

Weekly Newsletter and Program



Rotary
Club of Encounter Bay

PRESIDENT STUART ELLIS 2023 - 24



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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 2188 THURSDAY, 21st September 2023

Members were punctual for the meeting held at our home venue, The Grosvenor Hotel – so much so that the official opening was announced by Sergeant Bob Oliver 15 mins early - at 6.45pm with the introduction of President Stuart Ellis.

President Stuart welcomed all Rotarians and Guest Speaker, Julie Irwin.

Notes from President Stuart

- President Stuart advised that Grant Mullins, son of member Alan Mullins and Raylene, is having further tests after a diagnosis of a liver tumour.
- Sad and unexpected news of the death of former member Wilf Emmett. Both Wilf and (wife) Pam Emmett were members of RCEB for many years before moving back to Adelaide. Our deepest sympathy to Pam and her family.
- Acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries, including the Rotary anniversary of David Virgin who joined the club on 29th September 1983. President Stuart congratulated David on his amazing 40 continuous years of service to Rotary.
- September is Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy month, which highlights the excellent contribution by Rotarian Bob McFarland with organising RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness) program for the 12th consecutive year. This year 195 students participated. Congratulations to Bob and his team on another very successful year of RYDA, and thanks to all club members who volunteered.
- The Rotary Club of Yankalilla is looking for volunteers to assist them with their Rotary Display on 30th September being held at the Yankalilla District Show.
- The Club's Board Meeting was held on 19th September and the Minutes will be circulated to all members.
- The District Conference will be held 15 – 17 March 2024 in Loxton.

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Sergeant Bob Oliver invited Cheryllyn Fleming as Club Secretary and Service Directors to address the meeting.

Cheryllyn advised (not as Club Secretary) that the club market rosters, including Port Elliot, are now being drawn up and members should let her know if they are able to assist.

David Virgin (International Service Director) advised that at its meeting on 19th September the Board had approved the donation of \$1,000 for various areas of overseas assistance. More details TBA.

Alan Kluske (Treasurer) has organised for a debit card to be utilized by our club members when necessary and appropriate.

Peter Manuel (Membership & Program) spoke about the next two club meetings. At the first we will hear Guest Speaker Dean Jamieson who having worked as a stockman has many fascinating and interesting tales to tell; and the following week we will be welcoming Mayor Moira Jenkins.

Member Interview (Conversation with Ken Carter)



Interviewer Ken Carter (left) with club member David Virgin.

This week Ken chatted to long-time member David Virgin, who (as stated above) is celebrating his 40th year at the RCEB. In response to the query, “Why did he join?”, David explained that he had observed many club members doing volunteer work in the community which he considered very worthwhile. He was then invited to a club fundraising event which included some probably illegal gambling activity which he found encouraging, and as a then “young” club he could see the benefits of being involved in Rotary in Action while enjoying the obvious social aspects.

Now firmly in retirement, he described his first employment working for an earthworks company. He then studied building part-time in Adelaide before moving to Darwin. On returning to Victor Harbor he moved into the family business and took over as Managing Director. His interest in building has continued in his retirement with helping at the New Life Africa School in Kenya.

Speaking about his personal life, he has two adult children and met his wife Janice when sitting in a bus in Manilla – as one does. Finally Ken asked if David had any advice for the future of the club, and he responded that it would be best to focus on new membership in the 50-70 year age group rather than trying to get younger people on board. He suggested it is important to remember to have fun.

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200 Club:

Gaming official Barry Pryor drew two winners this week. Peter Manuel with ticket no.141 and Colin Francis with no.12. Congratulations to both.

Fines Session

Sergeant Bob Oliver (right) motored through the mandatory birthday and anniversary fines. He then took coins from three members who mistakenly took themselves along to the Grosvenor Hotel last week. They can for the moment rest easy at not being named & shamed. It is important though to remind all members, including Madeleine Jenkins, Phil Beckett and Sue Dixon that when the club has committee meetings, no full club meeting is held that same week.



It's the AFL Grand Final and a man takes his seat behind the goal square and notices the seat next to him is empty, and the MCG is a full sell-out. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there. "No" says the neighbour, "the seat is empty". "This is incredible," said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat and not use it?"

The neighbour said "it actually belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife but she passed away. This is the first Gand Final we have missed since 1979 when we got married". The man says, "couldn't you find someone else, a friend, relative, even a neighbour to take the seat?" He says "No. They're all at the funeral".

GUEST SPEAKER – JULIE IRWIN, MEMBER OF RCVH

"BRAND VICTOR HARBOR"



Julie with Chairman Alan Kluske.

Meeting chairman Alan Kluske introduced our Guest Speaker, Julie Irwin, who spoke to us about "Brand Victor Harbor – feel it calling". Back in December 2021, the City of Victor Harbor launched the new brand to strengthen Victor Harbor's position as the vibrant, creative heart of the Fleurieu Peninsula. Julie described it in the context of the brand working to bolster the local economy but primarily to showcase Victor Harbor as the outstanding area to live, work, visit and invest.

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A considerable number of local businesses have come aboard as Brand partners and Julie is working to increase the number even further. The RCEB was the first community service club to become a member. As stated by Mayor Moira Jenkins at the launch of the new brand, “We want everyone to use this brand as a foundation for conversations about Victor Harbor, and a reason to reflect on why you feel a calling to our city”.

There is no doubt that all RCEB members agree with Julie that “the community is our family”, and we very much appreciate her attending our meeting and speaking to us about the new and exciting branding of where we call “home”, the beautiful city of Victor Harbor.

Attendance (from Des Schirmer)

Members	18
Apologies	5
LOA	1
AWOL	1
Total membership:	25 = 72%

Next Meeting: No. 2189

Thursday 28th September 2023 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Grosvenor Hotel

Guest Speaker: Dean Jamieson Author, “They called me Lightning”.

Chairman Alan Mullins.

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.

Oct 5 th	2190	Mayor Moira Jenkins	David Virgin	“A Vision for Victor” Where to from Here?	Grosvenor Hotel
Oct 12 th	2191	Breakfast Meeting		No Agenda	8.30am Whalers
Oct 19 th	2192	Merilyn Russell	TBA	Interplast Australia “Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives”	Grosvenor Hotel

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GOOLWA MARKET: Contact Cherilyn Fleming for market roster duties.

GOOLWA MARKET ROSTER Sept – Oct 2023 as at 21-09-2023			
1/10	First	6.00am – 11.00am	Stuart Ellis Cherilyn Fleming (Market Equipment)
	Second	10.30am – 3.00pm	Peter Dixon Sue Dixon Ken Carter
15/10	First	6.00am – 11.00am	Bob McFarland T Alan Mullins
	Second	10.30am – 3.00pm	Brenton Abbott T Bob Oliver



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