

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

Annual Report

2017 – 2018

Preamble

It is often thought that the Annual Report is a report on the achievements of the President. Nothing could be further from the truth. The achievements are those of the members of the club, the teams that develop the ideas of the members – and make them happen!

We have an active club, one that is very much part of our local community – and the global community. There are times when we can take an idea and run with it and times when we must recognise what is beyond us at the time. The club is constantly inundated with requests and suggestions – and even when pressured we have to make decisions on what we can support and what we must let go. Priorities were established even before the beginning of the year; plans were prepared and put into practice.

We have had a degree of flexibility and also established practice. We have achieved a balance and our club, The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, can be justifiably proud of what we have achieved.

It has been an honour to serve as your President.

From the President's Perspective

At the beginning of the Rotary year, I presented a plan to the members along with a proposal for a “major project”. My report will address the points outlined in those two proposals.

Major Project: Victor Harbor R-7 School Support.

This was important to me for two reasons:

1. I volunteer at the school on the annual trip to the Flinders Ranges and have seen
 - a. The number of families that struggle to find the money to give their children the opportunity to go.
 - b. The number of students who are poorly equipped to go.
2. A promise that our Club had made to the school following a fire that destroyed eight classrooms, store rooms and teaching and learning resources, including the equipment used by students for the Flinders camp. The Education Department would not replace much of the resources as they were “too old”.

The Club has supplied:

- 30 swags, supplied by Anaconda at half price.
- A heavy duty trailer for transporting equipment.
- \$12 000 towards computer equipment, replacing that which was destroyed in the fire and not replaced.

This was a total of \$25 000 overall and greatly appreciated by the students and the staff of the school.

From the Strategic Plan:

During the course of the year, some priorities changed, but the following aspects proved successful. It should be noted that more detail is to be found in Directors' Reports.

1. **New Life, Africa.** This was supported as per the plan and further supported with a District Grant. Thanks to David Virgin and Peter Manuel and the International team, led by Brenton Abbott for their work on this.
2. **Flexible Learning Options** has continued to be supported both for individuals and the programme as a whole. Thanks to Bob McFarland for his work in this area.
3. **Youth Programmes** such as the Science Forum, RYDA, etc. have continued. However, support from the schools could be greater. In some cases, getting information to the students has been problematical.
4. **Haiti Literacy Project** is a very successful project, providing Literacy training for teachers and students in Haiti, based on a book written and illustrated by Peter Manuel, whose drive has been invaluable. This project was also supported with a District Grant
5. **Wally Bradley Award** has been very successful with two awards being made this year for the first time. The Annual Quiz Night was, once again, a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. Thank you to Ken Carter and the Community team for their work here.
6. **Raising the Profile and Improving Our Knowledge of Rotary** has been ongoing, thanks to the informative articles in our Newsletter, more than ably prepared by Deidre Hughes, whom I thank for her work.
7. **Vocational Visits** have been highlight meetings for the Club. Peter Francis arranged some great visits for us. There is more information in the Director's Report. Thank you to Peter and his team for this contribution.
8. **Communication Aims** have been met with minutes being published, newsletters being circulated and meetings being effective means of communication. Feedback indicates that the Club is open and honest. However, there is still room for improvement as roles and responsibilities need to be specific and a presumption of knowledge dispelled.
9. **Membership Growth** has not been as we had hoped but members that we have lost have left the district or have health issues. However, under the leadership of our

Membership Committee, we held a very successful Information Night involving some 24 interested people and we will see where this leads us.

10. **Succession Planning** has been a successful enterprise as we have now members to fill positions for the next three years or so.
11. **Fundraising** has been successful through our management of the Port Elliot and Goolwa Wharf markets – and I am pleased to report that our licence has been approved for the next four years. Unfortunately, the weather has not been as kind to us as it has in the past, resulting in the early closure or cancellation of several markets so our income is a little down. There is more detail in the Director's report. I wish to thank Shirley Sunter and Marilyn Shaw and the team for their work in this project.
12. **Our Meetings** have provided a wide range of speakers, visitors, and visits and Madeleine Jenkins' work as our Programme Manager must be acknowledged.

It is not until reflection that we realise just what the club has achieved over the year. It has been a highly successful year and recognition must go to Secretary Marilyn, Treasurer Mike Kelly, the Directors and the members who make it all happen. Thank you all!

Barrey Niven

President

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay



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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay Inc. - Annual Treasurers Report 2017/2018 (As at 6th June 2018)

The Club has once again had a very successful year, thanks mainly to the Markets Team and despite some really bad weather days.

We will have approximately \$40,000 of Quarantined funds to distribute in the new year.

I look forward to handing over the reins to Alan Mullins and trust you will give him the same support given to me for the past four years - Thank you members.

Income & Profit & Loss for major projects

Markets	Income (1 Market Round remaining)	70384
	Expenditure	14455
	Profit/Loss	\$55,929
Haiti Literacy Project	Income (District Grant)	2000
	Expenditure	6532
	Nett cost	-\$4,532
RYDA Project	Income	5335
	Expenditure	7115
	Nett Cost	-\$1,780
Bunnings BBQ's	Nett Profit	\$920
Nakuru Water Project	Income	\$5,500
	Expenditure	\$11,032
	Nett Cost	-\$5,532
Virgin Fundraising	Craft Sales	1500
	International Night (Nett Profit)	1439
	Total	\$2,939

Other Donations and support given this year >=\$500

		\$	\$
Club Service	Market Funds Distributions (Community Grants)	13155	13155
Community Service	Christmas Pageant	2203	
	Mens Shed	20000	
	<i>R-7 School Project</i>		
	Computers - \$12,000		
	Swags - \$4350		
	Trailer - \$3200	19550	
	RC Goolwa Art Show	1500	
	Rock & Roll Festival Sponsorship	935	
	Rotary Foundation	5000	
	VH Gymnastics Youth Club	500	
	W&C Hospital Foundation	500	50188
Youth Service	Academic Achievement Awards	900	
	NYSF	3097	
	FLO Student donation	520	4517
Outstanding	Develop a Mountain Bike Trail.	2500	2500
TOTAL		\$70,360	\$70,360

Mike Kelly
Treasurer
2017-2018

Community Service Annual report 2017/18

It has been another busy year for the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay in the field of community service. We worked to help set up and marshal the Victor Harbor Triathlon, manned the barbecue at the Rock and Roll Festival, marshalled the roads for the 2018 Tour Down Under, and working with the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor, we presented the 2017 Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant. Our major role in this was marshalling the floats at the start of the parade and also taking vital roles in traffic control on Hindmarsh Road and Torrens Street. The pageant was a great success, bringing the festive spirit to the people of Victor Harbor.

We have also been able to support several local organisations. We once again supported the Port Elliot Town and Foreshore Committee by becoming a gold sponsor for their annual Carols Evening and also by supporting their Dog's Day Out event. We have kept in close liaison with the Victor Harbor Men's Shed and provided funding for their professional kitchen. We were gold sponsors of the successful Goolwa Art and Photographic Exhibition and at the official opening; I had the pleasure of presenting a cheque to local artist John Lacey for his runner up entry in the exhibition. The Victor Harbor Gymnastics and Youth Club has been re-established and our club has supported them by funding their initial insurance cover. We have also supported the formation of a local section of the Mt Lofty Ranges Mountain Bike Trail. We were able to supply a lawn mower and a blower-vac to help Community Living Australia's project to establish a gardening group in Victor Harbor and we supported the Rotary Polio Ute Relay as it passed through our district.

Rotarian Brian Rodan looked after the Environmental aspect of community service, liaising with the Victor Harbor Council, schools and other environmental groups regarding tree planting projects. Due to a very dry autumn our tree planting day has been postponed but it is hoped that we will be able to participate in this activity early in the new Rotary year.

We have also continued working with the Fleurieu Community Foundation to present the Wally Bradley Award which was established to support young people in Victor Harbor aged 16-19 years who show initiative and commitment in their field of education or training but who may be experiencing difficulty in continuing their studies, or accessing other education or training, due to hardship or disadvantage. In 2017 for the first time, we presented the 2 awards with Monique Hausser and Crystal Darroch being the recipients. This year the presentation was at the Christmas drinks celebration of the Fleurieu Community Foundation at the Victor Harbor Yacht club. Our Quiz Night for the Wally Bradley Cup this year was a huge success, with well over \$2000 being raised for the Wally Bradley Award account.

I would like to thank the members of the Community Service Committee for their support this year and also to President Barrey for having confidence in me to look after this portfolio.

I wish the club all the best for next year and look forward to working with our new president Bob in 2018/19

Yours in Rotary

Ken Carter
Director Community Service

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

International Service Report 2017/18

I would like to thank my committee Members, David Virgin, Colin Wormald, & Peter Manuel for their Support during the year.

Earlier on the club decided on a literacy project for Haiti and Peter Manuel wrote a submission to Rotary International for another district Grant and in September we received confirmation that we had been successful in our submission to the sum of \$2,000. This is the second time that we have successfully received a District grant for our Haiti project and the club added \$ 4,500 to the grant funds making a total of \$6,500 which was sent to Haiti.

This project which included training programs, purchasing reading books etc. Meant that Small 'pop-up' libraries could be established for the first time in some 30 of the schools and a book circulation program was established. We used the resources of SUMMIT EDUCATION and the Central Cange library (initiators of our original program) together with the support of Rotary clubs in California to conduct the program on our behalf in a further 10 schools. Rotarian Dr Sara Mansbach has supervised the project and organized support and training for teachers in the participating schools.

In 2017/18 Summits established libraries in the remaining ten 1st graders classrooms of 10 schools giving access to elementary library books to approximately 1,122 students. Intensive training of teachers was provided pro-bono using Summit staff, volunteer Rotarians from California, and those participants of the previous literacy initiative of our Rotary Club in 2015-16. We have received a Summit Report that makes clear the impact our financial support has made in the Central Highlands of Haiti.

I would personally like to thank Peter Manuel for the significant time he has put into this project as without him it would never have got off the ground.

As well as receiving a District Grant for our Haiti project Peter Manuel also submitted another Grant application for the new Boys Home in Nakuru that desperately needed a water project of its own to help with their water requirements. Subsequently we were successful with grant funds amounting to \$5500 which the club matched making a total \$11,000 Meaning that David had sufficient funds to complete this project on his last visit.

The annual International night was held again at David and Janice's Virgin's house and again a very enjoyable night was had by all with nearly \$1439 being raised on the night. Janice's Nakuru craft group again did a sterling job of raising \$1500 during the year.

Also earlier in the year we were contacted by Lindsay Field who had acquired 6 wheel chairs to which he was carrying out repairs to. He cleaned the wheel chairs up to as new condition and fitted new tyres to some of them. They were subsequently given to Donations In Kind to distribute where needed.

Brenton Abbott

International Director 2017/18

ANNUAL REPORT CLUB SERVICE 2017-18

Property and equipment: The year started off with a cleanup and maintenance of the Rotary shed including transferring the key box to the opposite side to alleviate problems caused by mud. Leakage into the shed has been a constant problem. The Council landscaped the offending area with success.

The equipment register has also been updated by Deidre Hughes.

First Aid Training was conducted in early October for several of our members to renew their qualifications.

Markets: This was the first year of the new management with Shirley Sunter as market administrator. It has been challenging at times mainly due to atrocious weather conditions curtailing several markets over winter and spring. Because of this, our market income was considerably lower than the previous years. On the upside, our licence has just been renewed for another 4 years.

A trial of a Car Boot Sale at the Pt Elliot markets was conducted for a period of 4 markets. Unfortunately, due to poor attendance, it was not continued.

It was agreed with the stallholders at the Goolwa markets to change the finishing time from 3pm to 2pm during the winter months (June – August).

Web-site and social media: We now have a new club website up and running which has been set up by Peter Manuel and John Haynes. They have done a wonderful job. Our social media continues to be maintained by Bob Sedunary with market input from Shirley Sunter. Members are also well informed through our Newsletter sent out by Deidre Hughes.

Fundraising: Our major source of income continues to be the Markets with support from sausage sizzles at Bunnings and quiz nights. Just over \$13,000 was distributed to several community groups in April through Rotary small community grants which was very rewarding.

Membership: Our membership over the last year has been mostly stable. However, it is important to attract new members in order to continue and expand our fundraising and community activities. An information night was organised by Peter Manuel and his committee at the new Men's Shed. It was well attended and, hopefully, will yield some new members.

Finally, all other areas of Club Service including attendance, catering, fellowship, risk assessment and welfare, have progressed well throughout the year. I would like to thank all the various committee members for all their good work.

Jenny Whitnall

Director – Club Service

Vocational Service Report 2017/18

With the assistance of last year's Vocational Service Director, Alan Kluske, a survey of members enabled us to prioritise a number of sites of interest for vocational visits.

They included:

- Investigator College Senior School/Currency Creek Eco-Centre:
- The Encounter Centre
- Victor Harbor Library
- SAPOL
- Swimming Pool
- GKW (Goolwa Kitchens and Wardrobes)
- The Times

While the Investigator College Senior School/Currency Creek Eco-Centre was the most popular choice of Rotarians a visit was initially deferred until mid-year 2018 because of substantial building works. A further deferment has been negotiated with Andrew Panuzzo, their Director of Teaching and Learning, who has suggested that we postpone the visit to later in the year when we will have more hours of daylight. Consequently, that visit now on the calendar for the forthcoming Rotary year.

Fleurieu Swimming Centre Visit 26 October 2017

At 6.15 pm we were met by one of the centre's managers who conducted us on a tour of the facility. We were able to have a look at the various elements of the establishment and get information regarding the packages and programmes available.

While it was unfortunate in one sense that the public barbecue area could not be reserved for our use only, there was an upside to this restriction especially for older members. At around 6.45/7.00 pm we moved from the Swimming Centre to Urimbirra where we were able to use their BBQ facilities. This of course meant a return to what was the club's home base until recent years and a venue with treasured memories for many of us.

Victor Harbor Library Visit 12 April 2018

This visit began at 6.15 pm and was hosted by the Library (and Records) Manager, Vicki Hutchinson. We were able to see the back-room operations of the library and were exposed to some aspects e.g. the Local History Section, of which even some of our regular library users were unaware. Vicki was also able to explain to us how to access, over 400 magazines on-line, many of them Australian, at no cost via the Free Digital Magazine service. We learned also that the local library is linked to over 130 public libraries in South Australia using the "one card access" concept.

While it may have been a little inconvenient that we could not eat at the cafe adjacent to the library because after 4 pm the space reverts to Council use only, members adjourned to and enjoyed a convivial meal at the Grosvenor Hotel.

GKW (Goolwa Kitchens and Wardrobes) Visit 10 May 2018

Members seem, justifiably, to have been impressed by the layout, dynamism and technology that they witnessed during the visit to GKW at Port Elliot. The factory produces quality kitchens, other commercial and household cupboards as well as other storage. It was also illustrative of how a local business has been able to develop to the point where it is supplying an impressive number and range of builders and developers far beyond the local area.

This informative visit was followed by a relaxed dinner at the Royal Family Hotel with the opportunity for informal fellowship outside the normal meeting protocols.

Thanks to Des Schirmer for suggesting this business and for his reconnaissance of it with me.

Finally

My thanks to members of the Vocational Service Committee, Alan Kluske, Bob hall and Paul Tipple and to President Barrey for his leadership during this year. Best wishes to incoming President Bob McFarland and the new Board.

Peter Francis

Director, Vocational Service.

June 2018

Youth Service Annual Report

Another interesting year in Youth Service and I would like to thank President Barrey for the opportunity to be director of this portfolio and also to thank the members of the committee for their advice and assistance and the members of the club who have supported the various programs we have conducted.

Flexible Learning Options

We received a request from FLO to help several students. On Tuesday 4th July 2017 President Barrey and I presented a young female student with a cheque for \$850 which would enable her to purchase a hair dressing kit and undertake a TAFE course. A young FLO student who had obtained part time work with a motor wrecker had his tools stolen and we were able to replace some of them at a cost of \$520.

National Youth Science Forum

In July 2017, in association with the Rotary Clubs of Victor Harbor and Goolwa, Madeleine Jenkins and I interviewed three local students and we agreed to sponsor Joshua Roberts, an Encounter Lutheran College student. Joshua has since spoken to the club on several occasions and is obviously a leader of the future. This year we have two applications for the 2019 NYSF and once again Madeleine and I interviewed them and forwarded them to the district committee.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

The event was run over two days, 15th and 22nd September 2017, with the involvement of five schools, the Victor Harbor High School, the Yankalilla Area School, the Investigator College, the Encounter Lutheran College and the Mount Compass Area School. The Rotary Clubs of Victor Harbor, Yankalilla, Goolwa and Encounter Bay combined to conduct the program which this year saw 197 students involved bringing the total number of students who have participated since the inception of the program to 1442. I would like to acknowledge the driving instructors, police and Paul who presents as a "Crash Survivor " and sends a powerful message. I would like to thank the club for supporting the event and the members who assisted.

Fund Raiser

We were only invited to conduct one Bunnings Sausage Sizzle this year but with the able assistance of " Chef " Alan Mullins, " Waiters " Ken Carter and Bob Sedunary and the " GO FER " we managed to raise \$920.37. I have made Bunnings aware that we are interested in fund raising at their new Victor Harbor store.

Bob McFarland