

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE
Serving the Southern Bellarine

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ABN: 13 501 173 192



Meeting Roster

Date	Topic	Chairperson	Greeter/ Thanker	Happy/Sad \$	Raffle	Birthdays/Anniversaries
Feb 11th	Sustainable Housing Older Women	Penny Broome	Jenny Templeton	Nick Lascaris	John Grant	Barb Watson 12/2; David Larkin & Mary Treleaven 13/2; Peter Cowburn 13/2; Wal & Val Kelly 15/2; Marian Coppins-King 16/2
Feb 18th	Mark Monahan	Ricard Cahill	Frank Rice	Peter Cowburn	John Karis	Lorraine Batrouney 20/2; Geoff Chandler 21/2;

Our Club

President

Secretary



Meredith O'Neill

Rod Bush

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



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

Meeting enquiries or apologies:
Janice Nation - 0417 332 742

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au
Monthly **Theme:** February is XXXX Month

Upcoming dates for your diary/calendar:

Feb 23: Gemma Presentation

Mar 21 - 23: District conference, B Heads/Torquay.

Meeting report:

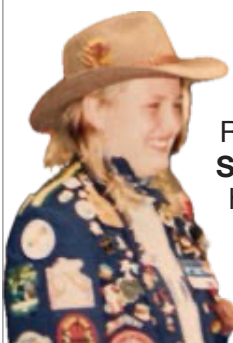
Chair: Rod Greer.

Visiting Rotarians: Linda Neale (RC Torquay)

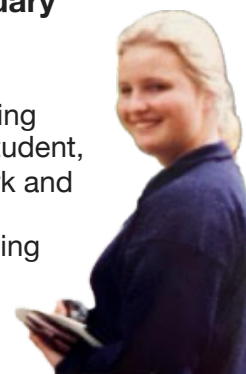
Special Birthday: Gus Hawthorne !

🍷 The BIG NINE ZERO ! 🎉 **90**

Visitors to our 11th February meeting.



Our Club's 1993 Incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Student, **Signe Frank** from Denmark and her husband and two daughters, will be attending our next Club Meeting.



We know they will enjoy our usual Ocean Grove Rotary welcome.

Meeting Reports:

Family of Rotary: Judy reported that:
- **Alison George** was improving and was looking at the possibility of returning to a care unit at Ryman as part of her rehabilitation program.

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

Biggest predictor of massive success vs. minor success among founders: years and years of relentless determination

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

16 February	Nick Laskaris
2 March	
16 March	Martin Geerings
30 March	Andy Mckoy
13 April	Jenny Wright
27 April	Lynne Carlson
11 May	John Karis
25 May	Harry Hanley
8 June	David Larkin
22 June	Ron Ayres

- **Jim Ricchini** is continuing with his Chemo program; it's not been a good experience but as we know, Jim is very positive and will deal with the experience.
- Community Chair, **Pearl Macmillan** thanked everyone for their participation and support on the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. She also expressed her thanks for the way in which members entered into the spirit of the Burns super - a great night!

District Conference: Linda Neale (RC Torquay; a member of the 9780 Conference Organising Group) spoke to us about the conference. The planning is going very well and it is almost full - only a few vacancies available. Those attending were advised to make sure they had booked the dinner as space was at a premium.



Linda showing the handmade conference bags.

There is a focus on conservation and the environment with conference bags being hand made by members, from reclaimed material.

There will also be some knitting activities available for those who wish to join in - making squares to be assembled into rugs for the disadvantaged/homeless.

There is a great range of guest speakers as well as a number of activities that members (and their partners) can participate in. All information and booking links can be found on the website for the event: <http://www.rotary9780conference.com.au>

Paul Harris Fellow: Chris Watson was awarded with a PHF with 4 sapphires for his personal contributions to the Rotary foundation. Congratulations Chris!



President Meredith with Foundation Chair Paul Brewster, presenting Chris with his award

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 Noel Emselle**

February. - Andy McKoy - leader
Peter Cullen , John Paton, Janet Alexander.

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, 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**

The Holiday break: While there was a break from formal Rotary meetings, we still were very busy in a wide range of activities.

We had a very big weekend! We helped with the **Cadel Road Race**, at the beach with **Disabled Surfers Association Ocean Grove** and our Summer Market. Thanks everyone for supporting local events



Anne and Graham at the Market



Maz at the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road race



John, Nan, Frog, ? and Andrea at the Disabled Surfer's Carnival

Gemma Sisia Presentation: David Larkin spoke about an upcoming presentation to be held at the **Ocean Grove Bowling Club on Sunday, February 23rd. (5:30 for a 6pm start)**

David explained the amazing work the Gemma has done in establishing and growing The School of St Jude in Tanzania - she is the Founding Director. It has been truly transformational in terms of giving it's students the opportunity to escape the poverty that a large percentage of the local population experiences.



Gemma is a close relative of **Frank Rice**; also, **David Larkin's** daughter, is a leader of a medical group that travels to Tanzania annually to provide health checks for the school population. We not only have a direct link with Gemma and her work, through David and Frank - but also through Rotary itself. Rotary (via a range of Rotary Clubs and Rotary international), has been a source of direct support for the growth of the school over it's 20 years of existence - it now boasts 1800 students and around 300 staff.

The meeting on Feb 23rd will be open to the public and we are hoping that as many Rotarians as possible will come along to hear first hand of the work of Gemma and the support she receives from Rotary. We are indeed privileged to be able to host this event. We are inviting all local Rotary clubs to attend as well as advertising the event through local media outlets.



The School of St Jude



Join us in the fight against poverty...



<p>400+ students supported in tertiary education each year</p>	<p>99.5% of our high school graduates achieve the top 2 grades in national exams</p>	<p>97 cents of every \$1 donated directly supports the school</p>
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School of St Jude Information Event

Pioneering leaders providing free, quality primary, secondary and tertiary education in Africa. Come along to this free event to hear from the Gemma Sisia, St Jude's Founding Director. Hosted by Ocean Grove Rotary. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

5.30pm for a 6pm start session will end by 7:30pm	Sunday 23rd February, 2025	Ocean Grove Bowling Club 18 The Terrace
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For more information contact Kath on 0418 570 726.

President's Report: February 4th

Welcome back after the Christmas break. It has been a busy time and many thanks to the organisers and teams of Rotarians involved. Club activities included:

- Christmas break up
- Two social events – Christmas Bowls and Golfing at Curlewis
- Two summer markets in extremely hot conditions
- Burns Night at the Cricket Club pavilion in celebration of the Scottish heritage of many members
- Marshalling at the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Cycling Race
- Andrea and her team supporting the DSA event at Ocean Grove Beach.

As we commence the new calendar year it is an appropriate time to consider the values of Rotary International (RI) and the links to the work we do in the community. These include

- Truth
- Fairness
- Integrity
- Diversity

The Seven Areas of Focus of RI are now aligned with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is part of the UN and RI continues to have a commitment to childhood immunisation. Rotary is a humanitarian organisation that supports development aid. I am proud to be part of this type of organisation.

The Board has agreed to make a \$1 000 donation to 'Blaze Aid' to assist in feeding the volunteers who are currently based at a camp at Willaura reserve in the Grampians. These volunteers work with farmers to rebuild the fences that were destroyed in the recent Grampians bushfires. District 9780 requested clubs to join with the District and provide support to this project.

The Rotary District 9780 Conference is being held at 13th Beach Golf Club and The Sands on 21 -23. Linda Neale from the Torquay Rotary Club organising committee will speak at tonight's meeting. Our club has been asked if we are interested in doing a showcase display on our project/s. There are no power outlets for a video display as part of the showcase. Please let Meredith know if you would like to contribute to a showcase display. Kath will be busy with a ShelterBox display that is across clubs. We are looking at arranging a group booking for a meal after 7.30 pm on the first evening of the conference.

Lynne and Marion are assisting with our involvement at the Conference. Please let them know if you are attending.

Applications are now being called for the District Governor (DG) position for 2027 -28. There are eligibility conditions for this position. Responsibilities of the DG will be changed due to the zone 8 Regional Pilot. Please contact Meredith if you require further information. There will be a review of Regionalisation Pilot Outcomes in June 2026.

Our club has received an offer to contribute to the Rotary International Council of Resolutions process. These resolutions should have an effect on the broader Rotary world, rather than address local or administrative issues. Meredith will be recommending to the Board that we decline this opportunity to participate.

Congratulations to Chris Watson who has been awarded the Paul Harris Society 4 Blue Stones Award in recognition of his contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Paul Brewster presented the lapel pin to Chris.

Member Satisfaction Survey: The results of the survey (issued last year) were presented to members. The results were a positive reflection on what our club is doing and how we are doing it. Some recommendations were received via submitted comments and these will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The survey results table is shown below.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The President is now using a modified version of the acknowledgment at the start of club meetings. This is in response to feedback from the members in the recent membership survey and discussion at the Board. This acknowledgement also acknowledges the past, the present and the future. The most recent edition of 'Rotary Matters' mentioned the importance of Rotary looking towards the future. The modified version of the acknowledgement used at the club meeting on 4 February is listed below.

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and recognise the significant role of elders in indigenous communities.

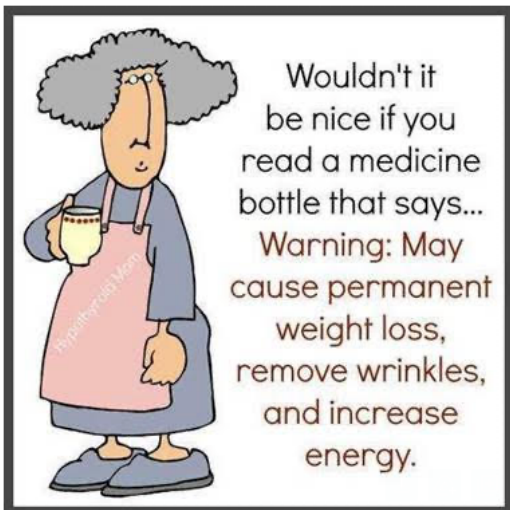
We acknowledge the contribution of people from different lands and cultures to the development of the modern Australian nation.

May we have a shared and peaceful future together with safe and respectful relationships within and across communities.

Member Satisfaction Survey Summary

	Very Poor	Poor	Neutral - some ok, some not	Good	Excellent
Satisfaction Level			5	14	17
Club Meetings	Response Average listed				
	Very Poor (1)	Poor (2)	Neutral - some ok, some not (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Venue				4.39	
Meeting scheduling				4.36	
Fellowship Time				4.22	
Agenda				4.14	
Guest Speaker Program				4.00	
Rotary Project Info			3.97		
Content variety			3.97		
Member input opportunities				4.12	
	Too few	Too Many	Just right	No opinion	
No. Of Projects and Programs		6	27	2	
No. Of LOCAL Projects and Programs	1	2	32	1	
No. Of INTERNATIONAL Projects and Programs	2	6	25	3	
	Disagree	Agree	No opinion		
Well organised	1	34	1		
Match to member skills/ interests	1	30	5		
Number of fundraisers OK	1	34	1		
	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Agree
Club communicates well with members		1	2	7	24
Acts on member input		4	5	9	18
Updates processes to meet member needs		5	3	7	21
Pace of change ok	1		4	12	19
Involves new members well		3	4	13	16
Feel welcome				6	30
Others know and value me			2	12	22
Enjoy meetings		1	5	8	22
Opportunities to use my skills/talents		3	1	7	25
Access to leadership opportunities			2	6	28
Value fellowship			1	6	29
Evidence of respectful relationships		3	1	5	27
Feel I make a difference			1	7	28
Frequently participate in club activities		1	2	7	26
Proud of my club				8	28

	Too High	To Low	Just right	N/A
Club subs	4	2	28	2
Food	2		30	4
Requests for Donations to service projects	4	1	22	9
Requests for Donations to Foundation	4	3	22	7
	Less than 5	5 to 10	More than 10	
No. of social activities	6	28	2	
	Traditional version at all meetings	Modified version at all meetings that will vary depending on circumstances	No Acknowledgement at meetings	No response
Acknowledgement of Country	2	18	16	



So much negativity online, so I figured I'd share a positive post



Rare worn down pencil belonging to William Shakespeare has been unearthed. Experts not sure if the pencil is 2B or not 2B

