

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
21-Jul	<b>Feed Me Bellarine</b>	<b>Gerry Spencer.</b>	<b>Peter Cullen.</b>	<b>Marion Walton.</b>	<b>Martin Geerings.</b>	<b>23 /7 Nan Calnin, 23/7 Elaine Elliott</b>
28-Jul	<b>Vocational Awards</b>	<b>Lynne Carlson</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>1/8 Marian &amp; Gordon King, 3/8 Janice Wynn</b>

### 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:**

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

**Past bulletins**

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

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

### Rotary Meeting: July 14

Joint meeting involving 18 at Ocean Grove Bowling Club and 24 members on zoom.

### President's Report: Gillian Morgan

The 'Pass the Baton' program launch was held online last Friday.

The extension of our Club boundaries to include Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff has been approved.

Membership books will be delivered by Marion and Bill Walton next week, check your letterbox.

Those attending Bowling Club meetings, please remember to pay your drinks bill before leaving.

It is hoped to have another combined meeting next week. We need 20 members to attend to have one room, 35 to have two rooms so please register your intention to attend early.

### Reports:

**Gordon King, Community Service Committee** - a meeting was held to discuss this year's work program. The committee will continue projects from last year including the sculpture relocation, maintenance of the Lookout Reserve, and implementation of aspects of the Masterplan for the Reserve. The Committee is looking at options for the town entrance signs. If you have any ideas for future projects please talk to Gordon.

**Janet Alexander, Footy Tipping** - Five people picked six winners this week, Rod Bush, Coral and James Barker, Peter Hawthorne and the winner on margin, Gerry Spencer. Alan Keyse continues to be the overall winner.

## Members: Coming Events:

### Saying of the week ....

There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.

### Humour ....

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips.

I asked him "Are you the frier?"

He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."

### 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:

- 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.



#### **Guest Speaker: Nick Ansell, Disabled Surfers Association, Ocean Grove.**

Nick thanked the Club for its long standing support of his group which helps keep their costs low. They are very grateful for this ongoing support. He said it was good to be able to talk about pleasant things at this time. Nick showed a video of the Club's activities. It can be viewed on the Club website.

The Ocean Grove Branch of Disabled Surfers Association Australia began eleven years ago. People came from far and wide to participate, including one blind girl who came from Lilydale. However, all the volunteers come from this community. Events are family affairs and Nick's four children, who all completed our Junior Community Awards program, help out. The Disabled Surfers Association was founded by Gary Blaschke in 1986 after he was incapacitated in a motorcycle accident. He realised many surfers with disabilities had no one to help them back into the water. This vision has now been extended to all classes of disability. There are now 17 branches located in all States of Australia except Tasmania, and one in New Zealand. Ocean Grove was the first of four branches established in Victoria. The wheelchair ramp has greatly helped with access to the beach and the gentle slope of the beach into the water is ideal.

The principles of the Association include no discrimination on age or abilities. The aim is to break down barriers affecting disabled people and many volunteers had not worked with people with disabilities before. DSA has developed world best practice standards for this type of activity. Events are held in summer. Participants sign in and are assessed. Volunteers are divided into groups and often help to form a protective corridor for the participants. They surf in waist-deep, broken waves. The volunteers offer support by clapping and cheering. The event finishes with a group photo, medal presentations and a sausage BBQ.

The events have grown from originally having 50 or 60 participants to now over 120. Participants have increasingly complex needs and growth has arisen from Ocean Grove's proximity to Geelong and Melbourne. This puts extra demands on volunteers. It relies heavily on the community volunteer base. Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove now have holiday facilities for people with disabilities. The NDIS provides support for carers to bring participants. The Branch keeps in contact with participants throughout the year. It has developed a new wetsuit design to suit disabled participants with Ripcurl. The Branch has bought 15 of these suits which they share with other Victorian branches.

Nick also referred to another video, 'Freedom', which was produced by Nathan Fox and hopefully that can also be placed on the website.

**Next week's speaker:** Lana Purcell - Feed the Bellarine.

The meeting was a 'combined effort' with 18 members in attendance and 23 joining online via ZOOM.

The video of the meeting is viewable via the website as is the move of the entire presentation but the Disabled Surfers Association representative, Nick Ansell. This includes a really inspiring video prepared by Nathan Fox, son of Rotarian Michelle Fox. It is DEFINITELY worth a look ! It can also be viewed by clicking [here](#)

The video of the meeting worked better than on previous occasions but there are still a few issues to be ironed out.

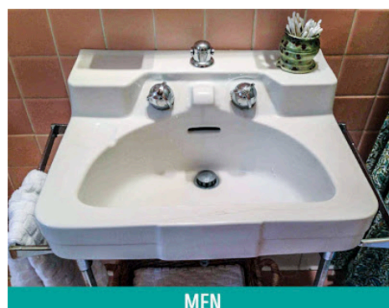
1. We'd like people watching on ZOOM to be able to ask questions - this may only be able to be done via the chat function.
2. There is currently only one audio channel - so if members on ZOOM can hear the audio, the members in the room can't - and vice versa. We are working on a solution to this.
3. We should use the radio microphone to ensure people asking questions in the room can be heard by ZOOM attendees.

Thanks everyone for your patience.

**Rotary Dues:** Have been sent out to all members, If you haven't received yours, please contact John Paton (0419 237 412). Early payment would be appreciated.

I miss the 90s  
when bread was  
still good for you,  
and no one knew  
what kale was.

I really don't  
mind getting  
older, but my  
body is taking  
it badly.



GETTING OLDER IS  
JUST ONE BODY PART  
AFTER ANOTHER  
SAYING, 'HA HA, YOU  
THINK THAT'S BAD?  
WATCH THIS.'

