



Annual Report of the
Rotary Club of
Encounter Bay
2021/2022



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Presidents Report - David Virgin

What a challenging time we have had in the world since the outbreak of Covid 19. This epidemic has impacted greatly on this year of Rotary and also during the latter part of the previous year. I would like on behalf of the club to thank Past President Alan Mullins and also Past President Madeleine Jenkins both of whom worked tirelessly for our club during difficult times. Madeleine started as our President for the 20/21 year and her efforts, including much work in the field of governance, provided a great contribution.

McCracken Country Club was closed to our club for regular meetings due to Covid restrictions and we met this challenge and visited many different dinner meeting venues. This has been generally well received by members and definitely the venues themselves were very welcoming in what was a challenging time for them financially. Members were frequently joined by partners to listen to a range of guest speakers and a variety of other programs were developed. It was intended going into this Rotary year that we would have a considerable number of informal style meetings. This I believe we have achieved with BBQ'S and takeaway food nights in parks and also breakfast meetings in varied locations.

It is not my intention to repeat what is included in the Directors' reports. I encourage members to read these reports as they detail well, the varied activities and achievements of our club. However, in addition to the information included, it is with great pleasure I am able to announce that very recently our club contributed \$5000 towards the Homelessness Early Intervention Officer Program. Jodie Price is employed by Junction Goolwa and in the past 18 months assistance has been given to 120 locals experiencing some sort of financial stress or residency uncertainty. Similarly, we have also very recently agreed to support the Southern Fleurieu Transport Scheme with a contribution of approximately \$8000 to help cover the lease of a new vehicle.

Special mention needs to be made regarding the running of the Goolwa Wharf Rotary and Port Elliot Rotary Markets. It was a great effort by the market team led by Past President Marilyn Shaw to re-establish these markets following the Covid shutdown. Mary-Anne Woodman has now taken over the role of Market Director. The running of the markets is akin to running a business and the extra Covid requirements have meant the necessity of even more volunteer hours to ensure well run markets. Fundraising is an important aspect of the work of every Rotary club and we are to be congratulated on the monies raised from the markets and that it is then distributed to so many worthy causes in our local community and further afield. I sincerely would like to thank all those who have contributed to the market workforce and would also acknowledge the efforts of some friends of Rotary in helping with these markets.

Finally I very much value the friendship of Rotarians in our club and I would also like to thank you all for the support you have shown me. Efforts by all the individual Board members and by all those who volunteer in other positions are greatly appreciated. I would like to especially thank Deidre Hughes as Secretary and Alan Kluske as Treasurer, as these roles are very pivotal in the running of a club and thus require special mention. It has been a privilege to serve as President for a second time and I wish President Ken Carter every success for the coming year.



Thank you David and Janice Virgin for your leadership in 2020/21



Pt Elliot Rotary Market



Goolwa Wharf Rotary Market



Community Grant recipients

Directors of Club Service –Sue Dixon and David Virgin

Overall it has been an interesting year with changes in membership for many reasons and therefore changes in director positions. Covid virus state wide restrictions also led to the necessity of many changes. Despite all this the year ended on a positive note with great anticipation for the following year.

Newsletter

Deidre continued to produce an informative newsletter online and usually the day after the meeting. This instant communication included the club program and the market roster.

Markets

This important project is still our major fundraiser and as such needs the support of all club members which it received this year when personnel changes and Covid shut down events. We are all appreciative of the detailed work Marilyn Shaw did in the role of interim market Manager ably assisted by Phil Beckett until MaryAnn Woodford stepped up. Markets began again on the October long weekend.

Market Rosters – taken on by Sue Dixon then Barry Pryor

Programs

Cherilyn took on this role with the extra complications of changing venues. The members (80%) supported the changing venues and the new style of meetings with 2 guest speakers a month and social meetings for the other two. Social meetings have included breakfast meetings, self-catered and at a cafe, a quiz night and International Night at David and Janice Virgins home.

Risk Management – Alan Mullins Barrey Niven David Virgin

COVID requirements were the big ticket items. It began with meetings held on ZOOM and markets cancelled. When the law allowed gatherings up to 80 meetings were held in Hotels where the staff undertook compliance and disinfecting.

Members undertook online training to become Covid marshals.

The markets had the marshals reminding people to sign in by QR code or by signing a special sheet. They kept an eye on crowd numbers.

Property - Des Schirmer has kept meticulous records. A new market trailer was a great addition as was the purchase of a defibrillator. Sound system has gone to the Men's Shed

Communications/ website, social media, photographs

John Haynes ably maintains Facebook and the website.

Membership – Alan Kluske

This area has been successful in creating stability in an uncertain year and will be an area of focus for 2021/2022. Alan Kluske has chaired several meeting detailing methods to improve membership

Catering – Brenton Abbott and his staff manage this efficiently

Welfare – members have been kept up to date with the welfare of members

Sergeant- Ian Moffatt and Ken Carter have entertained us and raised small amounts of money through good hearted humour

Attendance – Des Schirmer and Barry Pryor. Bruce Brocklebank has retired from a long standing commitment as a long standing attendance office. Figures showed an attendance of 55% - 75% per month with the overall yearly attendance 65%.



Community Grant recipients

Community Service Report – Ken Carter

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has continued to give valuable service to the community of the Southern Fleurieu.

Some examples of our service are:

- Through the Community Grants Programme, using funds from our Market income, we donated almost \$10000 to local groups in June.
- In December we helped to present a very popular and successful Christmas Festival and Carols by the Sea, working with the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor.
- We have a representative on the Southern Fleurieu Round Table, an organisation that is helping with the issue of homelessness in the area.
- Currently we are working with the Southern Communities Transport Scheme to lease a hybrid vehicle for their service. This is to replace the vehicle that we have been supporting for the past two years,
- The club has introduced a “Little Library” where people can exchange books. The library was constructed by members of the Victor Harbor Men’s Shed and is located at Yilki Store.
- The Wally Bradley Award (to assist a local young person move into tertiary education) was presented in December and the Wally Bradley Quiz Night is in June.
- We have also given financial assistance to a Student Health and Well-Being day at Victor Harbor High School.



International Report – Brenton Abbott

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee members Colin Wormald and especially Peter Manuel, David Virgin and Cherilyn Fleming for their support and all their hard work that Peter, David and Cherilyn have put in behind the scenes that the rest of the club does not get to see during the year.

For over 5 years we have been involved with a literacy project in Haiti and Peter Manuel has been spending an enormous amount of time each week with writing training manuals and being involved with online meetings.

This year the club contributed \$3000 to the Haiti project to continue the great work that Peter and the rest of the team have been involved with.

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

The Nakuru Water Tower project that the club has been helping to fund has been delayed due to the covid-19 situation and although the bore and water tower are now complete the installation of the plumbing and filtration plant is still to be completed. Once the above projects are complete it is hoped that the Girls home can be renovated, and hot water installed some time in 2022.

Because of the effects on the economy due to Covid, the families who participate in the school program are still receiving monthly food packages. Approximately 1000 families have been receiving this assistance for 12 months now.

The annual international night was held at David and Janice's Virgin's house and again a very enjoyable night was had by all. The money raised from the international night and Janice's Nakuru craft group was \$3000 and the club contributed \$2000 to this total bringing a total amount of \$5000 being donated to the Nakuru project this year.

Cherilyn is the project manager of the RAM D9510 project in Solomon Islands which involves several initiatives to support malaria control and elimination. This year the club has donated \$1000 to this project.



Youth Report – Colin Francis

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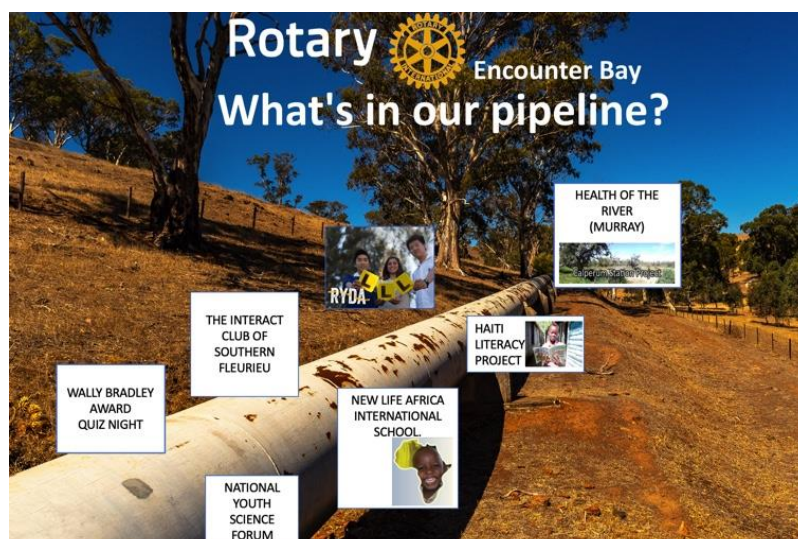
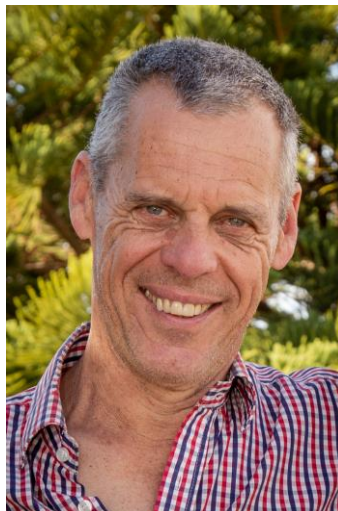
Bob McFarlane organised 2 days of Driver Awareness programs for the local Fleurieu High School senior students. Bob has started enquiries related to running a RYDA program for K.I. students in September 2021.

2. RYPEN.

We sponsored two girls for RYPEN (Shanesia Varcoe and Taniesha (Tarni) McLaughlin

3. We visited the Wellbeing and Transition Hub. Stacey Andary spoke at a meeting and our club made a donation to their sensory space in their building.

4. We have budgeted to sponsor a student in the National Youth Science forum.



Vocational Service Report – Peter Francis

Visits

In the past years a number of vocational visits to various business and community enterprises had formed part of the activities within this portfolio. Unfortunately in recent times the programme of visits did not come to fruition as hoped.

Nevertheless visits of a more historical nature organized by Rotarian Sue Dixon and President David respectively provided exploratory tours of the Port Elliot Memorial Gardens and the significant mid nineteenth century engineering of the Port Elliot water supply. Both were appreciated by Rotarians who attended.

Year 10 Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Speed Mentoring Programme

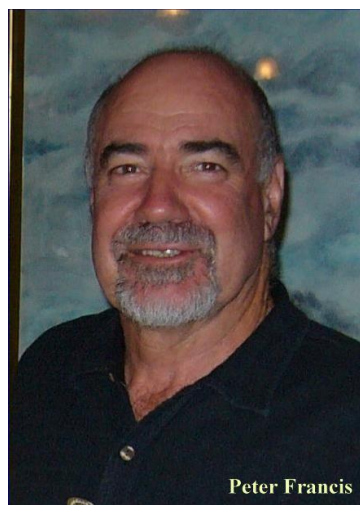
Right at the end of the 2019/2020 Rotary Year a number of Rotarians assisted Victor Harbor High School with this programme.

The PLP is the students' first taste of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). It encourages students to explore pathways through school towards achieving requirements that are necessary for a range of post schooling options. Rotarian mentors assisted students to develop and refine strategies to achieve their goals. They included both school and career goals. The students then reflected on the information gained in their mentoring session, leading to the refinement of those goals.

The school has deemed the programme to be a worthwhile one and as this report goes to publication is being replicated with the assistance of our Rotarians.

Thanks and Best Wishes

In concluding I would like to thank President David for his leadership during this Rotary Year and to wish incoming President Ken and his Board the best for the new one.



Treasurer' Report – Alan Kluske

It has been an unusual year to say the least; with COVID doing it's best to complicate our efforts in our quest to raise funds. I am proud of the way our members have rallied together, rolled up their sleeves, put their heads down and got the job done. We have been a bit conservative on the spending this year, but I think this has been a wise move with the turbulence around us, at this time.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT INCOME 2020-2021 ' \$ 80,165.00

MAJOR DONATIONS & EXPENSES 2020-2021

Medi Ride Car Lease	\$ 8,400.00
Fleurieu Community Foundation (Homeless Early Intervention Officer)	\$ 5,000.00
Community Grants	\$ 7,037.00
Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Australian Rotary Health	\$ 3,000.00
RAWCS	\$ 1,000.00
Haiti Book Program	\$ 3,850.00
New Life Africa	\$ 3,000.00
Friends of New Life Africa	\$ 3,000.00
Market Expenses	\$ 18,620.00
Youth Expenses	\$ 3,050.00

I look forward to this coming year with confidence to achieve more great things with our hard working club.

A special thanks to those who have helped me during this year and I look forward to similar support next year.

