

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Inc. Assn. A 0013584 X ABN: 13 501 173 192



Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
2nd March	Youth Service Awards	Meridth O'Neill	Gordon King	Judy Greer	Heather Willson.	3/3 Pam Haines, 6/3 Richard Clay, 6/3 Alan Keyse, 6/3 Leone Clay, 6/3 Janet Alexander.
9th March	Indigenous Literacy - DG Phil	Chris Watson.	Neil Templeton.	Andrea Tierney	Richard Grimmett.	Nil
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.

Our Club

President: Gillian Morgan

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

During the COVID 19 crisis, we meet via ZOOM on Tuesdays at 7.

Theme: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:

- 20/02/21 - 05/03/21 Noel Emselle
- 06/03/21 - 19/03/21 Graeme Chamberlain
- 20/03/21 - 02/04/21 Jenny Templeton
- 03/04/21 - 16/04/21 Isobel Paton

Past bulletins

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

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Meeting Notes 23 February 2021

Visiting Rotarians: Kath Venters, Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast

: Lisa Hanley, Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach, Florida

: Graham O'Donnell, Rotary Club of Melbourne

Visitors: Harry Hanley, Ty Simons

President's Report: Gil Morgan

Queenscliff Market Sausage Sizzle, helpers needed to cook and serve, most places filled on the night.

Gil Morgan, Pearl Macmillan and Ann Hodgkinson attended the District Governor's Partners Garden Party on Sunday. Over \$2,000 was raised for her charity, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The trachoma school kits project received 2,154 donated kits, which have been distributed to remote communities.



Gil Morgan conducted the transfer of Kath Venters from the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast to Ocean Gove. She was presented with her Rotary Badge and Dinner Badge. Kath has been appointed to the International Committee, chaired by Graeme Batrouney.

Members: Coming Events:

Saying of the week

Always remember to fall asleep with a dream and wake up with a purpose.

Humour

Links

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:

www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping

www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

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

Chair: Noel Emselle

Reports:

Secretary, Pearl Macmillan: Reminder to members to look at the Roster in each week's Bulletin. If you have duties, please try to arrive by 5.45 pm to help Geoff Ford with registrations. If you are going to be late, notify Pearl in advance. She also has one large men's Rotary Shirt available, which can be purchased for \$40.

Publicity, Xenia Williamson: The notifications regarding the Town Entry Sign Competition are being distributed to schools, local organisations and placed in the press and social media. The competition will be open for six weeks.

Vocational Committee, Lynne Carlson: Entry forms, etc. for the Vocational Awards will go online on the 3rd March. Please let everyone know about the program and encourage them to nominate suitable people and organisations.

Community Committee, Gordon King: The R100 Baton Relay is set for 31st March. Groups 9 and 10 will meet at Christ Church, Geelong at the end of the Relay at 3.00 pm to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. Gordon is asking for ideas of other things the Club can do to celebrate this anniversary. The Sculpture is not progressing.

Youth Services, Tony Haines: Meredith O'Neill asked him to advise Club members that, while the Youth programs had been delayed by the shutdown, they were now underway and going well.

March Market, Adrian Schmidt: The market for 7th March is fully booked. The roster for gold coin collectors has been filled.

Footy Tipping, Janet Alexander: The tipping starts soon, please renew your participation if you were in it last year. New tippers can register now. It is a once-only fee of \$50. Prizes will consist of bottles of good quality wine.

Membership, Rod Bush: We have quite a few new members joining the Club at the moment. Please ensure these new members get a chance to participate in events to help them integrate into the Club.

Janet also reported that Alan Keyse was home and recovering, although he is still in a lot of pain and very tired. It will be a matter of time before he is well again. Thank you to everyone for their best wishes.

Guest Speaker: Ty Simons, President of Ocean Grove Business Association

Ty was born in Geelong and raised in Ocean Grove. He did a B.A. in Photography but quickly moved into the Restaurant industry. He travelled and worked overseas for twelve years and then returned to Melbourne, where they had twin boys. The family wanted to move out of the City



and bought a Café in Ocean Grove. They set up Driftwood Café, first having to renovate the building. They added the Atrium and were able to expand into the back building. They feel they have moved into a community, not just a town.

Ty joined the Business Association and then became President. They have relaunched the Association with a new Committee. Their aim is to stimulate local economic growth and employment by helping small, independent businesses. There have been some recent problems with break-ins with three businesses being targeted each month. After putting in CCCTV cameras which stream back to the Police Station, there have only been two break-ins in the last two years. The Association introduced the Christmas in the Grove Festival a few years ago on the 1st Wednesday of December when they close Main Street off. They have received \$8,000 from Council to make it bigger and better this year. They are also looking

to have a Christmas in July Festival. The aim is to encourage tourists to stay in Ocean Grove / Lower Bellarine as part of their trips to western Victoria.

The Business Association partners with Ocean Grove Rotary Club and the Ocean Grove Community Association when they can. They had to stop activities during the long lockdown but is now lobbying Government to help get local businesses functioning again. They had a good January this year with business up twenty per cent over last year. The Outdoor Seating proposal was controversial. It resulted in increased membership for the Association and a larger Committee and is still being debated. Most felt it increased business and it will now be extended until April. It may come back next summer. They are hoping to have a defibrillator installed in Main Street with access all hours. They have received a \$10,000 grant to improve their social media and website communications and will be using other methods to engage the community and encourage new businesses. The Association is working with other organisations for the Entry Signage Competition mentioned earlier. It is also considering introducing a local gift card, which will be accepted by many Ocean Grove businesses rather than just for specific operations. Ty is looking forward to a good 2021.

Q & A

Noel reminded members that there is an App, which shows the locations and hours of Defibrillator in the area.

There has been some graffiti on local walls over the past 18 months but less recently. The Association is working with Council to stop it.

It is unlikely that there will be a permanent closure of Main Street, as some traders who feel close parking is essential for trade are against this.

It is considering extending local art on buildings and is looking for opportunities to beautify the town. Last week's surf carnival attracted a large number of visitors, maybe because as people cannot go interstate, they are looking for things to do locally.

Businesses from the other shopping centres and the industrial estate are becoming involved in the Business Association but many are slow to join. All small businesses are welcome.

Thank you from the Club for Ty's support in our Rotary projects, especially the Coffee for Bushfire Relief, the ANZAC Day packages and the Vocational Awards.

Next Week: Students from Bellarine Secondary College, VCE Scholarship Awards.

Some photos taken at the weekend at the District Governor's Garden Party in Geelong, raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Program. Ann Hodgkinson, Pearl Macmillan and I (Gil Morgan) attended.



I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.

LIFE IS SHORT, SMILE WHILE YOU STILL HAVE TEETH.