



HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay is a sibling of the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor and was Chartered in 1979

The founding President was Wal Bradley (pictured in 2006 when he was awarded the honour of our first Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow. He receives the medal from Michael Pengilly MP.

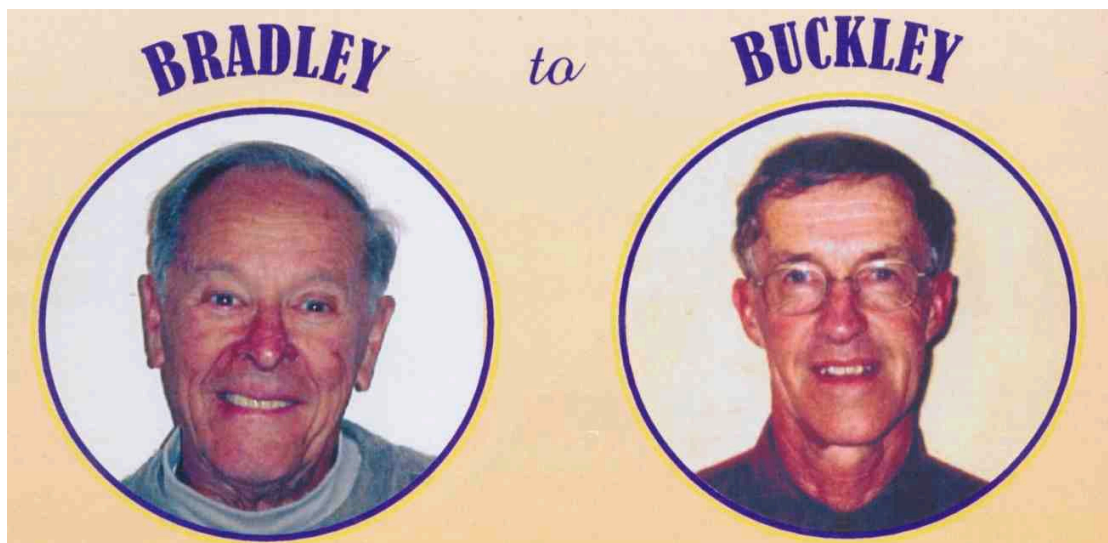
Wally was an active and dedicated member until health issues forced his resignation. Unfortunately, Wal passed away on the 10th September 2013

ENCOUNTER BAY

The Bay was the meeting place of two great maritime expeditions of discovery, the British one sailing east led by Matthew Flinders, and the French one sailing west led by Nicholas Baudin.

The name 'Encounter Bay' (given to this water body by Flinders) commemorated the meeting of 8 April 1802. It can be presumed that both expeditions experienced surprise at meeting a foreign ship at this, the far end of the world! Neither Captain discovered the nearby mouth of the Murray River.

Bradley to Buckley – the first 25 years



ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY: THE BEGINNING:

On June 7th 1979, the District 9520 extension Committee, Comprising chairman - Past District Governor Fred Stewart, District Governor, Chris Maywald, Past District Governors Lionel Catt, Gwyn Adams, Tait Kidman, Ross Irvine and Geoff Evans, held the inaugural Meeting of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay at the Urimbirra Restaurant.

Under the guidance of the Victor Harbor Rotary Club Extension Committee, comprising of President Snow Bartley, PDG Lionel Catt, PP's Phil Drabsch (DG's special representative), Warren parson, Athol Haynes and Bill Pryor, a PROVISIONAL CLUB was formed.

Those appointed to the Provisional Board were:

PRESIDENT:	Wally Bradley	COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
VICE PRESIDENT:	John Harris	Ray Trenbath
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Glenn Mann	Tom Builder
SECRETARY:	Ian Catt	Clive Fowler
TREASURER:	Rod Byrne	Rex Sivyler

The first meeting of the club was held on June 14th 1979 with 30 prospective members in attendance and was addressed by PDG Lionel Catt.

The next 13 Meetings were very busy ones for all the members with committees being formed. Club plans for the year were formulated, fund raising activities to be organised etc. Some of the members were impatient for action, while others were advising caution at the time.

The club was indebted to PP Phil Drabsch, the Dg's Special Representative, PDG Lionel Catt together with the Victor Harbor club's Extension Committee for their guidance and advice - especially in those early years.

The club was admitted to Rotary International on 13th August 1979 and District Governor Harry Allen presented the charter on Saturday 15th September 1979 at the dinner meeting held at the Hotel Victor where all the Charter Officers, Directors and Members were officially inducted. 228 Rotarians, wives, visitors and guests, attended the Charter night. Twenty -two Rotary Clubs from District 9520 were represented together with DG Reg Correll and several members from District 9500.

ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY CHARTER MEMBERS

<i>P. ARBEND</i> <i>G. MAYFIELD</i> <i>R. KREINER</i> <i>W. DISCOMBE</i> <i>R. McCALLUM</i> <i>C. FOWLER</i> <i>R. OVERALL</i> <i>R. FARNDEN</i> <i>J. WILLIAMS.</i>	<i>R. JEFFREY</i> <i>G. RICHARDSON</i> <i>A. OSCHMANNS</i> <i>G. GOLDSACK</i> <i>L. SOLLY</i> <i>R. TREMBATH</i> <i>R. ROADS</i> <i>T. HORBELT</i> <i>T. BUILDER</i> <i>M. KERNSLEY</i>	<i>I. CATT (secretary)</i> <i>R. BYRNE (Treasurer)</i> <i>G. MANN (Pres. elect)</i> <i>W. BRADLEY (President)</i> <i>J. HARRIS (Vice President)</i> <i>R. SIVYER (Sergeant)</i> <i>I. WARNER.</i> <i>D. SCHUTTE</i>
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YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
2017	Barrey Niven	Marilyn Shaw	Mike Kelly
2016	Marilyn Shaw	Phil Beckett	Mike Kelly
2015	Brenton Abbott	Phil Beckett	Mike Kelly
2014	Alan Kluske	Phil Beckett	Mike Kelly
2013	Gillian Houlihan	Phil Beckett	Alan Kluske
2012	Ken Carter	Phil Beckett	Alan Kluske
2011	Bob Sedunary	Marilyn Shaw	Mike Price
2010	Peter Francis	Marilyn Shaw	Mike Price
2009	Deidre Hughes	Gillian Houlihan	Geoff Annells Mike Kelly
2008	Brenton Hutchison	Gillian Houlihan	Geoff Annells
2007	Phil Beckett	Brenton Hutchison	Geoff Annells
2006	Peter Manuel	Brenton Hutchison	Mike Kelly
2005	Andrew Benson	Brenton Hutchison	Kevin Sorrell
2004	Ken Buckley	Bill Allen	Owen Stephens
2003	Michael Kelly	Bruce Brocklebank	Owen Stephens
2002	Michael Price	Bruce Brocklebank	Roger Nunn
2001	David Virgin	Bruce Brocklebank	Alan Kluske
2000	Roger Nunn	Graham Stoddart	Mike Price
1999	Owen Stephens	Wally Bradley	Mike Kelly
1998	Phil Hollow	Barry Pryor	Mike Price
1997	Phil Mahoney	Alan Green	Alan Kluske
1996	Richard Joy	Malcolm Giles	Steve Brockhouse
1995	Graham Stoddart	Kym Bartel	Alan Kluske
1994	Steve Brockhouse	Rod Anderson	Mike Price
1993	Robert (Bob) Hall	Des Schirmer	Geoff Watkins
1992	Alan Kluske	Glen Mann	Kym Bartel
1991	R Anderson	Ian Catt	Glen Mann
1990	Geoff Watkins	Malcolm Giles	Steve Brockhouse

1989	Des Schirmer	Rod Anderson	Phil Mahoney
1988	Reg Arnold	Owen Eden	Kym Bartel
1987	Kym Bartel	Michael Price	Ian Riches
1986	Ray Trembath	Roger Nunn	Des Schirmer
1985	Ian Warner	David Hill	Des Schirmer
1984	Gavin Clift	Steve Brockhouse	David Hill
1983	Barry Pryor	Gavin Clift	Bruno Vaitkus/Mark Illingworth
1982	John Harris	Ric Williams	Graham Sampson
1981	Ian Boothby	Derek Pritchard	Steve Brockhouse
1980	Glen Mann	John Harris	Peter Farnden
1979	Wally Bradley	Ian Catt	Rod Byrne/Paul Abend

WAL BRADLEY, FOUNDATION PRESIDENT, HAS PENNED THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO OUR BEGINNINGS

The Rotary international theme in the charter year of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay was

LET SERVICE LIGHT THE WAY

- Service was and has been the key to all activities and projects that have been undertaken. Serving individuals, serving groups, serving international needs and serving in our local community.
- People's needs become opportunities to serve, and as we serve, we grow together in fellowship.
- Hours are spent on fundraising, to raise funds that may be used to encourage young people or old.
- Hours are spent in hands-on work, updating facilities or providing relief for tasks around the home of someone who is disabled.
- Hours are spent in one-on-one situations, hours in group efforts.

Some current service opportunities which the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay is undertaking are included in this web site, while other successful activities in the early days of the club, included.....

- the Half Marathon Fun Run Goolwa to Victor Harbor
- the BBQ Van and Herby the MOBILE money-box
- year ten High school student's Mock Job interviews
- beautification of the Railway line land
- a training workshop to train silk screen operators

Rotary provides opportunities to grow as an individual while assisting others. Rotary provides opportunities to leave our world a better place.

Wal Bradley – Foundation President