



Annual Report of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

2021/2022





Presidents Report – Ken Carter

I have been very honoured to be the president of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay over the past twelve months. The club has been very active despite the effects of Covid 19 and we have been able to continue our commitments to the Goolwa and Port Elliot markets and to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally.

We have been able to hold our weekly meetings at the Grosvenor Hotel in Victor Harbor and we have found that this venue is very suitable to our needs, both in the space it provides in the meeting room and in the catering through the bistro. Members have commented on the quality, variety and value of the meals we have enjoyed there. We have also had some breakfast meetings at the Causeway Cafe, a pizza night and a barbecue, both at Kent Reserve and a combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor.

Our program director Cheryl Fleming has provided an interesting and stimulating program of guest speakers throughout the year and included many of the organisations that were recipients of our Community Grants Scheme.

Our main activity continues to be the management of the Goolwa Wharf Market and the Port Elliot Market and our Market Director Mary-Anne Woodman is to be commended on her work in liaising with club members, stall holders and the Alexandrina Council.

The other club directors, Peter Manuel (Community Service), Colin Francis (Youth), David Virgin (International) and Sue Dixon (Club Service) have all worked tirelessly to increase the impact of our club and help make a difference in people's lives, supporting this year's international theme of "Serve to change lives."

Some of the highlights of this year include the following:

- the ongoing sponsorship of a vehicle for the South Coast Transport Scheme, named for one of our hardworking and longstanding members, Bob Hall,
- the donation of \$10,000 to the Fleurieu Community Foundation Homelessness Fund to support the employment of an early intervention officer,

- the extension, through the work of Rotarian Bob McFarland, of the successful and popular Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Scheme to students on Kangaroo Island, the continued support and assistance given to the New Life Africa School in Nakuru, Kenya,
- working with the City of Victor Harbor to help finance a Horse Tram Station on Granite Island Solar lighting at the Kent Reserve barbecue and a defibrillator at the Bluff boat ramp.
- donations to the Rotary Flood Relief Scheme assisting victims of the NSW and Queensland floods and to the Rotary Ukraine refugees appeal.

Helping to look after all this activity are two incredibly hard workers for our club, our secretary, Deidre Hughes, and our treasurer, Alan Kluske. These two stalwarts make sure that our club functions efficiently and effectively and I would like to especially thank them for their incredible work, making my job much easier.

I would also like to thank the dedicated "Friends of Rotary" who assist in many ways. One group has been working together for many years under the leadership of PHF Janice Virgin, to create craft items and manage stalls to raise money for the aforementioned New Life Africa School in Kenya. Other "Friends of Rotary" have helped to manage the markets at Goolwa and Port Elliot and to act as Covid Marshalls. This year has been one of stability and I thank Immediate Past President David Virgin for his work during the turmoil of last year and for his advice and guidance.

I would also like to thank my wife, Kathy, for her understanding, patience and support during my year as president.

In conclusion I would like to sincerely thank each and every member of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay for their friendship, care and support that they have shown this year and I wish incoming President Sue Dixon all the best for the next Rotary year.

Ken Carter
President 2021/ 2022
Rotary Club of Encounter Bay



Directors of Club Service – Sue Dixon

This year saw an easing in Covid restrictions beginning with meeting sizes increased and later on the wearing of masks mandate lifted. This had a positive reaction on club activities. Meetings were held as normal in a separate room and Covid marshals were not required at the markets which made a difference to interactions with the public.



Another positive was having the market run as its own identity with a Director, Mary-Anne Woodman. This indicated the importance of the role to the club and the significance of the markets to the club. Apart from the director there are members putting out signs and of course the rostered members. Jeanette Rich and Cherilyn Fleming continued the task of creating the market rosters. This was particularly difficult in January with a market each weekend and Covid marshals required.

Cherilyn has done superb work in creating an interesting program. Venues were the planned standard meetings at the Grosvenor Hotel as well as BBQ's and takeaway pizzas in Kent Reserve. Several breakfast meetings were held at the Causeway Cafe. Informative and fun events were trying out dragon boating, visiting an art gallery and a community garden and a combined social event with Victor Harbor Rotary. Guest speakers at formal meetings were informative and interesting.

Property – the new Port Elliot trailer was a boon for market volunteers. Des Schirmer and Alan Mullins started the process to fix up the shed which was showing signs of wear. A working bee in May will finish this work

Brenton Abbot continued to make his business available for apologies and notification of guests. Des Schirmer and Barry Pryor helped each meeting with attendance and warmly greeted any guests.

Communications – John Haynes continues to manage the website which is due to be updated by members under John's guidance. Newsletter – Cherilyn Fleming produces an informative and topical newsletter each week.

The 'Bob Hall' vehicle we lease for SCOTS



Community Service Report – Peter Manuel



The Community Service committee began the year by preparing a notional budget based on projects that it felt would help build the capacity of our local community. Not all items were actioned, and there were several false starts, but the committee can be pleased with its achievements.

Because of our aging club profile, where possible we tried to value add to other worthwhile community projects working alongside of groups and organisations such as the City of Victor Harbor, Fleurieu Families, the Fleurieu Community Foundation, the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor, Red Cross, SCOTS and others.

What follows is a summary of our key efforts.

1. The RCEB contributed \$1000 towards the City of VH and Red Cross to purchase and install a **defibrillator** for the Encounter Bay boat launch area.
2. The RCEB has contributed \$3000 towards the provision of **Solar lighting** in the barbecue area at Kent Reserve.
3. The RCEB has contributed \$20,000 towards **shelter, facilities and seating** at the terminus of the horse tram line on Granite Island.
4. The RCEB worked alongside of the RCVH to run the 2021 **Christmas Pageant** at the Morgan Park Harness Raceway – a successful day despite the special Covid arrangements required.
5. The RCEB donated \$10,000 to the Fleurieu Community Foundation to help pay for an early intervention officer for the **homeless** (based in Goolwa).
6. \$8500 was made available to **lease a vehicle for SCOTS**.
7. Some support was provided for the **community radio** station (Fleurieu FM) in return for club advertising.
8. Approximately \$1800 was spent to provide a community picnic at Urimbirra in conjunction with **Fleurieu Families**

Some things have yet to occur. For example, \$14,000 was put aside for community grants, now to be advertised and allocated in August/Sept 2022, so not to clash with other local community grants schemes.

The committee also endeavoured to celebrate our Rotary influence through nominating Rotarians for community awards. While unsuccessful this time round, our club has many worthy service minded people and should continue to nominate them in the public arena.

It has been a pleasure to work with a committed committee and my thanks goes to Alan Mullins, Bob Hall, David Kemp, Des Schirmer, and Peter Francis for their regular input, and to Ken Carter and the board who supported our expenditure of \$45,000+ over the past Rotary Year. Thanks especially to the market team who have made this level of expenditure possible.

International Report – David Virgin

Partners in Literacy Haiti

Our clubs involvement has allowed the organisation to achieve non-profit status in both USA and Haiti.

PILH is doing well and our books are now basic to their education system.

Congratulations to Peter Manuel and his fellow authors for their input into this excellent program.



Earthquake Haiti - 2021

Funding was provided for a Shelter Box to assist in providing shelter and support for the residents of Haiti following a devastating earthquake which impacted some 650,000 people.

Nepal Tree Planting Programme

A donation was given to the R C of Dillibazar toward the planting and ongoing support of street trees.

Ukraine

Following a “worldwide appeal” from Rotary International, a sum of \$3000 was provided towards a Disaster Response Grant.

These funds will be accessed by Rotary Clubs in Ukraine and neighbouring countries to provide assistance to the estimated 5 million refugees.

New Life Africa International- Nakuru, Kenya

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions our International fundraising night was unable to proceed this year. However, the craft group donated \$3000 to our club to go to NLAI and this was matched by our club toward ongoing projects.

The filtration system has been delayed due to complications as a result of Covid and they decided to await my return to Nakuru in June and this project should be completed soon after.

In addition, planning is underway to commence the renovation of the Girls’ Home to improve sanitation and provide hot water.

A special mention goes to my committee member Colin Wormald for his assistance and the work on malaria that Cherylyn Fleming had been doing at district level in the Solomon Islands. She was also, until recently involved with the Friends of Nepal and by selling second hand books, helped raise over \$10,000 toward scholarships for further studies to students finishing school.



Youth Report – Colin Francis

Thanks to the members of the Youth Committee, Brenton Abbott, Reg Arnold, Stuart Ellis, Glen Goldsack and Bob McFarland, for your help and wise counsel during the year



- RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) event for local schools occurred in September 2021.
Thanks to Bob McFarlane for his organising.
- Bob McFarland also organised a successful RYDA event for the KI students on 18th October. Ken Carter and Peter Francis also helped, with 66 well behaved students participating. The event was held at the airport with the Lions club providing a BBQ.
- In November we provided \$500 for prizes for the “STEAM” Expo.
Participating schools:
Eastern Fleurieu School, Goolwa Primary School, Port Elliot Primary School, Victor Harbor Primary School and Yankalilla Area School
- Victor Harbor High School 2021 Presentation Event-Student Awards.
\$300 cheques awarded in each of the following categories;
Academic Achievement – Senior School Student (Years 10-12)
Academic Achievement – Middle School Student (Years 8 and 9)
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FLO Student of the Year
- Bob McFarlane in RYDA article of Rotary Newsletter - Issue 15 (November 2021) Bob’s 10 years of contribution is recognised in this Newsletter.
- The youth committee met in December and were unanimously in favour of supporting funding towards psychological therapy for two local mental health clients. The clients however moved out of the area before funding was allocated. The cost of participation for one client was \$550.
- We emailed schools promoting Rotary programs like
One and All and Rotary Student Exchange program.
RYLA 24-30 September 2022
RYPEN 30 September to 2 October 2022

Market Report – Mary-Anne Woodman

This important project is still our major fundraiser and as such needs the continued support of all club members which it received this year when personnel changes and Covid shutdown events.

Port Elliot market closed for 2 ½ months due to weather conditions and the ground was not suitable to carry on with markets during that time.

The Port Elliot Market and Goolwa Wharf Markets were held every weekend during January 2022.



We are all appreciative of the Rotary Club members and Friends of Rotary, continued support over the 2021/2022.

Market Volunteers contributed a total of 1,561 hours for the 41 markets held.

I wish to thank Jeanette Rich and Cherilyn Fleming in their tireless efforts in making sure all Market Team and Covid Marshal positions were filled during the year.



MARKET FUNDS: 1/7/21-15/5/22

GOOLWA: \$49,772.00

PT ELLIOT: 13,548.00

TOTAL: \$63,322.00

EXPENSES: \$8,509

Treasurer' Report – Alan Kluske

This Rotary year has been a very busy year for our club, but it has also been rewarding. We were pushed hard through December and January with our market commitments but the reward for hard work paid off, we were able to support local, national and international projects with some substantial funding.

Locally The Fleurieu Community Foundation (Homelessness people in our community 10K) was great value. The Horse Drawn Tram was also a major contribution 10k with another 10k when Tram Shelter on Granite Island is completed. We also supported the Queensland and New South Wales flood victims, and The Australian Rotary Health Program.

Internationally we continue to support New Life Africa and we should pursue a grant next year. Janice Virgin with her band helpers also contributes half of the funds to this project. We have also contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

We have contributed to many other smaller organisations making it a very rewarding year for our hard working, club members. I thank you all for you dedication to Rotary and our great Club.

I would also like to congratulate President Ken for his outstanding year as President, I would also like to thank Secretary Deidre for all the support she has given me. She is a legend.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT INCOME 2021-22	93,276
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MAJOR DONATIONS 2021-2022

Medi Ride Car Lease	8000
Fleurieu Community Foundation (Homeless Intervention)	10000
South Coast District Hospital (Biopsy)	1500
The Rotary Foundation	3000
Australian Rotary Health	3000
Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (NSW & QLD Floods)	6870
The Rotary Foundation (Ukraine Disaster)	3000
City of Victor Harbor (Horse Draw Tram Shelter)	10000
City of Victor Harbor (Solar Lights Kent Reserve)	3000
New Life Africa	3000
Friends of New Life Africa	3000
Victor Harbor High School Awards	1200

MAJOR EXPENSES 2021-2022

Market Expenses	16055
Youth Expenses	3050



