

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE
Serving the Southern Bellarine

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Meeting Roster

| Date | Topic | Chairpers on | Greeter/ Thanker | Happy/Sad \$ | Raffle | Birthdays/Anniversaries |
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| Feb 18th | Mark Monahan - Western Suburbs Project | Ricard Cahill | Frank Rice | Peter Cowburn | John Karis | Lorraine Batrouney 20/2; Geoff Chandler 21/2; |
| Feb 25th | Presentaion to RDA and DSA | Delia Naumann | Rod Bush | Sue Hill | Janet Alexander | Paul Tierney 24/2; John Paton 28/2; |

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 **International Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month**

Upcoming dates for your diary/calendar:

Feb 23: Gemma Presentation

Mar 2: Summer market

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

Meeting report:

Chair: Marion Walton

Visiting Guests:

- **Dianne Bennett, Luise Vine** - Guest speakers;
- **Signe Frank** (Past exchange student) and her family - **Jens, Marie and Ellen Mikkelesen.**
- **Jan Brentnall** and **Pam Haines**

Meeting Reports:

Community: Pearl Macmillan: We raised about \$900 from the Cadel Evans bike race - well done to the members who were able to supported the activity

Family of Rotary:

- **Alison George** coming home Thursday Feb 13th
- **Judy Greer** undergoing surgery tomorrow. We all wish her a speedy recovery !!

Signe Frank: Geoff Chandler welcomed Signe and her family to our meeting. Signe was an exchange student with RCOG in the early 90's, staying with the Chandlers, the Haines and the Brentnalls. She and her family were warmly welcomed back to our club - and to Ocean Grove.



Jens & signe (and Jan B)

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

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'.

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

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| 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 |

She spoke of her time here as being an important part of her life and mentioned that her two daughters, Marie and Ellen, had spent time in Sydney when the family lived there for a short time.



Ellen & Marie

Footy Tipping: Greg Leece and Rod Birrell (And Frank Rice in absentia) explained

that the footy competition for 2025 was about to start and urged as many members as possible to join in. The participation fee is \$50 pp and results in weekly winners receiving wine prizes as well as the overall place getters at the end of the season.

Don't let a lack of football results skills put you off - it's NOT a requirement as is well indicated by some of the previous winners !!

Please see Greg/Rod/Frank to join up or see Rod Bush for any technical details - downloading app etc.

The competition's rules are included later in this bulletin.

Guest Speakers: Dianne Bennett and Luise Vine.

Dianne and Luise are members of **S.H.O.W.** (sustainable Housing for Older Women - Bellarine group). They explained the growing problem surrounding the lack of appropriate/affordable housing for women in the over 55 demographic, who find themselves under increasing financial pressure and are unable to find accomodation. Homelessness follows for many - couch surfing, sleeping in cars or tents are becoming increasingly evident.



Luise, Dianne and Jenny

Typically, women don't have superannuation to fall back, on as many were required to leave employment when they married and became pregnant. After raising families, many find themselves alone following the death of a spouse or relationship failure. Females in the over 55 group are the fastest growing group of homeless people - not just in the Bellarine, but in most of Australia.



Luise Vine



Dianne Bennett

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, 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**

**President's Report: February 11th
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 11 February 2025.**

1. February is Rotary International Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month.

A message from the RI District 9780 website.
"Today over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. Half of them are children. As a humanitarian organisation Peace is the cornerstone of our mission".

2. Communication from RISPPPO on the Response of Rotary International to developments in the USA. 6 February 2025

A. Rotary notes that the USA intends to withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the US Government and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. RI remains committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio free world.

B. Rotary has collaborated with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) since 2009 on different types of programs. Our current programs and communications with USAID personnel and leadership are on hold due to the stop work order issued by USAID. RI is navigating the implications of the recent stop work order.

3. Board Meetings

The Board met on 10 February and at this meeting there were 20 items of correspondence, 8 reports and 10 items of business on notice within our 2 hour meeting time limit. In the survey a few members had some disagreement with the statement that the club acts on member input'. We do listen to what members are saying and try to make balanced and informed decisions.

4. Club meeting times

A member suggestion to start our club meetings half an hour earlier was discussed at the Board meeting. The case for the change was that members arrive earlier anyway, some members like to eat before 7 pm and we would get our meals before the peak time in the adjoining restaurant. The case against was that a 6 pm meeting time start would be difficult for people who are working in Geelong or speakers who had to



come from Geelong or further. It may also make it difficult to attract future members who have full time work commitments. We need to allow an hour before the meeting arrival time for service committee meetings that may be scheduled before the club meeting. The Board had suggested a show of hands to indicate if there was member support for a change.

Members were asked to vote on the proposed times: Arrive 5.30; Start meeting 6.00; Finish meeting 7.30
The member vote was narrowly in favour of this change. It was then suggested that we try the change for a trial period.

The President's recommendations is that we continue with current times until the end of daylight saving time. The club then has a 4 week trial starting 7 April of the new times and at the end of the trial there will be a member poll through jotform on whether to continue with the new times.

The change in times will not commence immediately as we need to inform the Bowling Club and have time to communicate the changes to members who were not present at the meeting.

5. Extreme Weather Procedures.

The club has risk management procedures in place for all events that it runs.

The definition of risk now includes hazards plus other situations where people may be exposed to danger or harm. We are required to have written documentation on our actions to minimise the risk. We also need to be consistent with the Work Health and Safety legislation and there is a duty of care that extends to our members plus other people who are present at an event that we are responsible for. It has been noted that in recent years many sporting clubs have implemented extreme weather procedures with the aim of keeping people safe.

The extreme weather procedures apply to all open air events that are run by the club and will cover the following situations:

- Temperatures over 35
- Total fire ban
- Gale force or very strong winds
- Extreme UV levels and pollen counts
- Electrical storms
- Flooding or potential flooding of venues
- Emergency situations declared by the relevant authorities.

Meredith will work with club members who have expertise in emergency management planning and consult with organisers of external events to develop a procedures document.

6. Service Committee Planning Meetings

All the club meeting time on 4 March will be allocated to committee planning time so that teams/committees have adequate time to plan for their work for the remainder of the Rotary year. A Duck Race committee meeting will be held as well as the service area committees,

7. International Committee – Special Event 23 February

Thank you to David Larkin, Frank Rice, Kath Venters and Rod Bush for their planning for the guest speaker event with Gemma from her school in Tanzania.

8. Family of Rotary

Best wishes to Alison who is returning to the Grove.

Best wishes to Judy for her recovery from surgery.

Meredith O'Neill, President

District Conference: (Repeat notice)

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>

Gemma Sisia Presentation: David Larkin previously 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.

A meeting invitation has been sent to all members. It would be great to see as many as possible attending this event.

Pulse FM 94.7 Geelong: A message from Andrea Tierney

Many will remember Leanne Watson as a guest speaker at our club, some 18 months ago. She was in a wheel chair supported by her husband. Leanne will be interviewed in a segment I'm involved in called 'rolling through Wednesday' from 4 to 5 pm today.

Leanne lives with Limb girdle muscular dystrophy , a condition that has left her in a wheelchair with very limited movement. Last year she won the Volunteer of the Year Award at the City of Greater Geelong Disability Awards. She is an incredible human and I'm privileged to not only be one of her support team but also a friend.

Gary Newton (RC Geelong East) will also be interviewed discussing his role in End Polio and well as the Shine on Awards. If you're able to, please listen in.

The School of St Jude

Join us in the fight against poverty...

400+ students
99.5% literacy
97 cents per child per year

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

For more information contact Kath on 0418 070 726

Disabled Surfers Carnival



Andrea T and Jenny W on the job.



John & Nan Calnin, Frog, Andrew Calnin and Andrea T

FOOTY TIPPING RULES

Preamble

In the 1st year of her Reign under Presidente Meredith in the year 2024 - 2025 agreed that the following rules could be adopted for now and in perpetuity for the running of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove's footy tipping.

Before the season

1. To become eminent members of this competition, a contribution in cash money of \$50.00 is required. This becomes the fund.
2. The organisers, (non union of course) will then ensure every member can access a duly nominated tipping application. Details can be provided.
3. The results provided by the application will be final.
4. The organisers will then be responsible for determining an appropriate prize for each week, keeping in reserve ample funds to make a grand prize and others at the end.
5. Prizes will be for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and of course the ladder holder (or last place).

The season

1. The season will be the home and away games.
2. Each week a prize (wine not to be confused with whine which is not permitted) will be provided to the member that selects the most winners with the closest margin.
3. In the event of a tie, the person with the least aggregate points will become the winner.
4. If everything is tied and there is no way to separate the winner then an appropriate other prize will be provided.
5. This will continue for however many games or rounds that the AFL deems appropriate for the season.
6. If a winner is offered a prize (wine of course) that is not suitable for them, the organisers will negotiate something suitable (non alcoholic beverage).
7. The season winner will be determined by that person who has the most winners overall.
8. If there is a tie the winner will be determined by the margin points, that member having the least will win the most.
9. If it is a draw, the organisers scoop the pool and may share as they deem appropriate.
10. The final announcement will be after the grand final when the booty will be distributed.

The Finals

1. Tipping will be based on whatever teams are playing.
2. The winner of each round will be that who has the most winners and the closest margin.

3. An appropriate prize will be supplied.
4. In the case of a draw, the organiser will consider an appropriate outcome.

Other rules

1. The organisers will present each week during the season.
2. The organisers will close business the week after the grand final.
3. A suitable non secular, non racist, non offensive, non sexual and otherwise appropriate joke (try to find something funny after all of that) may be presented at time of presentation.
4. The organisers must work out a suitable distribution of prizes across the year based on the fund to ensure there is no residue at the end as identified in allocation process hereunder at the completion of this fine event.

Allocation

1. There are 24 rounds plus the opening round. At 1 bottle per round that is 25 bottles (let's enjoy).
2. We have a winner – 6 bottles
3. We have a runner up – 3 bottles
4. We have the strongest athlete – last – 1 bottle.
5. There are 4 weeks of the finals so 4 bottles.

Based on this we have an allocation need of 39 bottles.

The price of the bottle will be based on the numbers in the competition and depending on the dividend proposed for the club. Let us say 20%, subject to numbers playing. Divide that residual by the number of bottles and we have the price per bottle per week.

International Women’s Day: Saturday March 8th

Soroptimist International Geelong group are holding an event on Thursday May 6th to recognise the day.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST

DATE: Thursday 6 March 2025

TIME: 7am for 7.20am start

VENUE: THE CAPTAINS ROOM
GMHBA STADIUM

COST \$46.00 per person

Bookings via Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYQOV>

Our IWD Guest Speaker 2025

AMY GARDNER

With over a decade of experience in the tourism industry, Amy Gardner is passionate about creating and promoting exceptional visitor experiences across Australia. Recently embracing her most cherished role as a mum, Amy balances her family life with a thriving career in digital marketing and her role as the founder of *Seniors in Melbourne*.



Amy is an active member of the tourism community, contributing to the development of emerging professionals through the Young Tourism Network. She also volunteers with West Welcome Wagon, a grassroots organisation supporting asylum seekers with essential goods and services.

As a guest speaker, Amy will share career highlights, including her journey from industry professional to business owner and the recognition of *Seniors in Melbourne* as a standout in its field. She will also reflect on the challenges of balancing career and family life, along with important life lessons that have shaped her unique approach to creating meaningful visitor experiences.

Our IWD MC for 2025

LORETTA HART

The driving force behind a weekly news and current affairs program with a strong focus on women’s health, their stories and issues that affect them.

Loretta’s Front Page is scheduled each Wednesday from 9-11am on 94.7 The Pulse. Loretta is a mentor for women in business, life and wellness, supporting, discovering, sharing for positive change, individually and in community.

Loretta brings people together, like a human piece of Lego, wherever she goes she creates community. This is evident again in her new role as 94.7 The Pulse’s community engagement and sponsorship coordinator.



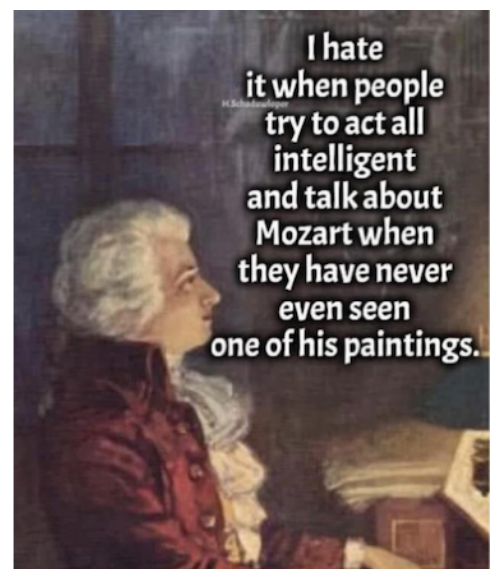
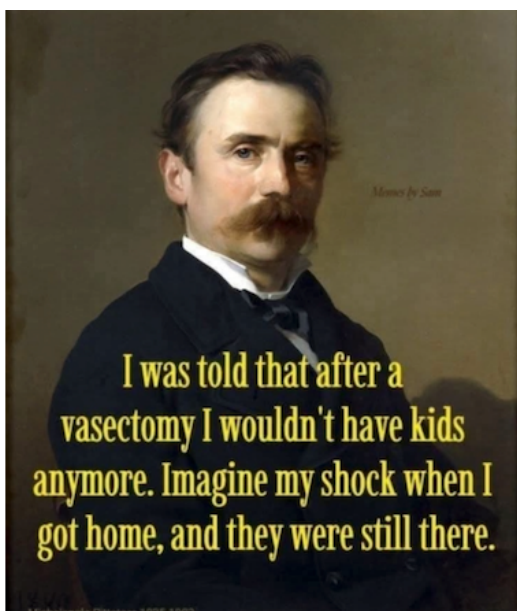
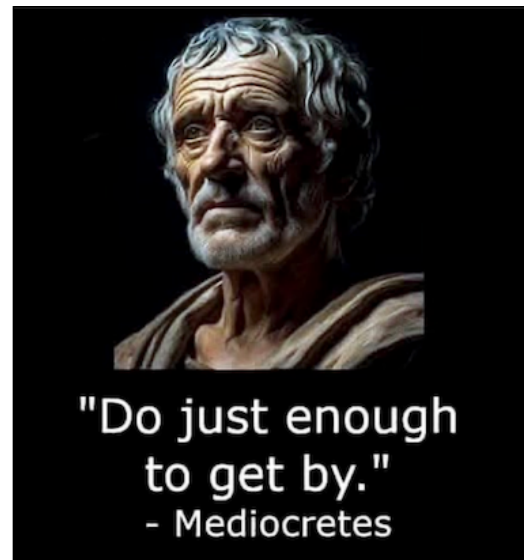
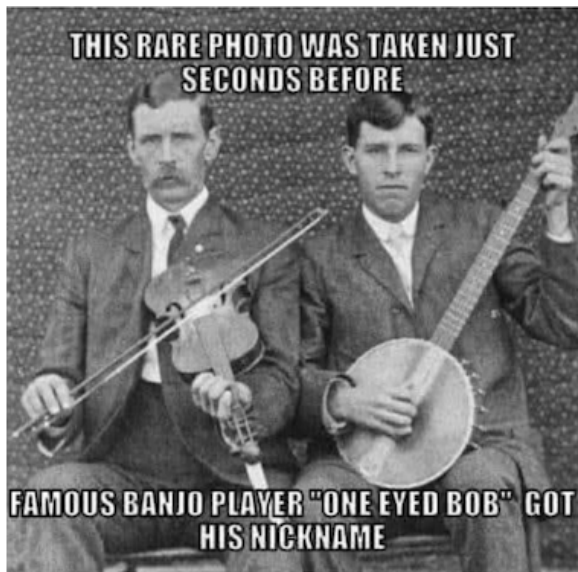
ENQUIRIES:

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Lucky Door Prize provided by Fernwood Waurm Ponds
12 month membership with Reformer Pilates to the value of \$3039





When my grandma was 65 she started walking 5 miles a day. She's 92 now and we have no idea where she is...

