

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay



Annual Report of the

Rotary Club of
Encounter Bay

2022/2023



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Presidents Report – Sue Dixon



The Board:
Seated L to R: Jeanette Rich, Cherilyn Fleming, Ken Carter, Colin Francis.
Standing L to R: Alan Kluske, Peter Manuel, Stuart Ellis, Sue Dixon, David Virgin, Mary-anne Woodman

As president for 2022/2023 it has been a privilege and joy to be part of a club where members contribute socially and physically with ideas and support.

A highlight for us as a club was when Deidre Hughes received a Citizen of the Year Award at the Australia Day celebrations in Victor Harbor. A well-deserved recognition for a Rotarian who has contributed so much over the years. Bob Oliver also received recognition for his work with the Rotary Foundation with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.

The board members were supportive, innovative, and prepared to contribute time and ideas. Alan Kluske as treasurer fine-tuned accounts, changed the bank we used, oversaw the prepayment of market fees, and presented detailed reports each board meeting. Cherilyn Fleming as secretary took organisation to a high level by dealing with details both big and small, by ensuring communication to members was maintained.

President Elect Stuart Ellis worked with me on a succinct Three-Year Strategic Plan. This was approved by the board and members in general. Another highlight was the combined service club's dinner organised by Peter Francis his committee and our secretary Cherilyn with special guests Governor Frances Adamson AC and her partner Mr Rod Bunton. The evening was a meeting of like-minded people whose aim is to make a difference locally nationally and internationally.

The Honourable Governor Frances Adamson AC and President Sue Dixon
Service Clubs Dinner November 2022



Directors and members of subcommittees were a fine illustration of the power of a dedicated group of people. Jeanette Rich and Club Service members have given us a bright blue shed (thanks Des), an informative newsletter (thanks Stuart); a webpage (thanks John) and kept the club going in so many ways. Peter Manuel and his innovative community service team seem to float a new idea each meeting, Colin Francis and the Youth Committee have contributed in many varied ways to the teenagers of the town through awards, driving skills, equipment and feedback on personal projects. Our involvement with Nakuru in Kenya led by David Virgin who frequently visits and advises the school has meant meaningful and consistent support for our main international project. The International committee has also helped in areas of great need such as floods, earthquakes, and war zones. Mary Anne and the hardworking market committee ensured the markets continued as a highly successful fundraising arm of the club. Improvements such as stallholders paying fees by direct debit,

the installation of a defibrillator at Port Elliot market and liaison with Alexandrina Council re the wharf development were part of what the Market team achieved.

We welcomed new members Stewart Burns and Sue Morisset and rejoining ex members Marilyn Shaw and Madeleine Jenkins. Membership was boosted by the acceptance of honorary members and Friends of Rotary members. These people deserve our thanks for their support and hard work for the Club and the community.

We acknowledge the passing of Reg Arnold and Bruce Brocklebank and Ian Moffatt and community persons Sid James, Peter Lewis and Lorraine Pomery.

Social events were often held for sheer comradeship while at other times they were educational or fundraisers. Holding regular meetings at the Grosvenor worked well and Ken Carter made sure the program was informative and interesting. The variety included a visit to Nangawooka Flora Reserve, a bbq at Lakala to raise money for cancer research, a visit to the Whale Centre, Bubbles by the Beach to raise money for Nakuru in Kenya and a ride on the horse tram to Granite Island following breakfast to see the shelter we sponsored. Guest speakers entertained us on topics such as bee keeping, fishing, brain research, we had a film producer, a talk by Nikki Lovell about Gather My Crew app and Nomiki about Indigenous literacy. Rotarians from interstate and overseas and former recipients of Rotary assistance also addressed meetings.



Community Grant Presentation to Ian Nuberg, Port Elliot Community Garden

BBQ cooking Urimbirra Wildlife Park for a children's picnic



We assisted Victor Rotary at the Christmas pageant, had a combined meeting with Fleurieu clubs to be informed about the defibrillation project and the Rotary regionalisation agenda.

Finally Rotary Australia voted on regionalisation which will involve the way Rotary in Australia is run in the future. This will be ongoing over the next few years.

I thank every club member for their support this year. What an amazing group of people our members are and, in particular, Cherilyn Fleming who spent many unheralded hours investigating queries and writing reminders, agendas and letters. I know Stuart Ellis as president will take the club forward to achieve much and I look forward to working with him.

Sue Dixon
President 2022/2023

Director of Club Service – Jeanette Rich



This Committee has worked extremely well this year with our Rotarians displaying their dedication to the Rotary causes. Each member of our Club has participated in various activities or rosters as required, with a minimum of disruption.

Our Club is a great example of how much can be achieved in our aim to continue to make a difference, both locally and globally.

Each area has carried out their tasks without any fuss and any matters have been attended to promptly,

A few areas of note are

- that the shed has been painted with Rotary signs added;
- the web site continues to be monitored and upgraded;
- Market signs have been efficiently set out and retrieved for each market,
- The Newsletter continues to be routinely prepared and distributed on time;
- Publicity has continued over radio and newspaper articles keeping the Club in the public realm;
- Meeting rosters had all positions covered throughout the year with all members taking part;
- Welfare support has continued where appropriate;
- Risk assessment as required for market and other functions;
- Membership applications and inductions;
- Rosters as required, together with guest speakers, 200 Club.

Work that is carrying over includes

- sorting of redundant materials in the shed;
- Annual risk assessment for the markets and others as required.

Jeanette Rich
Club Service Director

Community Service Report – Peter Manuel



While the Community Service Committee has been active and committed, our age profile has mainly restricted us to fundraising activities that support community organisations with limited opportunities to raise funds themselves. Through the markets, we make possible worthwhile initiatives within our community. We are fortunate that our work in providing community service grants through our Rotary markets has allowed us to reinvest in various activities. The markets are in their own right a worthwhile community service providing an outlet for local products, hobbies, charities and information. Sue Morisset capably managed our grant funding this year with the assistance of the Community Service Committee members. The following is a synopsis of some organisations receiving funding assistance.

- COMMUNITY RADIO sponsorship.
- SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES TRANSPORT SCHEME– car lease.
- HOMELESS CONTRIBUTION – Early Intervention Officer
- WILDLIFE WELFARE & RESCUE Goolwa – funding for 2 small incubators
- COMMUNITY HUB AND MEETING CENTRE – facilities improvements
- LGBTIQ – mental health event funding
- GOOLWA YOUTH ART SHOW - Event funding
- CHORAL & ARTS SOCIETY – Sheet music
- VH CITY BAND – Music stand refurbishment

In addition, to expenditures through grant funds, the club was able to fund

- Solar lighting for the Kent Reserve barbecue area.
- A shelter and seating on Granite Island for the horse tram
- RYDA (but not managed by the CS committee)
- Defibrillator at the VH boat ramp
- Defibrillator at Lakala reserve
- A little library at Yilki and Hayborough
- We also anticipate that we will assist other service clubs to provide a horse float for the Riding for the Disabled.
- A number of small allocations (eg CFS)
- A range of youth activities (see Youth Report)

Once again, we assisted the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor with the running of the CHRISTMAS PAGEANT by providing marshals for crowd management on December 11th 2022.

At the time of writing the committee is considering

- options to raise funds for MEN'S HEALTH – perhaps through a fundraising event (Victors Got Talent).
- Fixed Shelter contribution for Goolwa Market

Des Schirmer took the lead in the refurbishment of our club storage shed – a task well managed. I would like to thank the members of the Community Service Committee who have involved themselves in the planning and delivery of support programs. They are David Kemp, Peter Francis, Barry Pryor, Susanne Morisset, Allan Mullins, Des Schirmer, Madeleine Jenkins, Bob Hall and myself. Best wishes to Sue who will coordinate Community Service 2023/2024.

Peter Manuel
Director Community Service

International Report – David Virgin



New Life Africa International

Following on from the restrictive Covid years, NLAi has been very busy in completing the filtered water system which is now providing potable water to the entire compound.

The filtration plant is very complex as it removes fluoride salts from the bore water which is 50 times higher than recommended levels. The funding from our club over several years has made this work possible.

In addition to the water project, the Girls Home for 65 girls has been fully renovated to provide much improved sanitation and hot water for the first time.

ShelterBox

\$2000 has been forwarded to ShelterBox which is partnered with Rotary and provide shelter and/or active support.

Turkey /Syria and Pakistan were very much in the news this year but active operations are in many other countries like the Philippines, Ukraine and Ethiopia to name a few.

David Virgin

Director International Service

New Life Africa International - Nakuru



Assembly



Women do the heavy lifting



Classroom

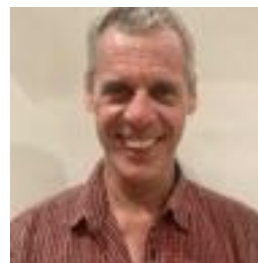


Solar Hot Water Installation



Recess time

Youth Report – Colin Francis



- Thanks to the members of the Youth Committee, Brenton Abbott, Bob McFarland, Marilyn Shaw, Madeleine Jenkins and Glen Goldsack for your help and input during the year.
- RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) event for local schools occurred in September 2022. Thanks to Bob McFarland for his organising.
- A donation of \$686 to the Adelaide University Rural Health Alliance covered a return vehicle fare to Kangaroo Island with 5 adult passengers. This allowed them to deliver a Health program to Kangaroo Island school students.
- We offered to sponsor a Victor Harbor High School student to attend the National Youth Science Forum but at the last minute she was unable to attend.
- Victor Harbor High School 2022 Presentation Event-Student Awards.
\$300 cheques awarded in each of the following categories;
 - Academic Achievement – Senior School Student (Years 10-12)
 - Academic Achievement – Middle School Student (Years 8 and 9)
 - Year 12 Dux
 - FLO Student of the Year
- The VHHS Wellbeing and Transition Hub were funded in a number of ways.
 - a) \$1500 towards the purchase of equipment to enhance the course offerings and increase student involvement.
 - b) \$640 towards selected student's involvement in a fitness program at a local gym.
 - c) \$155 which was 50% of this cost of two students completing St. Johns First Aid.
 - d) \$400 for a student to complete a Barista course.
 - e) \$750 for 2 students to complete a Work Zone Traffic Management course
- We emailed schools promoting Rotary programs like
 - One and All
 - RYLA 23-29 September 2023
 - RYPEN 1 -3 September to 2023

Colin Francis
Director Youth

Markets Report – Mary-Anne Woodman



The Port Elliot Market and Goolwa Wharf Markets are an important project and remains the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay’s major fundraiser. The markets continue to receive unwavering and invaluable support by all club members every year. The wet and windy weather and Covid have caused a few cancelled markets and events around the state.

This year the board decided to close the Port Elliot Market for 4 months (June to 30th September) due to the fact the Lakala Reserve area is very susceptible to bad weather conditions and therefore the ground is not suitable to carry on with markets during that time; a move that was well supported by the stallholders.

The Port Elliot Market and Goolwa Wharf Markets were held every weekend during January 2023 and during April 2023 an extra weekend was added to the market calendar.

We are all indebted to all Rotary Market Volunteers continuous support over the 2022/2023. Market Volunteers contributed a total of 1,437 hours for the 38 markets held.

With great delight a defibrillator was installed at Lakala Reserve, Port Elliot. Colin Francis (RCEB Youth Director) and Stuart Ellis (incoming President) secured the defibrillator cabinet to the public toilet wall and associated signs, Stuart said that the installation of the defibrillator, meant future markets would have a defibrillator present and is available for the local and wider community.

We wish to thank Cheryl Fleming (Secretary & Market Admin) in her tireless efforts in making sure all Market Teams and Trailer Towing positions were filled during the year.



Market Income 2022/2023	
Port Elliot income	\$8,178
Goolwa Wharf income	\$57,884
Total Income	\$66,062.00

Treasurer' Report – Alan Kluske



This year has had its little issues with the introduction of paying online site fees. I must say Mary-anne and Cherilyn have done a great job and they continue to make minor changes. These will make an improvement for the new year.

We have invested in major funding in the local communities, our Community Grants once again proved popular, along with strong support for the Fleurieu Community Foundation (Homelessness). We also contributed a major donation (10k) (plus 10K last year) to the Horse Drawn Tram Shelter on Granite Island.

On the International projects David & Janice continue to work with New Life Africa, their efforts over the years have been amazing. The Club also purchased two Shelter Boxes

Our Youth program as usual is strong and popular within our club, supporting Indigenous Literacy, Victor Harbor High School Awards as well as the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program for year ten students, just prior to them obtaining their driving licences.

Overall spending has been restrained due to lack of district grants caused by the after affect from Covid, which I feel will be with us for some time.

MAJOR DONATIONS -2022-23

City of Victor Harbor	10000	Fundraising Acc	\$12,395
Community Grants	7000	General Acc	\$12,169
New Life Africa	7000	Long Term	\$38,678
Youth	4805		
RYDA	1800		
Defibrillators	2800		

Alan Kluske
Hon Treasurer