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MEETING NUMBER 2072

Thursday 11TH March 2021

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Acting Sergeant Alan opened the meeting.

President David

- Welcomed guests Rena Robinson, Justin Biddle and Barb Francis
- Thanked everyone who attended committee meetings last week
- Attended both markets last weekend and found them both busy and in good hands of the market managers.

Chairman for this meeting, Colin Francis

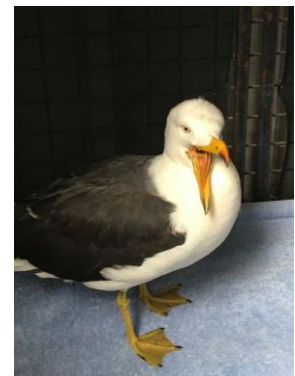
Rotary Spots

- Cherilyn Fleming – next week we will meet at the Encounter Centre to visit the Wooden Toy Factory. Chicken and chips will be served for our meal for \$15.
- Peter Francis – enjoyed the Vocational Service committee meeting by himself.

Guest Speaker Rena Robinson on the Wildlife Welfare Organisation

The WWO at Goolwa cares for 900 birds and animals annually. Most of the injuries to these birds and animals are caused by human contact. A new purpose built centre opened at Goolwa about 3 ½ years ago and the Community Grant that we donated to them several years ago has funded a seabird enclosure. They now have a dedicated vehicle for rescues and the centre is run by volunteers. The shop in Hutchinson street helps funds the centre.

President David presented Rena with a \$500 donation.



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Peter Manuel – the Haiti project has been judged as one of the top 10 projects in Australia. Please read the following to refresh your memory on just how much work Peter has contributed to this project.

Rotary Australian Book Project

The Haiti Australian Book Project created by The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay brings together several partner organizations advancing literacy for children in Haiti. Haiti a country of 11 million people is the second poorest country in the world. The project is providing colourful children's books in French and Kreyol together with detailed training manuals for teaching children to read.

What in the world are we doing?

It all began simply with the RC of Encounter Bay club President returning from a visit to Haiti to meet with a fostered child his family had been supporting. His return coincided with an advertorial in the Rotary Down Under magazine seeking authors to write and illustrate children's books for the poverty-stricken country of Haiti. Providence prevailed, for the Encounter Bay Club had a retired Principal and author/illustrator who could fit the bill. Indeed, the ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY had already printed and published a member's book to raise funds for several International Programs - and so a linkage began with a group of volunteers in D7750, South Carolina. The *Haiti Australian Book Project* was born.

95% of the population in Haiti are of South African (slave) descent and for them the spoken language was Kreyol even though the official language of Haiti was French. The language was spoken constantly, but it had not been officially documented.

They are doing it tough in Haiti. It is the second poorest country in the world. Only 15% are literate and the country of 11 million people are in the midst of the COVID-

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19 epidemic. There is a corrupt administration which aims at keeping the population illiterate. Being illiterate makes written communications almost impossible and being poor means social isolation doesn't work as people need to earn money to feed their families. Things we take for granted like clean running water and soap or a social security safety net aren't available. Following the Cholera outbreak in 2010 where 80,000 people died - many were killed, as this was their way to control that epidemic. Many want a similar approach to COVID-19. It doesn't pay to declare illness in Haiti!

- Most family incomes average <\$2 per day
- 60% of students drop out before the 7th grade
- 50% of the population are younger than 24 years
- 55% of adults and parents are illiterate
- 65% are unemployed
- Teachers are just now receiving their first trainings
– *until Rotary efforts over the past two years most teachers were unable to read or write*

Our ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY program began humbly. We had the book "*Roo Goes to School*" written and illustrated by a club member and translated into Kreyol. 750 copies were sent to assist another voluntary group (Summits Education in Haiti) and a start was made to assist children on the central plateau to read. It was a steep learning curve, for we quickly discovered that *few children went to school, teachers themselves could not read, and the Kreyol language had not been fully documented*. But, giving a child a book was like giving a teenager a motor car! There was a thirst for learning.

With the assistance of South Carolina Rotary Clubs, Summits Education, Partners in Literacy Haiti, and several Haitian people, we set out to develop alphabet cards,

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teachers how to read, and hope that by the end of 2021 some 40,000 children in Rural Haiti will be able to read books written in their own native language.

Over the past five years over \$30,000 has been invested in a project that can change the outlook of people in Haiti. These are exciting times.

Being able to read opens new ways for children to make sense of their world. It provides new opportunities for the future and helps develop young minds. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability. It is central to learning, to being entertained, or to gain further understandings of subjects of interest. As children learn to read, they gain a deeper understanding of a text, increase their reading comprehension, expand their vocabulary, and improve their writing skills and their knowledge of the world and the opportunities before them. It is a pathway out of poverty and suppression.

Participating partners led by Rotary will reach 150 teachers and 40,000 students during 2021. From humble beginnings, we can and will change their future.

Dr Peter Manuel for the ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY

Equipment

Our old amplifier and microphone has been donated to the Men's Shed and our data projector is now stored in the steel cabinet in the Shed.

200 Club:

82 Colin Wormald, 116 David Kemp, 199 Graham Brown, 88 Tom Hughes
Raffle donated by John Haynes and won by Jeanette Rich

Attendance: 3 guests, 20 members, 6 apologies, 1 AWOL, 69%

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Have a look at this short video about our R100 anniversary.

Don't mess with old people!

<https://biggeekdad.com/2021/03/dont-mess-with-old-people/#.YEh8lR7ueTw.gmail>

THE MARKET ROSTERS.

Congratulations we have roster complete for the Port Elliot Markets until the end of this Rotary Year.

We do need to fill in some blanks for the Goolwa Markets.

AM Shifts Required

21st March 1 required

2nd April 1 required

4th April 1 required

18th April 1 required

PM Shifts

1 required

Full

Full

Full

There are other dates in May and June but will inform you next month.

Ring Barry on 0448 525 825. First in gets their choice.

Peter Manuel had a very special Golden Moment. This is his granddaughter.

“Teenager becomes first girl to captain a male side

She sets fields, picks the bowling order and is at the coin toss. But Abbi Manuel is no ordinary captain. Abbi, 15, is the first female to skipper a male side in any SA Cricket Association competition.”



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PROGRAM - Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

Partners and guests very welcome

For catering and/or attendance purposes, if you will be an apology or are bringing guests you must advise **Fleurieu Crash Repairs 8552-4833** no later than **1600 hrs the day before (Wednesday)**. Remember also, when food is available, to advise of any dietary requirements.

Date	18 March 2021	25 March 2021	1 April 2021	8 April 2021
Meeting No:	2073	2074		2075
Guest Speaker	Shelley Hoppen		Meeting Cancelled	Cherilyn Fleming
Topic	The Wooden Toy Factory Encounter Centre	Membership Appreciation FREE BBQ 6pm start	Maundy Thursday 2nd April Good Friday	RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) D9510
Chair	Bob McFarland	NA		tba
Meet & Greet	Cherilyn Fleming	NA		tba
Raffle	NA	NA		tba
Location	Encounter Centre 42 Armstrong Road Victor Harbor \$15 per person for chicken & chips BYO Drinks NO ALCOHOL Members with other dietary requirements may have to make their own arrangements or, contact Cherilyn	Kent Reserve 6pm start		tba

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