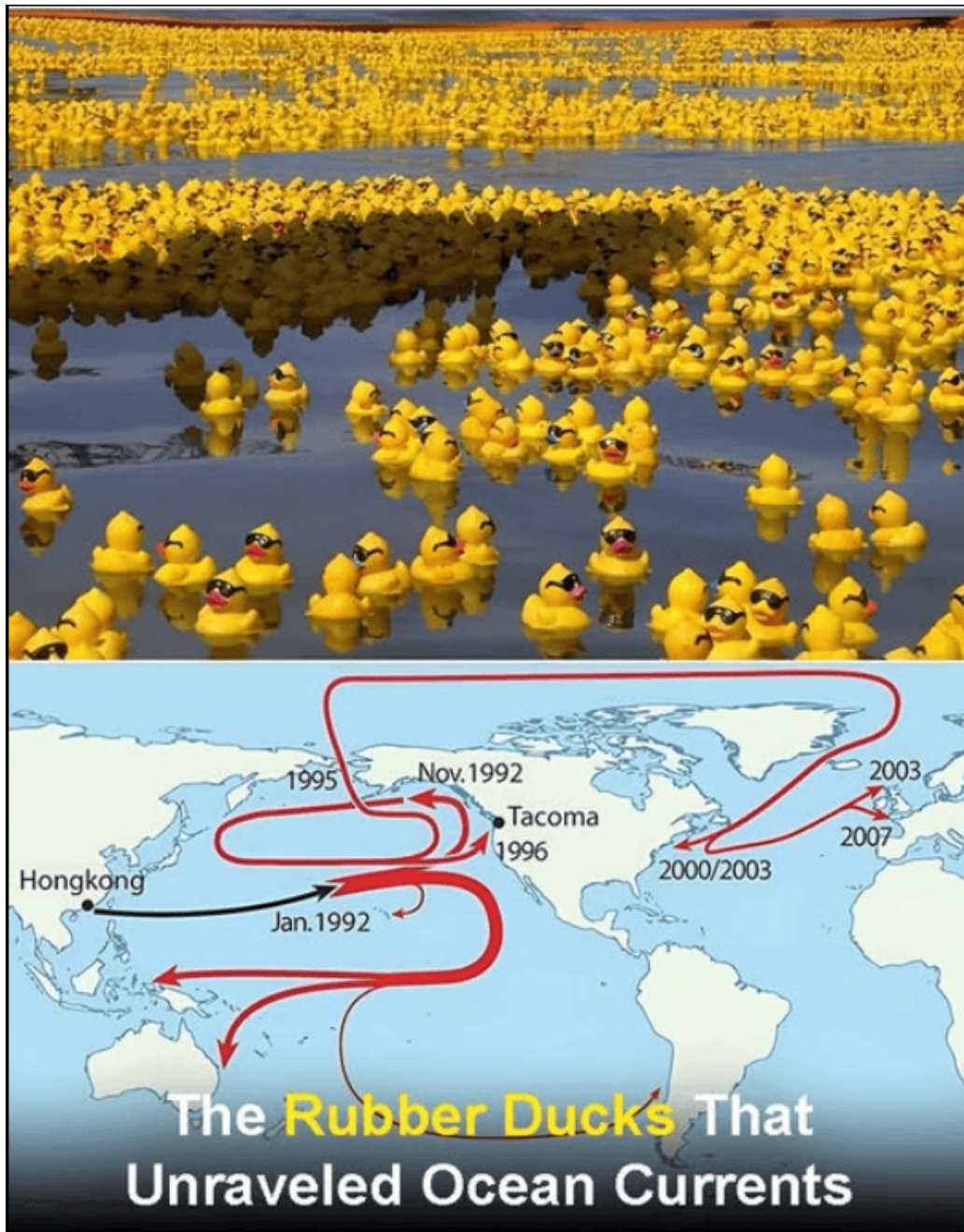
A Unique Ocean Experiment: Oceanographers tracked the ducks' movements, using them as floating markers to study ocean currents and how objects disperse at sea.



Ducks Across the World: Some of these adventurous toys traveled astonishing distances, with reports of them reaching Europe years later, providing valuable insights into oceanic flow patterns.



What started as an accident became a groundbreaking study, proving that even a lost rubber duck can help unlock the mysteries of the ocean!



A 👁: Who is the AI person this week.?? (See last page)

Last week's pic was Jenny Templeton Who is it this week? 🤔

Social Night: A great night of fun, relaxation and lovely meals. Tnx Lyndy and Janet for your work in organising the function.





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