

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 2198 30th November 2023

An early start this week with members having ordered their meals of choice, settled comfortably in their chairs and delicately sipping their drinks while participating in idle chatter (fellowship). On the dot of 6.50pm Sergeant Bob Oliver called the meeting to order and formally introduced Club President Stuart Ellis, recently returned from o/seas. Our meeting this week was a Club Assembly and the AGM.

Stuart thanked Peter Francis (President Elect) and Cherilyn Fleming (Club Secretary) for their work in his absence. Before passing to PE Peter Francis to conduct the AGM, he acknowledged all birthdays and anniversaries.

Primary items of the AGM were:

1. Minutes of the AGM held 8th December 2022 were approved.
2. PE Peter Francis announced the 2024-25 RCEB Board:
 - President Nominee 2025-2026: Sue Morisset
 - Immediate Past President Board: Stuart Ellis
 - Secretary: Marilyn Shaw
 - Treasurer: Phil Beckett
 - Director of International Service: David Virgin
 - Director of Youth Service: Colin Francis
 - Director of Community Service: Mary-anne Woodman
 - Director of Club Service: Sue Morisset
 - Director of Markets: Cherilyn Fleming
 - Director of Membership: Peter Manuel



President Elect Peter Francis announcing his Rotary management team for 2024-25.

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President Stuart informed members of the following:

- the club's current financial position;
 - that the International Council of Rotary met online from 17th October to 4th November and passed various resolutions which can be viewed online or are available from Stuart;
 - Club Secretary Cherilyn had sent emails to all members regarding Disaster Aid, Shelter Box and Australian Rotary Health;
 - the Board met in November and the Minutes will be circulated. Key points of interest are:
 1. Hi Viz vests are available for all club members
 2. Marshals are required for the Christmas Pageant on Saturday 9th December
 - support is required for the market rosters over December/January, particularly Port Elliot in January. It is a time for "all hands-on deck";
 - next week's meeting is a BBQ to be held at his home in Port Elliot from 6.30pm. While it had been restricted to club members only due to his house not being large, Stuart assured members that if partners do wish to attend, to just let him know for catering purposes.
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Following a formal invitation from Sergeant Bob to address the meeting, the following Board and Club members updated those present on various happenings:

Club Secretary Cherilyn Fleming

Circulated an Attendance Sheet for the visit to the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Stables.

Community Service Sue Morisset

Club raffle – please return all sold ticket books and further books are available for ticket sales. Tickets will be sold this weekend at both Goolwa and Port Elliot Markets.

Alan Mullins

Additional volunteers are required for marshalling at the Christmas Pageant being held on 9th December.

Mary-anne Woodman

Reiterated earlier comment by President Stuart that additional volunteers are required for the PE Market in Dec & Jan. Also volunteers to run a BBQ at Port Elliot in January.

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Ken Carter

The invitation from the City of Victor Harbor to visit the Tram Horse Stables is a special opportunity to preview what will be experienced by paying guests early in the New Year. Members and friends are encouraged to attend at 11.00am next Tuesday 5th December. All enquiries to Ken.

David Virgin

The popular annual Rotary International Night will again be held at his home in Port Elliot on 1st February commencing 5.30pm.

Peter Francis

Reminded members that Guy Leech, former Australian Ironman Surf Lifesaving Champion, will be visiting Port Elliot on 15th December to speak about the “Defib Hero Community Activation Program” which aims to substantially increase the number of defibrillators available to the public and to digitally document where they are located.

Peter Manuel

Shared with us the good news he has received regarding his very successful International Haiti project which was financially supported by the RCEB. Please see p.7 for Peter’s summary which provides full details. Peter does not mention in his summary that he wrote and illustrated the original book, “Roo Goes to School”. In addition it needs to be stressed that Peter has been the driving force behind this amazing Rotary program.

Member Interview – Ken Carter (Conversation with Alan Mullins)

Alan explained that he was first introduced to Rotary by a workmate and was inducted to the RCEB in 2003.

His interesting career commenced in 1971 when he went to work in the family business, *Mullins Wheels* for 9 ½ years. During this period he learnt many and varied skills before moving to the equally long-established Bagshaw’s Workshop where he continued to apply and expand his expertise in the field of machinery manufacturing.

His career path then diverted somewhat when he worked with family building pushbikes and joined Balfours Bakery, before returning to his former work environment of machine engineering.



Member Alan Mullins (left) being interviewed by Ken Carter.

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Responding to the query of what had been a meaningful event in his life, Alan said it undoubtedly was the year of 1971 when he experienced two major events, namely walking the Kakoda Track and getting married.

His advice for Rotary and our club in particular is to continue to maintain our active website, which he believes provides a valuable starting point to learn about our club and what it has to offer potential members.

200 Club:

Gaming Official Barry Pryor, ably supported by Des Schirmer, completed four lucky draws from the barrel. Uncontested winners are:

No. 162 Brenton Abbott

No. 104 Marilyn Shaw

No. 103 Barry Pryor

No. 012 Colin Francis



Fines Session



The fines session this week included golden moments recounted to us by happy members. Always good to hear good news.

All very capably controlled by Sergeant Bob Oliver.

Bob's Joke of the Week



Little Tony was 9 years old and staying with his Grandmother for a few days. He had been playing outside with other kids and when he came inside he asked his grandmother, "What's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?" Grandmother was taken aback, and said, "it's called sex, darling". Little Tony said O.K. and went out to play again. A few minutes later he comes inside and said, "Grandma, it isn't called sex. It's called Bunk Beds and Jimmy's Mum wants to talk to you".

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Club Assembly



President Stuart Ellis addresses members gathered for the Club Assembly.

President Stuart covered a number of areas, commencing with whether members are happy with our current weekly format, which overall received the thumbs-up. A general discussion followed regarding Guest Speakers and the holding of 'scatter' meetings.

Stuart explained the current situation relating to the club's Jaralde Reserve project, and how we are now waiting for advice from Alexandrina Council following our submission of the development application. Please contact either Cherilyn Fleming or Mary-anne Woodman if further information is required.

Club Secretary Cherilyn Fleming then reported on the Zone 8 Regionalisation Update Webinar which

she recently attended. Cherilyn has been closely following this Pilot program and keeping up on how it is proceeding. She went into some detail to explain some of the concerns she has due to a number of inconsistencies that became apparent during the Webinar. We appreciate the time Cherilyn has put into this matter on behalf of our club and no doubt we can expect further information in due course.

The meeting was closed by President Stuart with the following quote: "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time you do fall." (Nelson Mandela)

Attendance (from Des Schirmer)

Members	20	
Apologies	3	
LOA	2	Total membership: 25 = 80%

Next Meeting: No. 2199

Thursday 7th December 6.30pm

**BBQ hosted by Stuart & Jo Ellis
14 Beaumont Street Port Elliot**




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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

Friday Dec 15 th	2200	Christmas Meeting 	Stuart Ellis	All members, partners, past members & friends.	6.30pm Whalers Inn
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Dec 21	x	No Meeting		
Dec28	x	No Meeting		
Jan 4 2024	x	No Meeting		
Jan 11	x	No meeting		
Jan 18		No Meeting		
Jan 25		No Meeting		
Feb 1	2201	International Night	David Virgin	5:30 - 7:30 pm 3 Knights Beach Walk Port Elliot.

Contact Cherilyn Fleming for Roster Duties

MARKET ROSTERS**PORT ELLIOT**

2 December 2023	First	7.00am – 11.00am	Peter Manuel Colin Francis
	Second	10.30am – 2.00pm	Ken Buckley Marg Meade

GOOLWA

3 December 2023	First	6.30am – 11.00am	David Virgin (T) 6.30am Shane Lutz 6.30am Cherilyn Fleming (Stall holder payments)
	Second	10.30am – 3.00pm	Peter Dixon Sue Dixon Sue Morisset David Virgin (T) 2.30pm

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What in the world did we do for Haiti?

- Most family incomes average <\$2 per day
 - 60% of students drop out before the 7th grade
 - 55% of adults and parents are illiterate
 - Teachers are just now receiving their first training
- *until our 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*” translated into Kreyol and 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, document common words, and liaise with the various groups with similar objectives. *Perhaps our greatest achievement was far is to get these groups working together to bring about literacy for all.*

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay then embarked on a most rewarding but ambitious program. It set up a writing group using the skills of its members that did a number of things

1. Learned as much as it could about the Haitian Culture
2. Wrote 7 children’s books reflecting interest levels and cultural priorities
3. Had these books translated from English into French and Kreyol
4. It appointed and paid a Haitian doctor as a project specialist, and engaged 7 different Haitian artists to illustrate the books
5. Used a Haitian company to print (initially) 6000 copies for use in schools

In the meanwhile, the Kreyol language was documented and finally approved by the Kreyol academy. This included an alphabet chart.

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay also established detailed training manuals for teachers and trainers to teach children how to use the books produced to teach reading and to introduce the alphabet chart.

The Legacy?

On November 8th 2023 the newly formed Haitian Government announced that Kreyòl was to be the primary language of instruction. **It requires mandatory preschool and instruction from pre-K through high school in Kreyòl**

As we celebrate this major achievement, we are also aware that preschool programs are costly, This is a government mandate which non-government schools may choose not follow.

While we have been asked to help produce many of the materials now required, the club has determined that we have completed our part in helping the nation develop an approach to literacy. We have been the catalyst that has the potential to change a nation.

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