

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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## Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
16th March	Rural Australia for Refugees. Sue Longmore, OAM	Jenny Templeton	Peter Cullen	Peter Hawthorne	Graeme Chamberlain	16/3 Alison George, 19/3 Gerry Spencer.
23rd March	Emma Rusden - RYA awardee	Dick Clay.	Rod Greer.	Coral Barker.		25/3 Jenny & Neil Templeton
30th March	Club Assembly	Gil Morgan				30/3 Coral Barker,

### Our Club

**President:** Gillian Morgan

**Secretary:** Pearl Macmillan

**Where:** We 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)

**Theme:** Water & Sanitation Month

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

06/03/21 - 19/03/21 Graeme Chamberlain

20/03/21 - 02/04/21 Jenny Templeton

03/04/21 - 16/04/21 Isobel Paton

17/04/21 - 31/04/21 Neil Templeton

### Past bulletins

- Available from our website ([rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)) via the 'Our Club' menu.

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

### Meeting Notes 9th March 2021

**Visiting Rotarians:** Lisa Hanley, Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach, Florida; David Larkin, Rotary Club of Ballarat West; Graham O'Donnell, Rotary Club of Melbourne.

**Visitors:** John Karis, Harry Hanley, and Lyndy Stagg.

### President's Report: Gil Morgan

Gil welcomed D.G. Phil Beasley and his wife Judy. She also welcomed our visiting Rotarians and visitors. There will be an induction/transfer of new members next week.

The market on Sunday, 7th March was very successful. The sausage sizzles at Queenscliff last week and Ocean Grove this week raised \$4,000 netting over \$3,000 for the club.

Gerry Spencer is still on leave of absence but is improving. Bill Steains is in hospital with a heart problem.

District Grant applications are open for up to \$3,000 but need to be matched dollar for dollar.

ANZAC Day is proceeding. We will be providing the breakfast after the Dawn Service.

The new BBQ Trailer should be here in three weeks.

The District centenary celebrations will involve a 'party' on Zoom on the 21st April. We may need to move our meeting to Wednesday that week to participate.

**Chair:** Chris Watson

### Reports:

**Pearl Macmillan, Secretary** – Pearl will pass round a sheet for orders of Rotary shirts from RDU suppliers. They have all gone up in price and embroidery of the Club name would cost \$9 extra, as will postage. Pearl will put in a joint order on behalf of Club members.

**Lynne Carlson, Vocational Committee** – Community Vocational Awards night will be on the 25th May. Information and nomination forms are on the tables. Forms are available online and hard copies will be made available at particular points throughout the area. A display poster has been

**Members: Coming Events:**

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- \* Duck Race - Saturday April 3rd.
  - \* Golf day - Monday May 24th

**Saying of the week ....****Joke of the week ....****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:**

You receive an email each week from our Secretary, Pearl Macmillan, asking about your attendance at the following meeting. - **please respond when you get it** - it's a very simple process.

developed encompassing QR codes. We received 260 entries last year and are hoping to get as many again this year.

**Heather Willson, Duck Race at Barwon Heads** – The race will be on Easter Saturday, 3rd April. Members were encouraged to take packages of 5 ducks to sell in Ocean Grove and asked to return them next week. We will also be selling tickets in Barwon Heads. Ducks are \$10 each. The first 10 ducks to the finishing point will win prizes. For this year, the revenue will be shared among four organisations.

**Gordon King, Foundation** – asking for contributions.

**Gordon King, Community Service Committee** – As reported last week, the Council has rejected erecting the sculpture on their land. Gordon is meeting with the Mayor over this. The Town Entry Points Competition is open, and we are receiving entries. It closes at the end of March. Lookout Reserve maintenance is continuing, see Bulletin for roster. The Adopt a Roadside project people are coming, and this may help progress our project to improve the Grubb Road Walking track.

**Gordon King, R100** – The baton relay will be held on the 21st March with the eastern division run by Ocean Grove Rotary Club. We will need some members to be present at the finish. Some organisations helped by Rotary will contribute presentations such as the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club.

**John Paton, Treasurer** – Market report for 7th March: \$2,500 from BBQ; \$1,000 from site frees; \$1,000 Duck sales; \$4,195 gold coin collection, \$850 raffle = \$9,000 approx. for the day.

Geoff Chandler, Footy tipping – All intending participants need to pay \$50 if they have not already done so. Football begins in just over a week's time.

**Guest Speaker: District Governor, Phil Beasley**

Phil said he was happy to be back visiting the Ocean Grove Club, which was clearly running some great projects. These projects show the community what we are doing and illustrate the impact Rotary has on the community. Clubs need to tell the community what Rotary does by promoting their activities at markets and elsewhere. One idea is to use storyboards and also engage with people at different activities.



He provided a presentation – Rotary Opens Opportunities.

Rotary International President, Holger Knaak from Molln, Germany is now locked down and cannot travel. He has suggested Districts reset their goals for the new circumstances.

Focus for this District –

Focus on member welfare and friendships: help ourselves.

Focus on our communities, reach out to find what is needed, what support we can provide.

Take the opportunity to reset your Club goals to involve all members, keep doing good projects, develop aspirational areas which we want to move into, identify what is finished or can be left out.

Remember the 'Big R' by partnering with other Clubs both locally and across districts together we can do more. Don't get into competition with nearby Clubs join together.

Phil's focus for the District is to encourage Clubs to:

Develop a relationship with another Club outside your group, invite them to a Zoom meeting, arrange a weekend visit, and mutually support each other's functions, activities and projects.

Financially support the Rotary Foundation through Club and personal giving. The current level of contributions is severely impacting District Grant and Scholarship funding.

He is also establishing District Interest Groups aimed to bring members with similar interests together to expand opportunities for members. This year's focus in LITERACY and ENVIRONMENT these groups allow members to connect beyond their club, share ideas and bring back ideas to their clubs. Phil showed the Club the official R100 Baton. He told the story of Walter Drummond, an architect in the 1920s who often travelled overseas for professional development. Walter met Paul Harris at the time when Harris was looking to internationalise Rotary. Walter became their connection in Australia for delegations, leading to the formation for the Rotary Club of Melbourne as the first Australian club. Walter Drummond himself was not considered of sufficient status to be a Rotary member. Things have changed!

**Guest Speaker: Judy Beasley**, Indigenous Literacy Foundation: [Reading Opens Doors, ilf.org.au](http://ReadingOpensDoors.ilf.org.au)  
Judy indicated that she and Phil had been married for 42 years. They have three daughters and four grandchildren. They are both Rotarians but belong to different clubs. They have both held various positions in these clubs and have been Assistant Governors. Phil worked for the CFA and Judy was a teacher. They love travelling.

Traditionally the District Governor's partner chooses a project for Clubs in the District to support and she picked the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). Early literacy is important. By telling them stories, children learn pre-literacy skills and it instils a love of books and reading. The ILF has been operating for 20 years. Literacy is the ability to read and write. Not all children have been given opportunities to learn these skills. The aim of the Foundation is to give equity of opportunity. It produces literacy resources for pre-school children including colourful story books in Indigenous languages. It has a Book Supply program, which gives free culturally relevant books. It also runs Writing Workshops for secondary school students to write books for use in their communities.

The ILF has gifted over 400,000 books and is publishing its 100th book this year. There are over 160 indigenous languages used in Australia but only a few have been put into print. It celebrates Indigenous Literacy Day in September each year. The ILF had a challenging year last year and also expects difficulties this year. Judy is asking Rotary Clubs to help financially.

Andrea Tierney presented Judy with a cheque from the Club for the ILF. There are videos on the ILF on YouTube, which members might like to watch.

**Next Week's Speaker** – Sue Longmore, Rural Australia for Refugees



**DG Phil Beasley and his wife Judy presenting a 100 year Anniversary certificate**

‘Stan the Man’, the Rotary Club of OG scarecrow, is staying at Flying Brick Cider for the 2nd Annual Great Australian Scarecrow Competition. He has made friends with the other scarecrows staying there’.

