

## GUEST SPEAKER SUMMARIES 2012/2013



Dinner Meeting 1708

The Fleurieu Community Foundation

### The Fleurieu Community Foundation.

The logo of the Fleurieu Community Foundation (see left) represents the beautiful area we live in - rolling hills to the beautiful seascapes.

The Fleurieu Community Foundation exists to support the local communities within the Yankalilla, Alexandrina and Victor Council areas.

The intent was to establish a corpus of finance, invest it, and use the interest accrued to fill gaps within the communities.

It is administered by a diverse board made up of people across the districts. It operates three funds

(a) Public Fund (donations are tax deductible) (b) An open fund (c) Flow through funding.

It is running a number of grant programs including:

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM: \$30,000 has been distributed to over 500 students in the past three years.

STAY IN SPORT PROGRAM: 55 athletes have received \$2755 in grants to keep them active in clubs

WAL BRADLEY AWARD: Run in conjunction with the RCEB.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM: \$1000 worth of books to preschool centres

YOUTH WELL BEING RESEARCH PROGRAM for 900 students.

### **NEW GRANT POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE :**

- micro finances for micro businesses
  - Targeted community care
  - University Scholarship Assistance
- Talent grants for financially disadvantaged young people in Recreation, arts and Performing Arts
  - General community grants based on needs

FUND RAISING is the biggest challenge. Currently it comes from

- fund raising
- grant applications
- bequests and donations
- joint partnerships making projects sustainable



BRAD BUTLER guest speaker



Brad with  
Brian Heyes (chairperson)

## RCEB Meeting 1707 – 13<sup>th</sup> Jun 2013

President Ken Carter presented a cheque to Andrew Benson, as District 9520 Chair of Australian Rotary Health.

President Ken also presented a cheque to David Virgin for the New Life Africa School in Kenya.

Speakers for the night were our own new members, Velma & Brian Jones:

### Who am I – Velma Jones

Velma's great, great, great grandparents, **Susannah and John Adams**, came to South Australia on the 'Buffalo' in 1836, with Governor Hindmarsh and were some of the first settlers in South Australia. They have had an Adams family reunion each year, for past 60 years.

Velma was born in Prospect, SA & lived with her parents in a warders' cottage outside the Adelaide Gaol. She has two younger sisters. She went inside the gaol, on many occasions with her dad, but was never scared.

Velma started school at Thebarton Primary School & when she was 10, they moved to a new house in Richmond where she grew up until she married. She shifted to Cowandilla Primary School & then went to Adelaide Technical High School in the city.

Velma's first job was with Simpson Pope at Dudley Park, but this wasn't a good location. No shops, & her friends, working in the city, went shopping in their lunch hour, buying all sorts of new things. So she got a job, in the centre of Adelaide at Adelaide & Wallaroo Fertilizers Ltd. It was an old established Company and the bosses didn't seem to know my Christian name. It was so formal; Miss, Mrs. or Mr. Lunch time was great, especially walking back to work with a new bag or shoes to show the other girls. She worked there for 8 years until leaving to have a baby.

Velma married Brian in 1968 & they had 3 children. Now we have 4 grand children and another one on the way.

Velma confessed to being a 'Beatles fanatic' & was at their Adelaide concert in 1964.

She chose to be a 'home Mum', minding the kids for the next 13 years, then when the kids were all at school, she started casual jobs, including packing shelves, waitressing & being a nanny. Being a Nanny was interesting when she needed to break up a serious fight.

Velma then worked for 18 years at Holiday Explorers as an Admin Assistant. Holiday Explorers is a disability service which arranges holidays for people with an intellectual disability. She retired from that job in 2012.

Velma & Brian have had many great times including holidays overseas & around Australia. "We have just come back from China & Japan which was one of the best holidays we have been on".

She has always lived in Adelaide and couldn't live anywhere else in the world except South Australia, now they find themselves in Encounter Bay.

Velma's introduction to Encounter Bay was interesting: 5:00am one morning, just after they arrived, Toby, their dog, started barking very loudly. She confronted an intruder in their yard, returned inside & called the police.

Velma closed by saying: "I am pleased to say that Encounter Bay has been like living on the moon ever since – so peaceful and uneventful".

### Who am I – Brian Jones

Brian's education commenced at Lockley's Primary School, followed by Thebarton High School. The main highlight of his early years was receiving a border collie cross pup for his 6th birthday, which started a life-long love affair with dogs.

Brian started work with General Accident Insurance in 1962, but after 3 years he went grape picking with a mate. He had a job waiting for him at the Chowilla Dam, but the project was discontinued before he got started, so he returned to Adelaide as a labourer, working for John Dring at Thebarton. Despite enjoying the work, there was no future in it & he was lucky enough to get his old job back at General



VELMA JONES  
RCEB Meeting 1707 13<sup>th</sup> Jun



2013

BRIAN JONES

#### Accident.

In the 1970's, Brian found himself with a dependent wife, children and 2 mortgages. This prompted him to seek a better paying job, selling insurance. With limited success selling insurance for 3 companies, he found himself out of work. Jobs were no longer readily available and Brian got a job driving a refrigerated van for 'Chiko' rolls. He became "Mr Chiko" to the local kids & his clients.

After 6 months of delivery work, he scored a job at Lumley's Insurance, handling CTP claims for injuries following motor accidents. He enjoyed the work, dealing with injured claimants, their solicitors, which sometimes involving court work. This came to a halt when the state government, in their great wisdom, gave all CTP insurance to SGIC. Brian then transferred to Lumley's workers compensation division for another few years until the state government, in their great wisdom, again, took all such insurance and started up Workcover. By this time, Brian had risen to Claims Manager, but the job had no future. Luckily, Workcover approached him to audit their major claims.

After a year or so, Brian & 3 colleagues started up the Self Insurance Division of Workcover. This involved auditing the state's larger/self insured companies to ensure they were looking after their injured workers & complying with the legislation & performance standards. It meant a lot of contact with all levels of their management, supervisors, injured workers and union reps. This was challenging work as these employers had never had any 'authority' looking over their shoulder. The early days involved providing their senior management with copious amounts of negative feedback & to their credit, those employers who needed to improve, did so over the following decade.

In closing, Brian summarised his "progress" since the 1960's, as follows: Academic failure, Insurance worker, grape picker and labourer, Insurance worker, deliverer of Chiko rolls, Insurance Claims Manager & assisting self insured companies to provide a better service to their injured workers, retiring in 2007 due to health issues.

#### Dinner Meeting 1705

home of Phil and Marilyn Shaw

#### Curry Night

It was a great night at the Shaw residence for the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay's curry night. With the lights of Victor Harbor spread below us we all tucked into some delicious curries and accoutrements. Business was kept to a minimum, although we all celebrated Lindsey's birthday and the evening was one of good Rotary fellowship. Thanks must go to Marilyn and Phil for being such genial hosts and to our club chefs Meredith Abbott, Judith Sedunary, David Virgin, Brian Jones, Mike Price, Phil Beckett, Andrew Benson, Pam Emmett and Gill Houlihan.

#### DINNER MEETING 1704

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID VIRGIN



TOPIC: TRIP TO ANTARCTICA

David Virgin gave an account of his 11 day trip to Antarctica in February of this year, 2013.

His ship left from Ushuaia situated in Southern Argentina. Ushuaia is described as the "Fin del Mondo", (the end of the world).

His ship then traversed the Drake passage, a 2 day trip finally arriving at Deception Island situated at 62.57 degrees Latitude South, in the Subantarctic. On board ship, passengers were told about many aspects of the Antarctic including information about the exploits of the explorers such as Scott & Amundsen etc. Before disembarking all passengers & crew were subjected to a rigorous examination so that no foreign material, bacteria etc. were taken onto the pristine Antarctic Island

To David's surprise, Deception Island showed some green vegetation instead of the usual white appearance that is associated with very cold latitudes. There was evidence of previous habitation in the form of large tanks which used to contain whale oil & also evidence of a WW2 British base.

Deception Island is a volcanic island & there are few places where volcanic activity is so fresh & easily observed.

But the main attraction were the fauna & among the species of wild life encountered were thousands of penguins, mainly of the Gentoo variety but also "Chinstrap" variety (Although there are around 1.5 Million Adelie penguins in Antarctica, David only saw one). Many Leopard seals were also sighted. All were very friendly, tame & unspoilt

Also many types of whales were sighted in the waters of the vicinity including "killer whales" although the Blue whale has become an endangered species, numbers being only 1% of pre-whaling days.

David also saw evidence of the cruel side of nature where the passengers saw killer whales hunting down a whale calf & attack by birds of prey on a baby penguin

Most of the time the weather was relatively mild (For Antarctic standards) & the cold surroundings were bearable with maximum temperatures hovering near freezing point. Icebergs were large, old & prevalent with their blue colour signifying longevity. David pointed out that despite the depth of ice on the Antarctic (in some places kilometres deep) the snowfall was quite minimal, in fact, the South pole is said to have a desert climate.

David illustrated his account of his journey with an excellent slide presentation.

*Reporter: Brian Rodan*

#### DINNER MEETING 1700



Thursday 18th April.

Celebrating Paul Harris's Birthday (19th) and a view of Rotary provided by Encounter bay Club Paul Harris Fellows

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**President Elect GILLIAN HOULIHAN** gave a synopsis of the work of **PAUL HARRIS** in founding Rotary in the early 1900's in Chicago, Illinois, and his philosophy of replacing suspicion, jealousy and fear with faith, love and courage. **LIZ WARNER** (who shares the birth-date of Paul Harris, was invited to blow out the candles on the birthday cake.

**IAN WARNER (PHF)** described the formation of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay in 1979, when 24 members began a great local journey united in the ideals of service. He described the value of the 4 way test in all aspects of business and living, and the wonderful club fellowship providing friendships for life. He shared some of the humorous aspects, including a pant splitting episode in 1986 as he was preparing to induct the new members of the daughter club of Goolwa.



**KEN BUCKLEY (PHF)** shared some of his experiences after 44 years in Rotary in three clubs. He too described it as a powerful learning experience based on sound ethics and providing great learning opportunities.

**ALAN KLUSKE (PHF)** joined Rotary to serve the community (not for rewards or gongs of any kind). He described the power of friendships, the value of the principles of the 4 way test, and the pleasure that comes from acceptance, friendships, and working to serve a community.

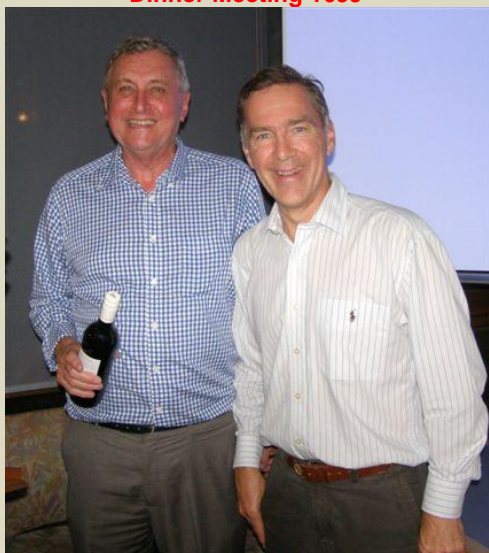
**JANICE VIRGIN** (Our first non Rotarian PHF) started her relationship with Rotary in 1969 as a 15-year-old chosen as a Rotary Exchange student and sent to a club in Oregon. The club was a large club (with a waiting list of people wanting to join), and it proved a wonderful learning experience. Janice quickly learnt to be part of the INTERACT CLUB at her school – it had the coolest dudes in the school participating! She learned quickly from inspiring guest speakers, her travel experiences, and the public speaking opportunities Rotary provided.

Later, Janice was delighted to support David when he was asked to join Rotary, and between them they have enjoyed many wonderful experiences. She has particularly appreciated their involvement with Exchange Students (described hosting Yuko as an example), her family role with the Kenya Orphanage, and the personal impact and positive influence Rotary has given their lives.

**DAVID VIRGIN (PHF)** joined Rotary 30 years ago as the third youngest member – now 30 years on he is still the third youngest member! He described the impact of Rotary on the whole family, and the values imparted to family members. He described the power of programs such as RYLA, RYPEN and Youth Exchanges and the pleasure he had gained in supporting Youth. Rotary had provided him with a wealth of memorable experiences (does anyone remember the skit where the wives of Rotarians bared their bellies to become the 7 dwarfs?

*Recorder Peter Manuel*

**Dinner Meeting 1699**



*Andrew Benson (Chairperson) with Philip Shaw (Guest Speaker)*

Our guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay on April 11<sup>th</sup> was Philip Shaw the husband of one of our members Marilyn Shaw. Philip gave an account of his life story with special emphasis on his time spent as a boy in what is now known as Zimbabwe but then was Southern Rhodesia.

Philip was born in the U. K. in 1946. His father was a Rector in a Parish Church in the Cotswolds.

Not long after Philip was born his father decided to become a Missionary in Africa and so, in 1947 the family moved to Rhodesia with father as priest in charge of a mission, the Daramombe mission, with the family living in a mud-brick house with thatched roof & no ceiling, quite a change from living conditions back in the U.K.

At the time Rhodesia, as it was called then, was fully self-governing state part of the British Commonwealth with population of 3 million - only about 250,000 of whom were white.

Philip's father didn't stop at being a Missionary. His nickname was "A fix-er-upper of things properly". He always seemed to be having rows & moving on. The peripatetic family lived in 9 places in 15 years. Father not only was doing missionary work but also at times was a building instructor, a health inspector of cattle and a

## Commissioner of Inquiry.

Meantime Philip, as soon as he could remember was leading a free idyllic outdoor life with plenty of adventure - all the things that boys of his age would love to be able to do but are for various reasons are unable.

However, by the end of the 1950s there were ominous signs in the country with riots, political unrest & the upsurge of African Nationalism suggested to the father that the family must travel once again this time to Australia where they arrived in 1961. At the time, Philip - now 15 years old - could not see the point of leaving such a lovely place & was a reluctant emigrant.

In 1966, while on holiday in New Zealand Peter met his future wife, Marilyn. Queensland was his home after that followed by moving to South Australia in 1983 & Victor Harbor in 2006.

Peter emphasises now how totally Australian he is - and proud of it

*Reporter Brian Rodan*

### DINNER MEETING 1693



**Jerry and Briony Casburn**

**District Conference and District Matters**

**Thursday 21st February**

Jerry and Briony are members of the Unley Rotary Club. They provided us with information about themselves, the District Conference and plans for the future.

#### BRIONY:

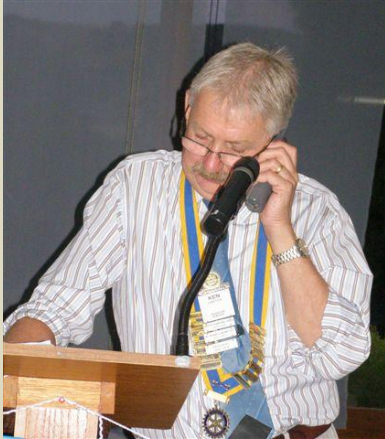
- A dinkie die, heritage listed 7th Generation Aussie
- Has two children and three grandchildren
  - Army wife for 20 years
  - Worked in retail all her life
- Worked for Que Design (Melbourne and Adelaide) as manager
  - Goldmark Jewellers in Melbourne and Queensland
  - Worked also for Susanne and Katies
- Owned business for 20 years - imported kids clothing from Indonesia under her own label
- In top 6 in Australia for throwing events (Javelin, discus etc) before having children
- Winner of gold and silver medals in the National Masters and State Championship in 5 events with 2 records.
  - ROTARY: joined Unley club 2012
  - Works with the thrift shop (revamping it)
  - Community Service Director 2012/13

#### JERRY:

- Joined St Ives Rotary in 1991
- Served on most Board positions (except Treasurer)
  - Moved to Unley 2005
- President of Unley club for 2 years 2008 - 2010
- Assistant Governor for group 5 2010 - 2012
- Nominated to go to Future Leaders seminar in 2012
- Successfully applied for DGE position for 2005-6
  - DGN this year and District Secretary
- Is enjoying the unique DNA of each club visited.

The talks were delivered with good humour and were enjoyed by all.

*Ken Buckley Reporter.*



**DINNER MEETING 1692**

**ANNUAL BOAT RAFFLE DRAW**

**Thursday 14th February**

DRAWN 14TH FEB 2013: 8200 TICKETS SOLD: PROFIT \$12.037

**WINNER 4394: ADAM MULLINS** FROM PORT LINCOLN (Boat Package)

**SECOND PRIZE 8110: ODETTE DAVIDSON** (Sealink return travel of Standard vehicle and 2 people to KI).

**THIRD PRIZE 7342: BILL MALONEY** (Dinner at Parliament House for 2 with MP)

**DINNER MEETING 1691**

**Ian Carmen**

**"Climate Change"**

**Thursday 7th**



**February**

Ian Carmen, a Rotarian from the Magill Sunrise Club, was the guest speaker at Dinner Meeting 1691. He spoke about Climate Change.

Referring to official records he cited evidence to indicate that ice caps have decreased markedly recently and that sea levels are continuing to rise. For example since 1993 the rates of sea level rise to the north and the north west of Australia have been 7-11mm per year, two to three times the global average.

Similarly sea temperatures have had a greater than average rise (although those that swim at Port Elliot in winter may dispute that!). He said that while some of these phenomena may be part of a long term natural climate change there are indications that man has some contribution to the situation.

He spoke about climate change being a moral issue as huge population growth coupled with increased quality of life aspirations of this huge population caused the destruction and depletion of natural carbon "sinks" by deforestation and acidification of the oceans.

His talk was very illuminating, and at the same time sobering as club members considered the world that their grandchildren will inherit.

*Ken Carter reporter*

**Dinner Meeting 1690**

**31st January 2013 Roger Sanderson**  
**Urimbirra Restaurant**



Roger Sanderson, General Manager from the Victor Harbor Golf Club talked to members about his experience working in various industries. These included Television, Mining, the Arts, public sector and private consulting and the colourful and famous persons that he had the pleasure of meeting and or working with. He also talked about his youth growing up in the bush that quite a few members related as they had similar backgrounds. Roger concluded with an update of happenings at the Victor Harbor Golf Club and its future plans. *Ken Buckley reporter*

**Dinner Meeting 1686**

**20th December 2012 CHRISTMAS EVENT at**  
**the HOTEL VICTOR**

Dinner meeting 1686 was our Christmas meeting for 2012.

Guests were Matthew and Tim Carter, and 2007/08 Exchange Student Emma Jalonen from Sweden who gave the meeting a brief talk on the happenings since returning home,





The first two years were at High School, then a gap year which included travel to Europe and USA, then last year at University.

Emma said she very much appreciated her year in Australia and suggested there should be more Exchanges.

The 200 Club draw was won by Peter Schirmer and the special \$100 draw won by Des Schirmer.

Entertainment was provided with Christmas Inky Pinkys and a Cryptic Clue Mystery Parcel and finished with carol singing led by Barry and Accompanied on the Guitar by Barrey.

*Reporter: Ken Buckley*

### **Dinner Meeting 1684**

**6th December 2012**



**Guest Speaker  
Shirley Tamm**

**Shirley Tamm** has worked in the travel Industry for over 30 years. She was State Manager of Trafalgar Tours for 14 years, and more recently she has worked for Great Southern Rail promoting the romance and enjoyment of train travel on these iconic trains. She has been a retail agent for the SeaLink group and has packaged a wide range of ESCORTED TOURS.

Shirley introduced the club to the **2013 Escorted tours** that we might consider individually or as a club, and clarified for us the service levels we could expect travelling **Platinum, Gold or Red classes by rail**. She illustrated the difference with photographs and slides as she discussed the potential options as we travel by rail. The following **escorted tours** were also presented to us:

**South Australian Highlights** - commencing 5th April 2013 - 9 nights (Adelaide, Murray River, Barossa, Clare Valley, KI and Victor Harbor. (\$3271 pp, single \$4149).

**Spectacular Australia** - Commencing 9th June 2013 - 16 nights (The Ghan, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Darwin, Litchfield, Broome, Perth, Indian Pacific (\$7237 pp, \$8998 single)

**Winter Sun Escape** - Commencing 20 July 2013 - 13 nights (Townsville, Magnetic Island, Tilt train, Cairns, Kuranda Scenic railway, Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Mary River, Litchfield (\$6552 pp, \$8505 single)

**Springtime Wildflowers in WA** - Commencing 10th Oct 2013 - 14 nights (Indian Pacific, Perth, Fremantle, Kalbarri, Monkey Mia, Geraldton, Margaret River, Pemberton, Albany, Wave Rock. (\$6540 pp, \$7575 single)

Further details are available phone 1300 799 342 or through Australian Holiday Centre. Our club is welcome to structure an itinerary for an escorted tour with Shirley.

*Reporter P Manuel*

### **Guest Speaker: Colin McDonald**

**Dinner Meeting 1682  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012**

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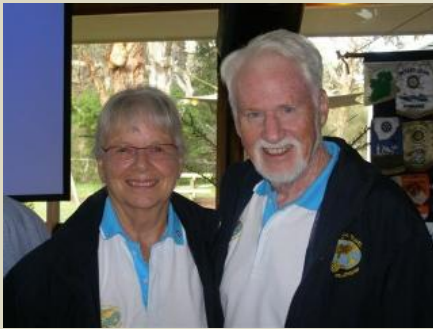
Colin is probably best known for his presentation of insightful Classical Music on ABC FM radio. As guest speaker he traced forward the history of radio from the first transmission broadcast in July 1932 to the current day and looked in particular the role of the ABC over the years. It was a fascinating journey, and one of the best talks we have received as a club.

Colin talked about the influence of the Italian Marconi who as early as 1896 was able to send signals via a radio wave. Many did not believe this possible even after public demonstrations on the Salisbury Plains in England. He set up his wireless technology on the Isle of Wright with a focus on wireless telegraph, and wisely patented his scheme. The advent of war hastened the development of wireless telegraphy especially as the navy needed a sophisticated communication system. By 1912 people were required to purchase a license to operate a wireless. By 1915 wireless was a tool for war. By 1924 A and B class licenses were introduced. By 1928 270,000 homes were licensed to receive radio. The ABC was born in 1929, and the first broadcast was May 17<sup>th</sup> 1932. The studios used large gramophones (with horns) for music, which was played and transmitted via a microphone



## Meeting 1680

8th November 2012



**Guest Speakers - Glenda & Rodger Hedley**

arrangement.

The initial focus was music and talks, followed soon after by sports. The ABC operated under strict guidelines until recent years. Language was strictly monitored, as was subject matter. Even comedy was unable to use words like *damn*, *hell* or even *ruddy*. Colin illustrated his fascinating talk with 'sound grabs' taken over the years. It was a journey to remember.

### **Subject – International Travel & Hosting Fellowship**

Glenda & Rodger are both members of the Rotary Club of Norwood – combined have 55 years of Rotary Service.

The I.T.H.F. was officially recognized by Rotary in 1989.

If you enjoy meeting overseas Rotarians and enjoy hosting them in your own home – it is for you.

The I.T.H.F. offers Rotarians and partners the opportunity to make friends with Rotarians in other countries.

The I.T.H.F. has an annual general meeting at each R.I. Convention.

News is by a quarterly newsletter.

New member membership is \$75 for three years, renewal \$55 for three years.

There are 73 countries in the International Travel & Hosting Fellowship.

For more information go to Web site: [www.ithf.org](http://www.ithf.org)

*Reporter Ken Buckley*

## **RYLA REPORT FOR 2012.**

**MEETING 1679  
RYLA PARTICIPANTS REPORT BACK  
1st November 2012**



**LAURA MCLEOD**

Laura McLeod who was nominated last year as our Awardee was unable to attend in 2011 but was invited to go to this year's seminar. Pat Taggart who was this year's awardee also attended the RYLA Seminar at Woodhouse this year.

RYLA seminar was first held in Brisbane on 2nd May 1960 and became a world wide project in 1998.

The program's aim is to:

- \*build on the leadership of the participants
- \*encourage them to further develop their own skills, talents and abilities;
- \*remind participants of their responsibilities to their communities and to the world.

Listening to the talk given by Laura and Pat certainly demonstrated the effectiveness of these aims. They spoke of their expectations of the program which were fully fulfilled as they listened to lectures, became involved in group discussions and activities designed to help grow the group. Both young people recognized the growth that they had personally made during the week as they learned skills in goal setting, leadership skills such as communication, building networks, problem solving and



**PAT TAGGART**

having a positive approach to life.

They have been able to incorporate much of what they learned into the way they will live life in their future and which they hope to make a difference in the world in which they live. *Reporter Barry Pryor.*

**MEETING 1678  
COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS MEETING.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
PHIL HOLLOW**



**Summary of Phil Hollow's talk at Combined Service Clubs Meeting**

Phil explained that there is nothing new about Marine Parks and there are some 5000 around the world with about 124 no-take zones. He also explained the difference between our coast and other countries bordering on Antarctica in that the shape of our coast leads to an ocean bowl effect with the waters in a continuous circle rather than just open waters as in other areas.

In Hawaii the introduction of sanctuary zones helped the population of Yellow Tang fish, of which 70-90% of those caught were destined for aquariums. Shell collectors have also been impacted by sanctuary zones as there is a global market in shells, particularly on eBay.

There are many changes which need to be taken into account when deciding on the merits of sanctuary zones, among them the increasing use of GPS. There was no pilchard industry 20 years ago but it is now thriving and in turn impacts on the Tuna industry.

There are also arguments for and against giant trawlers such as the recent fuss over the Abel Tasman. The question needs to be asked is it better to have one boat taking 18000 tonnes of fish or 18 boats taking 1000.

In Australia it has been proven that in Parks such as the Batemans Marine Park, fishing on the edge of sanctuary zones has improved. Sanctuary Zones also support diverse healthy ecosystems that resist alien species and provide insurance against uncertainty. They also provide refuges for reproductive purposes.

In South Australia there are 6,000 species, of which 85% are endemic. 44% of the State's waters will form 19 Marine Parks of which 6% will be no take zones. There was consultation with over 30000 people. It has been guaranteed that the maximum economic impact on the seafood industry would be 5% but this has now come in at 2.14% actual. The objective of the Marine Parks is long term rather than short term spatial management.

Phil finished his address with some words on his upcoming cycle ride from Lands End to Johnno'Groats to support cancer research by the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation. There are 5 spots left for potential riders who will ride 1600 kms in 14 days. They are aiming to raise \$70-100,000 in June next year.

*Reporter: Phil Beckett.*

## MEETING 1676

Our meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 was a **Vocational** visit to **Fleurieu Crash Repairs**, at 35 Mayfield Tce, commencing at 5:45pm.

On this rather cold evening the members were greeted by proprietors, Brenton & Meredith Abbott, with Sherries & a selection of canapés, greatly appreciated by those present.

During the tour, we learned that Brenton, having started as an apprentice in his father's business in the late 1970s, eventually started his own body shop, Fleurieu Crash Repairs, in September 1985, after Gordon retired.

Since then, Fleurieu Crash Repairs have been moving from strength to strength. Starting with just Brenton and Gordon (who had come out of a very short retirement to help his son build the business), they managed to put on a new apprentice every year, eventually building up to a team of seven.

The business had a major expansion in 2008 growing from 1000sqm to 3300sqm. This has resulted in a greater storage area for damaged vehicles, expansion of the workshop and undercover areas, and an upgrade of the office and reception areas. As registered O'Brien agents, customers now have a warm, inviting space to enjoy while they wait for windscreen repairs. With son Ben now also part of the business, this completes 3 generations at Fleurieu Crash Repairs. I found the painting booth & oven very interesting & noted that, unlike the manufacturer painting the body shell, having an oven temp of 90°C to bake the paint, a repairer can only heat to 70°C because of the associated plastic components still on the car.

We also learned that only about 10% of repairers are keeping up with training & by the team at Fleurieu Crash maintaining ongoing training, they are now the most accredited SA repairers south of Darlington. Also during the tour, member's questions gave us an insight to the challenges facing a modern & up-to-date Crash Repairer, with some details of the cost of the major tools required & the 'interesting' interaction with insurance companies.

On returning to Urimbirra, **Brenton Abbott** was our guest speaker showing us 3 videos. 2 demonstrating highly sophisticated repairing tools & another on crash testing, demonstrating the importance of having a correctly fitted windscreen. His presentation ended after a lengthy question time.

**Brenton's email quote states:**

"Ability is what you're capable of doing...

Motivation determines what you do...

Attitude determines how well you do it."

*Reporter: Bob Sedunary.*



**Rotary Meeting 1676  
VOCATIONAL VISIT  
"FLEURIEU CRASH REPAIRS"  
11th October 2012**

GUEST SPEAKER:  
BRENTON ABBOTT

## MEETING 1674

**David Virgin** was our guest speaker on 27th September - and what a compelling message he gave. He gave a social and political appraisal of the activities he and family members witnessed in Kenya and in Ethiopia. For most this was an eye-opener as we saw the various cultural influences and witnessed the colourful but land-bound nation. The following points were highlighted.

### KENYA

The New Life Africa International (NLAI) school in Nakuru, Kenya was the first topic that David Virgin discussed. The School now has 500 students in uniforms and these students are being provided 2 meals a day. Great learning is taking place at the school in very substandard school buildings but the educational results for these students from the slums is outstanding.

NLAI has a new project in the form of a nursery school at the Nakuru City Dump Site. These 60 very young students are learning with a very structured educational program, they also wear uniforms and are given 2 meals a day.

This is a vast contrast to their spending their day on the dump site

David, Janice & Shari Virgin give generously of their personal time to work with The New Life Africa International School in Nakuru, Kenya

### ETHIOPIA

A brief history of Ethiopia was given by David. This highlighted the many tribes, languages, and cultures.

The visit to the famous town of Lalibela (Named after the 12th Century King of Ethiopia) and highlighted the beautiful churches carved out of rock in the 1200's. These churches, are still being used by the Coptic Christians today



**Guest Speaker  
David Virgin**

**Rotary Meeting 1674  
27th September 2012**



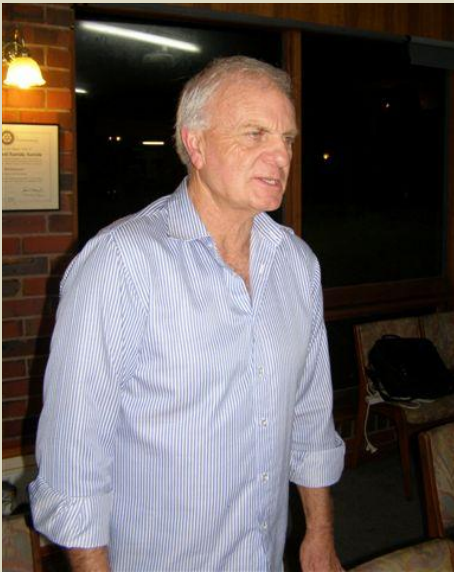
A 4 day trek around the mountain escarpments highlighted the reality of the harshness of rural life for many Ethiopians .

A weeklong visit to Southern Ethiopia near the Kenyan border showed the vast differences between the very traditional tribes in the South Omo River area. Body painting, tattooing, body decorating with beads, and lip and ear piercing were common sights.

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*Reporters: Janice Virgin and Brian Rodan.*

**Rotary Meeting 1673  
20th September 2012**



Phil Hollow  
**"Land's End to John-o-Groats"**

**From Land's End to John O'Groats Cancer Cycle Challenge**

At this stage, 20 cycle riders of all ages, male & female, with different riding capabilities will endeavour to ride the length of Great Britain - that is from Land's End to John O'Groats. This ride is to happen in June of next year in the Northern summer.

Prior to the trip, every rider of the group will have already raised in Australia, \$2500.00 each for cancer research. The riders will be taking part in the Flinders Medical Centre U. K. Cancer Cycle Challenge of 2013 and will be cycling 1600 kilometres end to end in 14 days

Our Guest Speaker, Phil Hollow, who will be one of the participants in the race, gave an account of the proposed race & the work of the Flinders Medical Centre Cancer Foundation

Phil Hollow, who is a former members of the Encounter Bay Rotary Club issued an open invitation to club members to join him in the venture .

Over the years many of Phil's family and friends have been stricken with cancer

Phil asked the members to consider the following points

- (1) Consider how healthy your lifestyle is .
- (2) Ensure you get regular health checkups.
- (3) Encourage your family members & friends to do the same.
- (4) Appreciate the great work the Flinders Medical Centre does.
- (5) Consider supporting the work of the F. M. C. Foundation

*Reporter Brian Rodan*

**Rotary Meeting 1672 13th September**



**2012**  
Ian Warner - Foundation Member and guest speaker

**33rd BIRTHDAY MEETING**

The club celebrated its 33rd birthday at meeting 1672.

President Ken read from the club history book, "From Bradley to Buckley", to describe the process of the formation of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay in 1979.

Charter member Ian Warner shared some memories of earlier times as he described some of the events of the club.

A birthday cake decorated with "Rotary Club of Encounter Bay 33 years" was cut by Ian Warner and another long time member Reg Arnold, while the members sang Happy Birthday.

Reg then went on to outline some of the projects in which the club had been involved over the past 33 years. These included Fun Runs, Pool Parties, Youth Exchange, Petticoat Lane fundraiser for the hospital and combining with other service clubs to erect a bridge over the Inman River.

The evening ended with the traditional raffle appropriately won by Ian Warner.

*Reporter Ken Carter*



Reg Arnold - guest speaker

## RYDA Planning well underway.

Paul Jenkins was the club guest speaker at dinner meeting 1670. He told his moving story of how a few seconds in-attention can have life-time consequences for individuals and families. His well received talk will be repeated in September to students involved in RYDA training (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

**Rotary Meeting 1670  
30th August 2012**



**Guest Speaker  
PAUL JENKINS**

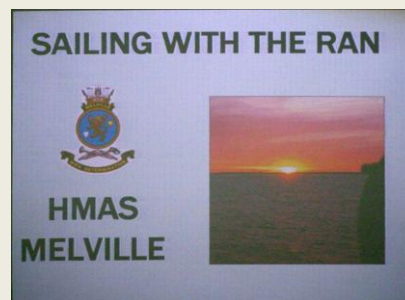
- *Paul was the Colts full forward for the South Gawler (Lions) football Club. He was an uncanny shot for goal and possessed outstanding potential for the future. Many in his club believed he would one day play league football.*
- *After the preliminary final match he decided to go to Elizabeth to watch a league game with another colt who had had his drivers license for only a few weeks. The car rolled about four times and Paul was seriously injured, receiving a fractured skull. At eleven o'clock that night his condition deteriorated necessitating an emergency operation during which a large blood clot was removed from the left side of his brain. Paul was unconscious for more than six months, did not talk for eight months, and was hospitalised for thirteen months.*
- *Two years of rehabilitation, a series of working periods in sheltered workshops plus much love and care from his parents, Tasma and the late Stan Jenkins, saw gradual improvement. Paul's right side and co-ordination are severely affected and he only retains half sight in one eye.*
- *He now works with the Blind Society and participates competitively in their national games. His successes include a gold medal for weightlifting and a silver for swimming. Paul was for many years our A Grade timekeeper, a task to which he was totally dedicated. He was rewarded with Life Membership in 1985 for his contribution to the Club. His determination, courage and will to win still shines through. Deservedly he has earned the respect of every Lion.*

**Meeting 1669 Chairman Pam Emmett with Guest Speaker Marilyn Shaw**



**MEETING OF 24th AUGUST  
Urimbirra.**

**SUMMARY OF TALK ON 'SAILING WITH THE RAN'.**



Our Guest Speaker for Meeting 1669 was fellow Encounter Bay Club Rotarian, Marilyn Shaw.

Marilyn and her husband Phil recently sailed as guests for 6 nights on HMAS Melville which their son Cameron was serving on at that time

As a Surveying Ship, HMAS Melville has a company of 46, and Marilyn gave details on the ship; explained what Maritime Geospace is; the duties of a Maritime Warfare Officer, and showed slides of their voyage.

The journey included two shore visits; one at the tip of Cape York at the northern-most point of the Australian continent, and the other to Lizard Island, a beautiful remote tropical paradise.

There were many interesting insights into life at sea with the navy, including an explanation of the sleeping arrangements and the "Empty Space"!

The trip was a huge success, a very special and memorable experience for Marilyn & Phil and all members present enjoyed learning about the work of the navy and hearing the adventures they had.

**Derek McIlroy**

**McIlroy Motors Vocational Visit**

Derek

Showroom



Showroom

**MEETING OF THE 10th AUGUST.**

The club was able to visit the new McIlroy Auto Group's premises on the Adelaide Road and were impressed by its multiple features and innovative use of personnel. They included:

- T-shaped design to cater for the three different franchises, viz., Mitsubishi, Hyundai and Toyota, each of which demanded their own peculiar features
- A state of the art car-wash using recycled water with only a 5% loss rate and drawing upon the 90,000 litre rain water storage
- Three diagnostic computers adjacent to the work-shop, with one for each manufacturer. They are also able to load the latest engine management software to each vehicle's computer
  - Benchless workshop bays
  - A workshop scheduler/controller
- A full-time quality controller who checks and drives each vehicle at the end of service and who provides feed-back to the technician
- A parts room that prepares all parts for jobs listed for the next day
- An oil room which pipes 5 common grades of lubricant to each service bay
  - Exhaust fume extraction
  - Evaporative air-conditioning
- Floors that are sealed with an easy to clean epoxy coating



- A tyre shop
- Appointment –based servicing and as a consequence an in-house taxi service for customers
- Staff lunch room
- Staff training and seminar space

After adjourning to the Victor Harbor Golf Club for dinner, Derek expanded upon his philosophy of life and business. Both he and partner Kirsty hold a number of fundamental beliefs that underpin their business. They include a belief that:

- Word of mouth advertising is best
- Old fashioned service is essential
- One should aim to fix the problem
- Complaints are an opportunity to learn and change
- Volunteering and support of community is important
- Friendship and loyalty are to be valued
- Reputation is everything

Derek also concluded his remarks by making some interesting predictions about the future of the Australian car manufacturing industry which he sees as continuing to decline as volumes shrink and losses climb. His positive outlook sees this contraction as an opportunity for re-training of the Australian work force into high order technology jobs.

It was an impressive night, with the club appreciative of the work that Derek and Kirsty have put into the business and community. Members are also appreciative of the work that Kevin Sorrel put into organising such an excellent vocational evening.

**Recorder: Peter Francis**

**Chris Halstead**



**Meeting of August 2nd 2012**

### **About Chris Halstead**

Spent his early years in Blackwood and doing many things including lots of overseas adventures before getting into study at the University of SA.

He has worked with what is now called the Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources since 1987 when after Uni he started as a ranger at Southend in the South East.

From there Chris transferred to Kangaroo Island where he managed Flinders Chase National Park until 1993 when he became the District Ranger based at Victor Harbor.

Chris has had a range of positions since then including the early development of Marine Parks and a short time managing parks in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

During 2005 he took up a position within the Visitor Management Branch of the Department focussing on South Australian trails including developing plans and strategies for the Heysen Trail, cycling and other walking trails.

In 2010 he took up a 14 month position as Operations Manager for the Kokoda Track Foundation, a position based in Port Moresby and funded by the Australian Government.

Chris returned from PNG to a Department that had undergone a major restructure and now is busy developing management plans for parks with a focus on those under co-management agreements with the Aboriginal traditional owners with the Flinders Ranges National Park taking up most of my time.

Chris lives here in Victor with Heather and daughter Freya with my eldest daughter Anja in Adelaide at Uni forging her own life path.

Chris clears out the cobwebs and try to keep fit sea kayaking around the bay every Saturday morning.

*"Chris Halstead was our guest speaker last Thursday evening. He has worked with the Department of the Environment on several trails throughout SA and in 2010 was given the opportunity of working on establishing community links with the inhabitants of villages along the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea, working with both the PNG and Australian Governments .*

*He talked about the dangers and challenges of working and living in the area. There are about 20 villages along the track, mostly accessible only by foot or helicopter and it was hoped that these communities could improve their livelihoods with their increased contact with trekkers traversing the track, by doing such things as providing food and shelter and handicrafts for sale.*

*Chris spoke about his adventures, exploring World War Two battlefields, dealing with local issues and coping with natural hazards such as being bogged during thunderstorms and flying into steep valleys to visit small villages.*

*His talk was appreciated by the members who were keen to find out more about his adventures."*

(reporter Ken Carter)

#### Meeting of 19th July 2012



**Elise Turri and Donna Perry**

were the Encounter Bay Rotary Club's representatives at our District's Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

They are pictured here with Stewart Leggett - chairperson for the evening.

#### RYPEN REPORT

**Elise Turri and Donna Perry** were the Encounter Bay Rotary Club's representatives at our District's Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

They reported very eloquently their experiences and gains from the time they spent at Woodhouse in April. The program was drawn up by the District Committee and based on personal and social development. The aim was to increase each participant's self esteem and leadership potential.

They spoke of the Friday evening's program where they were allocated a place in a group and were given the opportunity to get to know each other through various activities such as making a banner to represent their group.

Saturday morning they had workshops where speakers lead them to think about problem solving, goal setting and leadership. All the activities and games were designed to enhance the workshop experiences.

Rain dampened the challenges that they were to face in the outdoor obstacle course but the inventive leadership found some indoor activities that stretched them.

It was obvious that they had gained from the sessions on public speaking from their articulate reports. Both of our representatives believed that they had gained further confidence in themselves that would help them make good choices as they live in the complex society.

They both thanked the club and all those who supported them so that they could experience this program of enlightenment. Rotarian Stewart Leggett congratulated each, and presented them with certificates of participation.

*Recorder Barry Pryor.*



**KEN CARTER**  
Club President 2012-2013

Gives his policy directions at the Changeover Dinner.

**30th June 2012.**

## **President's Address Changeover 2012**

It is obviously a great honour to be installed as President of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, and I am feeling quite overawed at the moment.

My first official duty as President is to unfurl the Rotary International Theme banner for this year. This year the International President is Sakuji Tanaka of Japan and his theme is *Peace Through Service*. I think the banner is particularly beautiful this year and I will be very proud to have it on display at our meetings. The theme is wonderful and if this motto could be adopted and acted upon world wide what a wonderful world we would have. Peace through service!

Rotary is a great organisation and has achieved huge things over its life.

Remember that Rotary is really many clubs world wide with members just like ours who just want to make a difference in this world and to do that in friendship and fellowship with each other.

I am, as I know you are, proud to be a Rotarian and especially proud to be a member of this club - the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay.

I am proud and at the same time humbled to become the leader of this club.

I would like to thank all members for the confidence and support that they have shown in encouraging me to take on this role and I hope that this time next year all will feel that the confidence was well founded.

During this year I would like to work on the three C's - **Communication, Commitment and Cooperation.**

**Communication** between members, to the public and within the Rotary Organisation.

**Commitment** to Rotary, to our club and to our community.

**Cooperation** between our club and other community organisations and clubs.

It is important to get Rotary's name out to the public to let people know our achievements and to attract more people to become members and to share in our wonderful Rotary lifestyle and friendship.

Once more I would like to thank our club members for their support, especially Bob for his friendship and tutoring during my apprenticeship and for passing on to me a vibrant and positive club. Thanks Bob.





**ADELE PIERRE**  
**Guest Speaker**

Thursday 21st June 2012

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Adele who had her final visit to our club for the year, pending her final presentation to a combined meeting on 4th July at the Victor Harbor Golf Club.

Adele has been staying with the Shierlaws and has been travelling extensively over the past months.

She has been camping in Alligator Gorge, visiting Tasmania for a week – not to mention the “Grand Tour”. She has travelled the Great Ocean Road, visiting the Glenelg River and had a second trip to the Flinders.

At school, it has not been particularly academic but she has enjoyed marine studies and playing with the Concert Band.

On the Grand Tour, she travelled with the other exchange students from Sydney, snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, climbing Uluru, visiting Coober Pedy (and the Underground) swimming with dolphins (unplanned!) and meeting new friends.

On her return, she has been camping with young children was a great experience.

In the future, she plans to study Anthropology. The best thing about Oz? The friendly people. The worst? The cost of everything.

Sharing the sponsorship did not cause any issue but Adele did not get to know people in the Victor Harbor Club as well as she spent a great deal of time travelling.

President Bob expressed our club’s pleasure at being able to host Adele.