

Rotary

Club of Encounter Bay



Annual Report of the

Rotary Club of
Encounter Bay

2023/2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

President's Report – Stuart Ellis AM



Being President of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has been an honour which I have enjoyed during this year with an international theme: 'Bring Hope to the World'.

I was conscious when being appointed, that I was following many distinguished Club members who have completed the role and I appreciate the support of Club members over the year.

At a District level, we have been celebrating 100 years of Rotary in South Australia and we should be proud of the long-term impact Rotary has had in this State. The Club was represented at all 100-year celebration events. I would also like to acknowledge District Governor Craig Dowling who has had his own challenges during the year, but took the time to meet individually with myself and visit the local Clubs and Area Governor Linda Sweeney who also had her challenges during the year, but has quietly maintained a presence and support for the local Rotary Clubs.

Let me remind you of our year in Rotary... not achievements, because our Club achievements are our Club members and their partners, who assist, support, and allow Rotarians to provide their service.

But our activities have included:

- Over 40 Club events including 25 speakers in six locations, committee meetings, breakfast meetings and social gatherings, apart from monthly Board meetings
- Planning and managing around 50 markets between Goolwa and Pt Elliot for the Rotary year
- Expending in the vicinity of \$60,000 in community grants, sponsorships and support for the local Fleurieu community and overseas projects
- Ongoing support and visitation to New Life Africa International School in Kenya
- Coordinating Rotary Youth Driving Awareness for local Clubs for another year
- Supporting three students to attend National Youth Science Forum and one student to cruise on the 'One and All'
- Facilitating the Wally Bradley Quiz Night with the Fleurieu Community Foundation for the 12th year
- Hosting the tandem ride to end Polio and coordinating a joint meeting with Victor Harbor and Goolwa Clubs
- Making us a little more visible and safer with clearly marked Rotary High Viz vests for individual members
- Building the Shelter at Jaralde Park Goolwa, which minimises our requirement to tow a trailer each market day and maximises amenity at the park.

We acknowledge the deaths of Graham Brown, Brian Rodan and Bob Hall's wife Thena during the Rotary year. These long-term members made a substantial contribution to this Club and we honour and recognise them.

Board. Any President is reliant on their Board to get things done and I am grateful to each and every Board member for their engagement and support, as they have contributed more, through their willingness to be Board members. Cherylyn Fleming as Secretary rates particular mention for her diligence, support and positive interest in the wellbeing of the Club and our interaction with the District, particularly as the Regionalisation Project has evolved, noting she has also been very involved in markets through the year.

My gratitude also goes to **Sergeant** Bob Oliver for managing our regular Club meetings together with his story of the week and keeping us a little poorer through fines.

Meetings Program. I am proud of the number of weekly meetings, speakers and events we have hosted. I proffer that there would be few other Clubs in the District that have met as often and my thanks to program director Peter Manuel. This has surely kept us well informed and engaged.

Club Finances. We all know Club funds allow us to provide support to communities and promote avenues of service. For another year, our market management has generated substantial funds which has allowed us to support numerous Club Community grants, projects and sponsorships and I am pleased through our Treasurer Alan Kluske, to be handing over Club finances that are well placed to support the coming year.

Conversations with Ken have been a highlight for many this year and an opportunity for Club members to share a little more of themselves with other Club members. My thanks to Ken Carter for those ongoing interrogations.

Throughout the Rotary year we have been kept informed with our **weekly newsletter** scribed by Marilyn Shaw. She has kept us connected and entertained and we are grateful for her detail and wit.

Markets. Apart from successfully planning and managing around 50 markets at Goolwa and Pt Elliot, including erecting and removing signage around the community, we have again secured the contract with Alexandrina Council to continue to manage the markets for another four years. Sincere thanks to Mary-anne Woodman for her commitment and oversight as Market Director over the last two years.

Community Grants and Raffle. For the first time in a few years Sue Morisset and the Community Service Committee managed a 'Cost of living' raffle. Apart from providing the lucky winners with some pre-budget relief, it supported Club finances and helped focus our efforts on a common cause.

New Life Africa International. The RCEB has now been assisting NLAI school for 18 years in many and varied projects and this has made a considerable difference to a generation of some 800 disadvantaged children who would have otherwise had very limited access to education. David Virgin and his family continue to lead this project for the Club and provide generous time, visitations and financial support.

Membership remains both a challenge and a constant. Peter Manuel and I put considerable effort into visiting Bunnings in particular, as well as other businesses and while we had a warm reception, it has not led to new members.

Sometimes these approaches take time.

We were delighted that Shane Lutz and Phil de Courcey have joined the Club and celebrate our membership stability and retention.

Shane Lutz



Phil de Courcey



Youth. We have maintained an interest and commitment to youth in the area through sponsorships and support and Colin Francis, has led that initiative with increasing gusto. The Club was duly impressed when three students reported back on their experiences.

Absences. I love the Club and my engagement in Rotary, but I am very pleased to say I love Jo my wife more, and this past year has meant that we have travelled to visit our family in the UK. I have been very grateful to Peter Francis as President Elect who has stepped up in my absence and we all know the Club is in the best of hands for the coming year.

Participation. What makes me most proud and what I am least responsible for, is the participation and contribution of so many Club Members. We have over 90% active engagement of Club members, in part through necessity but mostly through a willingness to be involved. That is fantastic and as DG Craig has indicated to me, is not common in many Clubs. We should all share that pride and promote that ongoing active involvement, which we know is a challenge to maintain throughout the year.

I am confident we have brought much needed 'Hope to the World' this Rotary Year and end with a Michael Fisher quote: "Endings are always tough, but I believe when something ends, there are new beginnings, new opportunities and new things to be excited for." We know that to be true.

Stuart Ellis AM
President 2023/2024



Director of Club Service – Jeanette Rich

Introduction

As indicated at Club Service meetings, Committee members quietly and efficiently undertake their tasks with very little need for guidance or direction. The Club maintains itself very well!



Publicity Officer Report Ken Carter

I have enjoyed my role as Publicity Officer during this Rotary Year. A close bond with the local newspaper has been formed and the support shown by the Fleurieu Sun and the Victor Harbor Times has been wonderful. We have had many articles printed in the local press (at least one per month - often more) and these have publicised club events and projects and promoted the ethos of Rotary to the public. Our markets have been listed in the "Market Guide" each month and we have advertised our club through the "Join our Club" promotion in February. We have also been promoted on local radio stations. Even though this publicity has not eventuated in an influx of new members, I think that the general public in the Southern Fleurieu is more aware of the existence and activities of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

Club Service Summary Attendance (Until 30 June) Des Schirmer

Total Meetings held during period 43 (Last Yr 46)

Average membership meeting attendance 68% (last Year 65%)

9 members achieved attendance between 80---97% with 2 members reaching 95%

11 members have attended between 50---79%

7 members attended less than 50% of meetings due to health issues, holidays, work commitments etc.

During the period a total of 34 meeting make-ups were granted to various members.

Program - Peter Manuel

The program has been full and varied with a large number of guest speakers and venues. We had breakfasts quarterly, generally at Whalers to maintain a presence in Encounter Bay. We visited various sites including the Shelter tram stop on Granite Island that the Club sponsored, the new Tram Horse venue as the trial guests, and joined with other local Rotary Clubs for the DG's visit and the End Polio ride. Meals have been excellent at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Membership – Peter Manuel

We appointed a membership Director Peter Manuel in 2023-4 to place additional focus on recruitment. Peter and Stuart Ellis visited key businesses with aligned values in an effort to gain new members but with no immediate success. The most successful approach remains personal contact and we were delighted with both Shane Lutz and Phil de Courcey joining the Club. Another positive was our membership retention which remains very firm.

Newsletter - Marilyn Shaw

The Newsletter has been well received and distributed on time each week. It has faithfully captured both the detail and the spirit of our meetings and Marilyn has displayed a flare for this task, being a very reliable team member.

Website/FB - John Haynes, Peter Manuel

There has been ongoing work on the website and it is noted that it takes a huge effort to remain relevant and up to date. It is envisaged that the current Newsletter and a separate entry for next meeting details will be added in the coming year.

Risk Management – Alan Mullins

All risk management paperwork and documents are current.

Meeting Bookings - Brenton Abbott

This system continues to work well with most members who are unable to attend, advising Brenton the day before. The hotel is contacted directly if a last minute change.

Property Officer – Des Schirmer

The shed painting is largely complete except for the exterior back wall. Cherilyn will do an updated inventory and Manual. Des will attend to changing the padlock code at Changeover time each year. The Club still has two trailers and Des will raise the issue as to whether we need them both at a Board Meeting. Some new Market signs have been purchased this year.

Sergeant - Bob Oliver

Bob has done a great job as Sergeant with his timings and always with a joke to lighten the meeting.

200 Club – Barry Pryor

The 200 Club has again been successfully run by Barry and raised over \$200 for the Club.

Jeanette Rich

Director
Club Service



Community Service Report – Sue Morisset



I have been delighted to work with a great committee this year. With new members and old hands we have benefitted from a combination of fresh enthusiasm and years of experience. My sincere thanks to Alan Mullins, Barry Pryor, Madeleine Jenkins, Peter Francis, and Stewart Burns for their input and drive, their free thinking and hands on help.

This year we have seen previous projects progressed, new grants provided and a fundraising activity undertaken.

In 2023/24 we continued to provide funding for the Southern Communities Transport Scheme (SCOTS) vehicle - \$16,000 in total (\$8,000 of this carried over from the 2022/23 year). We are proud to continue supporting this much needed and very valuable service to the Fleurieu community.

Our Riding for the Disabled project – the funding of a new horse float, shared with the Rotary Clubs of Goolwa and Victor Harbor, along with a grant through Rebekha Sharkie’s office, has continued. Approved as a grant recipient in 2022/23 year with our portion of funds paid to RDA in the first half of 2023/24, this project has stalled at the construction stage. Discussions are ongoing with both RDA and the other Rotary Clubs.

Our Community Grants round was once again held in September/October 2023 with funds presented in November 2023:

- Victor Harbor Coastcare – Revise and reprint “Richard’s Dune Plants Guide” \$525.00
- Encounter Celebration Organisation Victor Harbor Inc – Website development - \$1,000
- Hindmarsh Valley Progress Association – Dishwashers x 2 (following flooding) - \$998.00
- Victor Harbor Church of Christ – Purchase of portable Basketball Hoop - \$1,350.00
- Fleurieu Marine Education – Habitat for Happy Penguins - \$2826.00
- Granite Island Probus Club – Purchase of new hot water urn - \$180.00

My thanks to club and committee members who met with these groups for photo opportunities and “mock presentations”. Funding was made direct to these groups via EFT.

At the behest of our Treasurer our committee also undertook some fundraising – a raffle – to raise money for general use by the club. Run from November through to the end of January 2024, with 3 cash prizes, 2,500 tickets for sale, 12 weeks to sell and significant time and a huge effort required by both club and committee members we raised \$2,500 for club coffers.

Apart from the profit made, it was pleasing to see that the winning tickets were sold at all three sites – the Goolwa Market, Port Elliot Market and in Ocean Street.

In summary, 2023/24 has been a positive and enjoyable year for our committee. I wish the incoming Community Services Director and Committee all the very best and hope they will enjoy their year as much as we, the outgoing committee has.

Sue Morisset

Director

Community Service

International Report – David Virgin



NLAI (New Life Africa International)

Once again with the support of the International fundraising night and the NLAI Craft Group providing \$3000, our club has matched this with a further \$3000 to provide funding for the current projects.

Last year saw the completion of the bore, water tower and filtration system which is now providing high quality potable water for the 500 students at this school in addition to the Girls and Boys Homes. This water is of great benefit but comes at a significant cost as it's powered by electricity and operates for around 10 hours a day. It is the intention of NLAI to install a solar system to offset the operating costs and inject the savings back into the school.

The project that is in the planning and design stage is a new kitchen and dining facility. On completion this will allow the school to provide breakfast and lunch to all of the students at the school. Currently these meals are prepared in a very old, unhygienic, wood fired facility and the meals are served in a church which is not part of the school.

ShelterBox

With the ongoing conflicts and natural disasters in the world there is a need to keep replacing shelter boxes or provide other crisis assistance.

The contribution this year was \$2000

Interplast

Following a presentation on the Interplast program we donated \$500 for life changing work in Thimphu, Bhutan.

ROMAC

\$500 was put toward this program to support the Central Region; Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.

Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation

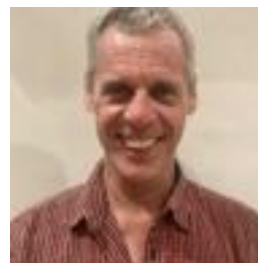
\$ 300 was provided to assist in the eradication of obstetric fistula in Ethiopia

David Virgin

Director
International Service



Youth Report – Colin Francis



- Thanks to the members of the Youth Committee, Brenton Abbott, Bob McFarland, Marilyn Shaw and for your help and input during the year.
- RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) event for local schools occurred in September 2023. Thanks to Bob McFarland for organising this activity.
- 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
- We funded two students from Investigator College to attend the Science Experience in Adelaide in December 2023. Elijah Jucius and Mani Radcliffe received \$105 each.
- We funded three students from Investigator College to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2024. Chloe McPherson, Bell Parker and Madi Koch received \$835 each toward the costs of their trip.



- We funded one student from Investigator College to sail on the “One and All” in April. Mani Radcliffe received \$700 toward the cost of the trip.

Colin Francis
Director Youth

Markets Report – Mary-Anne Woodman

The Port Elliot Market and Goolwa Wharf Markets remains the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay’s major fundraiser.

Each year the markets continue to receive untiring and invaluable support by of all RCEB Rotarians.

Only 1 Port Elliot Market was cancelled due to wet and wild weather conditions.

The board was asked to consider earlier market closure times by the stallholders. The board decided to change only the Goolwa Wharf Market time from 3pm at 2pm, during summer to bring in line with the Port Elliot Market Closing time and making it the same closing time for the entire year.



The Port Elliot Market and Goolwa Wharf Markets held 2 extra markets at the end of December 2023. Markets were held every weekend during January 2024 plus an addition of the Port Elliot TDU Market - Friday 19th January 2024, a total of 49 Markets were held for 2023/2024

We are all indebted to all Rotary Market Volunteers support over the 2023/2024. Market Volunteers contributed a total of **2,410** hours for the 49 markets held, a truly outstanding effort.

During April/May 2024 the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay erected a shelter at Jaralde Park Goolwa, this would not have been possible without the funds raised through the Rotary Markets and the tireless Rotarians who assist at the markets, meeting with council employees and erecting the new shelter.

We wish to thank Cherylyn Fleming (Secretary & Market Admin) in her tireless efforts in making sure all Market weekends rosters were filled and collection of fees. We wish Cherylyn all the best as future

Mary-anne Woodman
 Director
 Markets



Market Totals



Port Elliot Rotary Market	\$15,764.00
Goolwa Wharf Rotary Market	\$57,145.00
Actual income as of 4/06/2024	\$74,254.00
Bank Interest income as of 4/06/2024	\$25.17
Total	\$74,279.17

NB: Please note total amount does not include Sunday 16th June 2024

Program Report – Peter Manuel



Where possible I have tried to make the program interesting to all members while having a variety of speakers and activities in varied locations and at different times, while still respecting our need to plan and do business as a club. Our spiritual home has been the Grosvenor hotel where the food and service has been excellent and we have had a dedicated room for club use. Members have been given the opportunity to chair meetings and look after guests – this has worked well. What follows is a precis of our year's meetings

June 2023:

Changeover dinner

Marjorie Keeble – “Refugee Support”

Wally Bradley Quiz Night

Breakfast Meeting – “Cockles Port Elliot”

July 2023:

Bishop of Murray Diocese – “From submarines to the church”

Committee meetings

Paul Taylor – “What’s in a walking stick?”

Meal at the Men’s shed with the Reds Club

August 2023:

Detective Bill Hayes – “The Beaumont children abduction”

Hugh Benger – “preparing young students for an ever-changing world”

Martin Diep – “Macular Degeneration”

Breakfast meeting - Whalers

September 2023:

RYDA

Committee meetings

Julie Irwin – Brand “Victor Harbor”

Dean Jamieson – “They Call me Lightning”

October 2023:

Mayor Moira Jenkins - “A Vision for Victor”

October 2023:

Breakfast Meeting – Whalers

Pip Burfield -“Granite Island – yesterday, today and tomorrow”.

Merilyn Russell – Interplast - “Repairing bodies and rebuilding lives”

November 2023:

Ken and Fay Buckley – “The Probus Club RCEB sponsored – where is it now”

Helen Child (Dementia Directions) – “Dementia Support at Home”

Phil Hollow – “Good and Bad times in Rotary”

Combined Rotary Meeting – District Governor’s visit

December 2023:

Club barbecue at home of Stuart Ellis

February 2024:

International Night – “Bubbles and nibbles”

Rick and Lynette Hinge – “Working with rural families in the SE of our state.”

Novelty Bowls night at VHBC

Michael Schetter – “Defibrillator Hero Program for the Fleurieu”

Breakfast Meeting

March 2024:

Committee Meetings

Students who attended the NYSF

Mike Kelly – “Good and Bad Times in Rotary”

April 2024:

Trevor Andrew - “The proposed Housing Development for Victor Harbor”

Peter Jarvis – “Shelter Box presentation”

May 2024:

Softfoot Autumn Package

Kate Phillips – “The things we should attend to before we lose our marbles”

Breakfast Meeting

Wal Bradley Quiz Night

June 2024:

Club Assembly

Changeover Dinner

In total 24 guest speakers, 5 different venues, 3 breakfasts, one lunch.

Peter Manuel

Director

Program and Membership



Treasurer Report – Alan Kluske

I must say it has been one of my busiest years as treasurer, but our club has been well rewarded. The effort Mary-anne Woodman and Cheryl Fleming put into our Rotary Markets has been outstanding, and the results show with the extra income.

We have invested strongly in our local communities as we usually do, the Community Grants are always well supported and received. We also donated the Shelter to the Rotary market, and again donated to the Medi Ride Vehicle. Our Club also donated to the Ogden End Polio Ride, and Riding for the Disabled.

David and Janice Virgin have once again worked hard raising money for the New Life Africa Project. It is our biggest International Project our club supports, with Janice and her Craft Group raising money from sales of goods they make, and David and Janice who organise our well-known International Dinner which is not only a good fundraiser but great social night.

Our Youth Program headed by Colin Francis and committee has had another active year supporting the Victor Harbor High School Academic Awards, and three students from Investigator College attending Rotary’s NYSF program. We also committed funds for a student to do a course on The One and All sailing ship. The (RYDA) Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program for year ten students, as they move to obtaining their driver licence. The program has been led by PP Bob McFarland for the last 14 years, with 2734 students attending the program, from four High Schools. Bob excels with his leadership, well done Bob!

Our spending this year has exceeded our income, but we had a great opportunity to build the shelter at Jaralde Park which was a major project, but our market workers will be more comfortable. It may have left our Fundraising account a little low, but we managed to keep our LTG Account untouched. I am sure with our markets performing the way they are we will soon recover the funds and move on.

MAJOR DONATIONS: 2023-2024

Alexandrina Council Shelter	25000
CVH Council Medi Car	16000
Community Grants	11680
New Life Africa	6030
Riding for the Disabled	4800
Shelter Box	2000
Rotary Foundation	2000
Australian Rotary Health	1000

Alan Kluske

Hon Treasurer