



### **President's Report 2012-2013**

It has always been said that your year as president rushes by and I cannot believe that it has been twelve months since changeover night at the Hotel Crown. During the last twelve months I have really enjoyed my position as president. The members and friends of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay are so supportive, so dependable and such good people to be around that it makes the job of leader an absolute pleasure.

We have enjoyed an excellent year of service both to our local community, and to the wider national and international community.

At the beginning of the Rotary Year I said that I wanted to concentrate on the three C's – Communication, Commitment and Co-operation. – and I believe that this club has shown that it has embraced these concepts. Most members are familiar with the club website and use it effectively to keep in touch with club happenings, there have been excellent attendances at club events and meetings and members have co-operated efficiently to keep the club functioning well.

I was very proud to present the club's inaugural Wally Bradley Award in December. This award was created in conjunction with the Fleurieu Community Foundation to support a young person who shows initiative and commitment in their field of training but may be experiencing difficulty in continuing their studies due to disadvantage or hardship. I presented the first award to Andrea Mills who is a very worthy recipient. She has continually expressed her gratitude to the club and has kept in touch during her studies and even attended a meeting to demonstrate her skills.

There have been members who have been willing to extend their Rotary experiences beyond the club and we have had Encounter Bay members taking part in inter club visits, District Assembly, District Training days, the Foundation Dinner, the Combined Services Club Dinner, Rotary Leadership Institute, Calperum Station activities and the District Conference as well as many members "making up" at clubs around the country and around the world.

I would like to sincerely thank all the board members who have met regularly and kept the club informed about issues and events.

Our club has been busy with community service activities under the able directorship of Brenton Abbott. He has kept in touch with many local organisations and has furnished the board with information about projects ranging from assisting with the Victor Harbor and Franklin Island triathlons to delivering flowers to nursing home residents on Mothers' Day and cleaning up a back yard for an elderly citizen.

Club service is always a big portfolio and this year it has been in the very capable hands of incoming president Gill Houlihan. She and her subcommittees have kept the club functioning efficiently.

Michael Kelly has organised an interesting and varied programme for weekly meetings while Peter Manuel continues to work tirelessly on our wonderful website which almost won the district award for the second time. The fundraising team under Graham Brown ran another successful Boat Raffle and wine sale and we enjoyed some great social fellowship events including bowls night at Port Elliot, a weekend away in Clare and a combined meeting with Victor Harbor at Tim and Kate Sheirlaw's house.

Although we lost 2 members during the year we were able to introduce 4 new members into the club, Brian and Velma Jones and Phil and Jackie Walsh and these new Rotarians are enjoying the fellowship and opportunity for service that Rotary offers.

Kevin Sorrell looked after the Vocational portfolio this year and through his efforts we have been able to experience such things as a visit to the new Toyota / Mitsubishi / Hyundai dealership, have a tour of Urimbirra Fauna Park and hear from several vocational guest speakers.

International Service is always a broad spectrum portfolio and this year Marilyn Shaw has made sure the club is aware of the international aspect of Rotary. She is also RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd) chair for Promotions & Marketing in the Central Region which consists of Districts 9500 & 9520, and she was able to bring her expertise and knowledge to her club portfolio.

Our club has always prided itself on its support for youth and this year Peter Francis chaired the New Generations Committee with confidence. We sent two students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) courses and a further two to RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) courses as well as coordinating the RYDA (Rotary Young Driver Awareness Scheme). Peter also served on the district youth exchange committee and was therefore able to bring a wider understanding to the club.

Secretary Phil Beckett has made sure that all the reports, agendas and activities are completed successfully and I would like to thank him for his efficiency and constancy in this demanding position.

Likewise our treasurer, Alan Kluske has looked after our club funds and his sage advice is always well received by the board. His long experience in our club is appreciated and respected.

I would also like to sincerely thank Immediate Past President Bob Sedunary. He has been a fount of knowledge and advice to me and has always been understanding and approachable.

We have been fortunate, too, to have an Assistant Governor in our club. Past President Deidre Hughes has always been a great support and a great link to the wider Rotary world. It was great to see her presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship at the last Changeover dinner.

Long term member, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow, Mike Price deservedly received his first

Sapphire Pin at the same dinner.

I would also like to sincerely thank my wife Kathy for her unceasing support during this year. She has shown that she has shared my enjoyment of the year even through hosting board meetings, putting up with Rotary clutter and fielding late night phone calls. We both thank the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay for the friendship and support that has been shown to us, not just during my presidential year but through all my years as a club member.

Now all that remains is to congratulate Gill Houlihan on being elected to lead our club through 2013-14 and I hope that she enjoys the experience as much as I have.

**Ken Carter**

President 2012-2013



**ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY BOARD 2012-13**

President Ken Carter

President Elect and Vice President Gill Houlihan

Treasurer Alan Kluske

Secretary Phil Beckett

Immediate Past President Bob Sedunary

Club Service Director Gill Houlihan

Community Service Director Brenton Abbott

International Service Director Marilyn Shaw

Vocational Service Director Kevin Sorrell

New Generations Director Peter Francis

# CLUB SERVICE

DIRECTOR:  
GILLIAN HOULIHAN



## ANNUAL REPORT CLUB SERVICE 2012/2013

It is with great pleasure that I am once again presenting the annual report as director of Club Service. There is a lot to be said for filling the same position consecutively over two years. The first year is a practise run and the second year you can put into practice what you practiced in the first year.

Once again I have had the privilege of working with a great team of active Rotarians and I have learned a lot about both Rotary and the avenues of service through some very hard working members.

The first area that springs to mind when looking at Club Service is the portfolio of **fund raising**.

I would like to acknowledge the very hard working Graham Brown for the energy, dedication and long hours that he has put into running the boat raffle. This has run smoothly and through both Graham and Carole Brown's dedication to this they made sure that the boat raffle was always out on the street, even if no other members were able to fill the roster. This year we added several new venues for the sale of tickets, including the Farmer's Market, the Compass Cup, Woolworths, The "Auto swap meet" and Goolwa. The final amount raised through the raffle was over \$12,000. Other fundraising activities included the very successful Garage Sale coordinated by Des Schirmer, which added \$3500 to the coffers, Wine Sales to members organised by Graham Brown added \$1000, The 200 club organised by Brian and Mike also added another \$650 to the kitty as did the "Guess Who's coming to Dinner" organised by Peter Manuel.

The club also became the proud owner of 200 chairs suitable for hiring out to the community, thus giving us another avenue for fundraising. These will be ably looked after by "The chairman", Brian Heyes.

**Fellowship** this year has been enjoyed on a variety of occasions. Ian Warner organised the annual caravan excursion to Clare, a great venue which offered great food, great wine and great fellowship. Bloke's cooking took on a Christmas theme, with members making Christmas Cakes, Whiskey puddings and fruit mince pies. Some members also used this opportunity to make puddings to sell on the stall, to raise money for the New Life Africa School. Whilst puddings cooked we made pizzas and enjoyed the opportunity to inspect the facilities at the new Industrial kitchen at the High School.

The club also combined with Victor Harbor Rotary Club to enjoy a Barbecue and bush dance at Tim Shierlaw's home. The club also acknowledged and celebrated our Paul Harris Fellows on the dinner meeting nearest Paul Harris's birth date. Mike Kelly as **program manager** organised excellent guest

speakers and ensured that members enjoyed varied dinner meeting programs.

The **membership** team, ably led by Deidre Hughes inducted four new members into the club this year. We welcome Velma and Brian Jones and Jaqui and Phil Walsh, and look forward to their contributions to our club. Sadly we accepted Michael Harris's resignation and with this our membership number has climbed to 45. It is at this stage that we also acknowledge the sad passing of one of our Foundation members. Ian Catt was an active member until poor health led to his resignation two years ago.

Peter Manuel has continued to be our **webmaster** and produces a website complete with weekly updates and bulletins. The quality of this web site reflect's Peter's interest in maintaining a high level of service to the club and this has led to his position on the district committee. Bob Sedunary has also added to our **social media** in an endeavour to raise the club profile, by opening an Encounter Bay Rotary Club Facebook page, one that we are encouraged to 'like' and 'share'.

**Risk Assessment** is not always a popular position but Wilf Emmett has committed himself to both attending workshops and updating the risk assessment forms. It was during this that he unearthed the fact that the club did not have a First Aid kit. We now have a large tool kit size first aid kit for major functions and also a soft pack personal kit for smaller gatherings. These are both kept in the club box at Urimbirra where they can be easily accessed after meetings.

At this stage, mention must be made of Bob Hall's position as **club sergeant**. Not only does Bob run a well structured meeting but he also has managed to deplete the wallets of many members through his fines session. Similarly Barry Pryor has acted as club **Welfare Officer** in a manner which has seen members acknowledged if they are ill or have lost a family member.

**Attendance** has once again been competently managed by Bruce Brocklebank and Ian Riches, with our badges always turning up at our meeting no matter where it may be. Our President Ken has kept the club in the public eye as our **publicity officer** and made sure that we get good coverage in the local media.

I have enjoyed this year as the Director of Club Service as I have had the privilege to work with a great group of Rotarians.

Thank you,

Gill Houlihan

## TREASURER'S REPORT

ALAN KLUSKE



Our Club has finished the year in a healthy financial position. We have donated approximately \$23,000 to worthy causes. This may not be as much as previous years, but we have retained \$20,000 in the Business Saver account for future projects.

The cost of running our Club is a significant burden each year, which includes:

District fees \$3,401.34  
RDU Subs \$1,720.00  
R.I. Semi-annual dues \$2,373.84

### MAJOR FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Boat Raffle	\$21,024
200 Club	\$650
Guess who's coming to Dinner	\$880
Wine Sales	\$4,050
Community Raffle	\$2,260
E Waste Collections	\$390
Garage Sale	\$3,000
Triathlon volunteers	\$1,140
Fleurieu Foundation	\$1,400
Sponsorship	\$1,000
International Curry Night	\$470
New Life Africa	\$3,272
RYDA	\$1,266
Misc.	\$633
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,435</b>

### MAJOR DONATIONS MADE (\$400 AND OVER)

Australian Rotary Health	\$1,000
Christmas Hampers	\$450
Fleurieu Community Foundation	\$1,000
Flinders Medical Centre Foundation	\$500
Mothers Day Flowers	\$567
Nepal Dalit Orphanage	\$500
New Life Africa International School	\$5,000
Safe Sanitation & Water Saves Lives	\$2,000
Shelterbox Australia	\$1,000
The Rotary Foundation	\$4,000
Tri State Games	\$500
VHHS Awards	\$600
Victor Harbor High School	\$1,268
RYDA	\$2,532
RYLA	\$1,590
RYPEN	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,077</b>

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 16TH JUNE 2013

General Account	\$4,872-26
Fundraising Account	\$1,947-59
Business Saver Account	\$20,475-66



**SUMMARY provided**

**by MIKE KELLY for**

Alan Kluske

Treasurer 2012-13





Firstly I would like to thank President Ken for the opportunity to take on this portfolio during the past year. I would also like to thank members of the committee and the club for the support that has been given to me during the year.

Some of the projects and donations that have been carried out during the year are as follows:

Early in the year we donated \$500 to the Victor Sharks for their annual Tri-State Games. We have supported this event for handicapped children in previous years.

The club also received a letter from past member Phil Hollow who wanted to undertake the John O'Grates Cancer Cycle Challenge in the UK during 2013 and the club donated \$500 towards the fund raiser for the very worthwhile research being undertaken at Flinders University each year.

We had one project left over from the previous Rotary Year and that was providing a cheque for \$268 to purchase a bench for the Victor Harbor High School Special Education Unit.

The club also helped with the annual Franklin Island and Tri-State Games events during the year - helping with set up, marshalling and packing up after the events.

At Christmas time we provided a cheque for \$450 to South Coast Christian Community Care to make up 10 hampers to distribute to needy families,

We were also approached by the Victor Harbor Yacht Club to assist with the running of the national sailing titles over the Christmas to New Year period and we also had the opportunity to sell our boat raffle tickets at the same event.

This year Brian Heyes introduced the idea of giving out flowers to mothers residing in the local nursing homes on Mothers' Day. The idea was given the full support of the Board and the club at large and I would like to thank Brian for taking on the leg work of getting quotes and organising the delivery of flowers. By all reports they were greatly appreciated.

Recently the club assisted the local Zonta club assembling birthing kits in record time and on the same day we had two teams driving around Victor Harbor and surrounds picking up e-waste. Two weeks later we did another e-waste pick up with almost the same amount collected.

And to top off a very busy year we had a back yard clean-up at Erin Johnson's house, and I would like to thank Des Schirmer, Bob Hall and Bob McFarland for their invaluable help with this project and thank you to Des and Bob Hall for returning last week to spray the weeds.

Yours in Rotary,

Brenton Abbott Director 20/12/2013





#### **ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY - INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT JUNE 2013**

This is my last report for the Rotary Year, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank members of the International Committee; David Virgin, Ken Buckley, Reg Arnold and Andrew Benson, for their support during 2012-13. I appreciate very much that all are very experienced Rotarians particular in the area of International Service, and I was fortunate to receive their advice.

It was a relatively quiet year for International Service, but at the same time very successful with fund-raising and also raising awareness within the club of the tremendous breadth of work that can be undertaken to assist others less fortunate than ourselves throughout the world.

#### **Donations from the International Budget**

Our club can be proud of the financial support it has given this year to help improve the lives and living conditions of people living overseas in poverty-stricken circumstances. In addition our sponsorship of a Rotary Shelter Box will provide invaluable shelter for a family requiring disaster relief.

#### **Safe Sanitation & Water Saves Lives**

It has been suggested by senior personnel in SSWSL that our donation of \$2,000 be directed to a specific project in Taupo Mahula village, near Loes, Timor Leste. It is to refurbish some school toilets, the present sanitation being not only almost non-existent but frankly just shocking. It is proposed that the \$2,000 will be used for materials, and the labour will come from the villagers. Our club will be kept fully informed as the project progresses.

#### **Shelter Box Australia/New Zealand**

Our donation to Shelter Box of \$1,000. enables the purchase of a complete box and we will be kept informed on where and when it is sent. This will be a very rewarding exercise for our club, being able to identify the specific humanitarian contribution we have made.

#### **Nepal Orphanage for Dalit (untouchable) children**

\$500 has been sent to the managers of this project. Our donation will assist with providing a safe, secure and loving home for about 100 poor, abandoned and orphaned Dalit (untouchable) girls and boys aged 3 to 17. The Orphanage children currently attend a school that is situated near the Orphanage. Many of them are treated very poorly by students and staff of the school, due to being "untouchable" children, and subsequently they do not realise their full educational potential. This is in stark contrast to the quality care that is offered to them at the Orphanage, where they are treated with dignity and respect.

Again, our club will be kept informed of the progress made in assisting these needy children.

## **New Life Africa International School**

This continues to be the main focus of our club, through the involvement of David and Janice Virgin. David and Janice regularly visit the school and bring back to us stories of achievement and improvement within the school community. It is very heartening to get this personal feedback on the small part our club plays in helping these students.

Finally I would like to share a quote from our current Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka.

***“Today, I tell you that there is nothing at all separating us from the people we help. We are all the same. Only the circumstances surrounding us are different.”***

**Marilyn Shaw**

**Director 2012-2013**



## **New Generations Annual Report June 2013**

I would like to thank President Ken Carter for the opportunity to lead this portfolio during the past year. I would also like to thank members of the committee and the club at large for the support that it has provided in cash and time to the programmes that we have delivered. Some of those programmes are listed below.

### **Wal Bradley Award**

Wal Bradley was our founding and highly esteemed President and it was particularly pleasing that an award in Wal's name was launched early in this Rotary year at a hugely successful Quiz Night at the Encounter Bay Football Club. It will be of long-term benefit to local youth. The inaugural winner was Andrea Miles from Victor Harbor High School. We congratulate her.

### **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)**

Bob McFarland did a superlative job in leading the planning and delivery of another extremely successful Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme held on Friday 7 September 2012.

With the assistance of Rotarians from clubs of Goolwa, Yankalilla and Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay the programme was delivered to some 120 students from Yankalilla Area School and Investigator College.

Sessions were led by personnel from the RAA, SAPOL, Ambulance and local driving instructors. The "Crash Survivor" session, led by local resident Paul Jenkins, was particularly powerful as his severe disabilities resulted from a crash when he was 15 years old, which was close to that of the student audience.

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness (RYLA)**

This programme is a highly regarded leadership programme for 18-25 year olds. I am particularly pleased that we had two young people attend, viz. Laura McLeod and Patrick Taggart. Bob McFarland and I were proud to represent RCEB when attending the 2012 RYLA Graduation Dinner at the Belair Park Country Club. Patrick was been nominated as a leader for future RYLA courses and has drawn friends into the Rotary ambit.

### **Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN)**

We nominated and supported two students to participate in this programme. One was Caitlin Stone, a student from an indigenous back ground who has been active in the local Youth Action Committee and on the national stage. The other was Chenoa Frith, a very talented and resilient student. Chenoa is active in the local Army Cadet Unit and St John's.

I am proud that in concert with the school our club has enabled two such deserving young women to participate in such a high quality leadership programme as RYPEN.

## **Mock Interviews**

These have been conducted with all Year 9 students at Victor Harbor High School over a three day period. This was a huge task and I am indebted to Rotarians who gave up their time and gave freely of their expertise to join employers, Zonta members and others to deliver this programme. Feedback has been positive. Carol Mitchell, the organizing teacher coordinated a feedback session with several of the interviewers who met with the students to draw out some of the most salient points that emerged from the interviews. This information will guide the development of this year's programme which is in its nascent stages.

## **Individual Personalized Programmes (IPP)**

Lindsey Cowper from Victor Harbor High School again requested help from the RCEB members in assessing this aspect of the curriculum. Our support has been elemental to the success of this programme over several years.

The task this year was more intense as all year 11 students did this course in the second semester rather than half in Semester 1 and half in Semester 2, as was the case previously. Even so Rotarians and other community members responded to the need and provided valuable assistance to the school.

## **National Youth Summer Science Forum (NYSF)**

When applications closed with clubs on 30 May 2013, we had received documents from three students. At the time of writing this report, interviews have been scheduled, and if, as anticipated, applicants are found to be suitable, their names will be forwarded to the District NYSF Committee for a further interview on 22 July 2013.

## **Best Wishes**

In conclusion hearty best wishes to 2013-2014 President Gill Houlihan. We look forward confidently to another successful year.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR:  
KEVIN SORRELL



In 2012/13, the Club had **3 vocational visits:**

Firstly we went to McIlroy Motors where Derek & Kirsty showed us through their new business premises. After the visit, Derek was then our guest speaker at a dinner held at the Victor Harbor Golf Club.

Second visit was to member, Brenton Abbott's, Fleurieu Crash Repairs. The nibbles provided by Meredith were particularly impressive. Brenton was then our guest speaker that night talking on his business.

Last visit was to Urimbirra Wildlife Park, prior to our dinner meeting there that night. Andrew from the Park was our guide.

**Vocational guest speakers** during the year were:

Roger Sanderson, the new Manager at Victor Harbor Golf Club

Rob Woods from Victor Harbor Times.

We also had 2 evenings with **member guest speakers** who are always very interesting. These were:

Gill Houlihan - What's new in my business & Owen Stephens – Rotarian behind the Badge.

Alan Kluske - What's new in my business & Peter Francis – Rotarian behind the Badge.

**Thanks** to my committee for their support.

Kevin Sorrell

Vocational Director

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
REPORT**

**BRIAN RODAN**



**Tree Planting**

**This year we undertook tree planting on Kent Reserve. In June 2012 approximately 160 seaside native shrubs (complete with tree guards) were planted by 12 members of our club.**

**Calperum Station**

**Calperum station is a former run down sheep station situated near Renmark & Rotarians around Australia are assisting in re-vegetating the property. There were 2 visits this year by members of the Encounter Bay Rotary Club. The first was in July 2012. Three of our members - Deidre Hughes, Bob Sedunary and Brian Rodan attended as the volunteers with Judith Sedunary as cook. The second visit was in September 2012 - again with the same personnel. The latter trip was in conjunction with some members from the Brownhill Creek and Mitcham Rotary Clubs.**

**Roadside Cleanups**

**None were carried out this year, as our designated Roadside area, situated on the Adelaide Road just out of Victor Harbor, always appeared clean of rubbish!**

**Speakers**

**Ian Carman was the guest speaker at our club in early February 2013. Ian gave an update related to our knowledge of Climate Change and its effects.**

**Environmental Quiz Night**

**The quiz night on February 28th took the place of our guest speaker, Michelle Morton, who was to speak on E-Waste, but at the last moment was unable to attend. The Co-winners of the Quiz were Barrie Niven & Kevin Sorrell.**

**E-(Electronic ) Waste Collection**

**This was conducted in May 2013 as a community service. There were 44 collection sites and 68 appliances collected (Mainly Analogue Television Sets) and taken to the Goolwa Collection Waste Facility by members of our Rotary Club. This waste is then sent from the Goolwa Facility to the E Cycle Recovery Depot in Adelaide where it is dealt with in a sustainable way. The amount of money raised was \$390.00.**

**Australian Tidy Town Award**

**2013 was won by Victor Harbor. The Encounter Bay Rotary Club would like to think that we played some role in obtaining this award.**

***Brian Rodan***

