

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Big Thank you to you all for your support and continued hard work for this committee and our community.

Disappointingly, Covid continues to this day to raise its ugly head to create obstacles, lockdowns and generally a new and very different way of life for us all.

One in which we must look out for each other and be mindful of the stresses and strains this has placed on our local businesses and those more vulnerable members of our community who are struggling to adapt – both physically and mentally during these tough times.

- Despite this we managed to host a scrumptious “Covid Safe” Australia Day Breakfast which was very well attended. The Eudunda Citizen of the year award was received by Helen Schiller with Jake Alder our Young Australia Day Award recipient. This was immediately followed by our usual Tidy Towns award presentations. Thank you to the Regional Council of Goyder for the financial assistance towards making this one of the yearly highlights for this community.
- The Eudunda Caravan Park continues to have strong bookings and is still exceeding budget expectations. Several Grant applications have been submitted for the purchase of Cabins for the Park and we will continue to investigate every opportunity available to us for this purpose. The positive feedback from the visitors has been overwhelming and due in main to our park manager, his wife and the volunteer subcommittee who do an incredible job in maintaining these grounds.
- This year we see our “Community owned OP-Shop” owned and operated by ECBaT through the hard work of its Co-Ordinator Annie Wilson and her band of volunteers. This shop continues to amaze us with its record-breaking takings through the sale of secondhand goods. The revamped shop is attracting much praise and positive remarks. It is great to see how well the community has fully embraced this shop with the many, many donations of quality goods.
- The Silo Art project is complete, and the viewing area is well and truly nearing completion as we are soon to finalise the seating.
- Success with an SA WATER GRANT to paint the water tank at the top of the Eudunda Hill is very exciting. Currently the aboriginal elders are in consultation with a design before work can commence.
- ECBaT continues to fully support the new owners of the Eudunda Railway Station with their aim to preserve and rejuvenate this piece of heritage and to grow tourism.
- ECBaT continues as a registered volunteer work organisation. This opportunity has been utilised by some volunteers in the Op-Shop
- The Levi Creek Nature Reserve restoration is working extremely well, many 100’s of trees have already been planted and more will continue to be planted by this hard working volunteer group. A walk through was held on the 10th of July (to also coincide with the 24hr M/C trial) which also marked 12 months since these trees have been planted. So, it was good to see how well the trees are growing and the natural revegetation that has occurred since access has been restricted.

- The Eudunda Visitor Centre upgrade and beautification – thanks to this small hard-working group of volunteers it is now a bright cheery place to visit with so much more information available to visitors to our town. Special mention should go to the window stylist who is doing an amazing job on keeping the displays up to date and looking great.

In closing I wish to thank you all again for your support in getting some of our projects over the line this year.

We still have a considerable amount of work to do, and I hope you will stay on to continue this momentum as we work towards:

- Continue to support our sub committees and volunteer groups in their efforts
Special mention needs to go to our very passionate Eudunda gardens volunteers who keep our towns gardens looking immaculate
- Silo Art area, sculptures, signage, landscaping and viewing area completion
- Increased Fire Truck utilization/exposure
- Top Car Park upgrade
- Caravan Park ongoing upgrade with the Camp Kitchen
- Housing subdivision
- Promoting tourists and visitors to our town
- Keeping the Regional Council of Goyder accountable

I sincerely hope that we will see Covid under control as we move forward, and that our community stays safe as we continue to be the absolute best place to work, live and raise our children.

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