

# Weekly Newsletter and Program



## PRESIDENT STUART ELLIS 2023 - 24



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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

*'The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay acknowledges the Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri people as the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and surrounding waters and respects elders past, present and emerging.'*

### MEETING NUMBER 2181 THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2023

At the invitation of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, this week members of a number of rotary clubs, local service clubs and the general public gathered at the Hotel Victor for our regular meeting. There was a large attendance, with a total of 121 people present, all of whom wanted to hear former South Australian Police Detective Bill Hayes expose Harry Phipps as the prime suspect in the abduction on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1966 of the three Beaumont children, Jane, Anna and Grant. The children disappeared from Colley Reserve, Glenelg and were never seen again, leading to one of Australia's most extensive police investigations. Both parents have since died without knowing what happened to their children. Bill Hayes has spent 16 years working on unmasking the killer of the Beaumont children.



Guest Speaker former South Australian Police Detective Bill Hayes.

As MC for the evening, Rotarian Peter Francis welcomed everyone and the usual meeting format was not followed but instead plenty of time was allowed for the ordering and eating of meals and general fellowship.

Eventually following the final delivery of meals to all guests, Peter introduced Bill Hayes as the Guest Speaker who then, with the assistance of a power-point presentation, took us all through his long and sometimes deeply disturbing investigation into the disappearance of the children.

Presented to us in chronological format, the evidence he presented was compelling and meticulously put together.

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He explained that prime suspect Harry Phipps had two personas – the public paragon-of-the-community persona but then there was the dark side that he hid from the world. On the surface, he was a gentleman: generous, charismatic, and intelligent - a person of wealth and influence in the community. However, a dramatically different person resided behind the walls of his Glenelg mansion, located a mere 190 metres in direct sight of Colley Reserve from where the Beaumont children went missing.

Evidence linking Phipps to the Beaumont abduction was explored in detail by Hayes, supported by geographic and predator profiling chapters.

He explained that over the years, several individuals have been put forward and investigated as suspects, resulting in false leads and dead ends, and despite diggings being carried out in suspected sites for the bodies of the children, they have still not been found. Suspect Harry Phipps dies in 2004.

Listening to the presentation by Bill Hayes it became very clear that working as a Detective in the murky world of paedophiles and murderers is certainly not an occupation for the faint-hearted.

It was interesting and informative being given an insight into the investigative work carried out by a leading detective, and we very much appreciate him giving up his time to come and speak.

During the course of the meeting the club ran a raffle which took the tidy sum of \$469.00, and the meeting was closed (a little later than usual) at 10.30pm.

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### **Next Meeting No. 2182: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Guest Speaker: Hugh Benger**

**Topic: “Preparing Young Students for a Rapidly Changing World.”**



**Chairman: Colin Francis**

**6.30 for 7.00pm. Grosvenor Hotel.**

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**FORWARD 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.

Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	2183	Martin Diep	Brian Rodan	Macular Degeneration – Care of our Eyes.	Grosvenor Hotel
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	2184	Club Assembly	Stuart Ellis		Grosvenor Hotel
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	2185	Social Activity		TBA.	
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	2186	Elizabeth Davis	Sue Morisset	Rotary Oceania Medical Aid (ROMAC)	Grosvenor Hotel
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	2187		Club Directors	Committee Members	TBA

**GOOLWA MARKET:** Contact Cherilyn Fleming for market roster duties.

<b>GOOLWA MARKET ROSTER July - Aug 2023 as at 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023</b>			
6/08	First	6.00am – 11.00am	<b>Alan Kluske T</b> Cherilyn Fleming
	Second	10.30am – 3.00pm	<b>Colin Francis T</b> Sue Morisset
20/08	First	6.00am – 11.00am	<b>Bob McFarland T</b> Alan Mullins
	Second	10.30am – 3.00pm	<b>Brenton Abbott T</b> Bob Oliver

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## No challenge is too big for us

For more than a century, we've bridged cultures and connected continents.  
We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean  
water and sanitation, and fight disease.

Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources.

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