

Weekly Newsletter and Program



PRESIDENT PETER FRANCIS 2024 – 25



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'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 2240: 21 November 2024

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter welcomed guest speakers Laura Lewis and Leanne Symonds to talk about the Southern Communities Transport Scheme (SCOTS), Past President of RCEB Gill Houlihan, and guests Vincent and Valerie Kok.

He then informed members that the Board has determined once again to contribute \$8,000 once again to SCOTS to assist with vehicle leasing. He acknowledged that some members are very familiar with SCOTS. Our guest speakers tonight will add to that knowledge and bring us all up to date.

He also explained that the Board has also looked at a comprehensive list of possible actions drawn together by Peter Manuel to increase membership. One that will be implemented immediately is for the Secretary to write to guest speakers with a view to maintaining contact between us.

President Peter then informed members that he only recently became aware that the membership process has been streamlined and it is no longer a requirement that the names of prospective members have to be circulated to the general club membership. The club's bylaws will be circulated shortly to all members to ensure we are all up to date

He then reminded members that the AGM and Club Assembly are scheduled for next week and encouraged members to attend. He also reminded members that District Governor Nominee, Tim Mee and Maurice O'Connell, one of the New Dawn volunteers working in the Ukraine, will be our guest speakers at our meeting on 5 December which will be held at the Anchorage.

Before handing over to Chair Mary-anne, President Peter acknowledged the wedding anniversary of Stewart and Jacqui Burns on 25 November and Shane Lutz's birthday on 27 November.

Chair Mary-anne then invited Directors to speak. Colin informed members that school presentations will take place on 4 December. Cherilyn explained that despite weather conditions \$2800 was raised at

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the recent Port Elliot market. Mary-anne informed members that pageant times will be announced shortly and asked volunteers willing to assist to contact her.

Chair Mary-anne then invited Ken to conduct his interview with recent member Phil De Courcey who explained that it was when he reconnected with Stuart that he thought of joining Rotary. After 14 years as an Army demolitions instructor Phil undertook a degree in Accounting, then spent a day as a government cadet before accepting a job in the defence industry and then mining. He explained that his experience living overseas when his father worked abroad has had the deepest impact on his life to date. His advice to the club for the future was to continue to focus strongly on inclusivity. Chair Mary-anne thanked both Phil and Ken for the interesting interview.

The 200 Club draw was then won by David Virgin and fines were then collected from Ken for rude comments, the President for not getting his photo in the right place yet again, Bob Oliver and Cheryllyn for photos that did not include Rotarians at the Goolwa market, Sue Dixon for being a Peeping Tom and Cheryllyn for irritating the Sergeant. Cross fines were collected from the President for forgetting Phil Beckett's birthday and the Sergeant for getting an extra sausage with his meal.

Chair Mary-anne then welcomed the guest speakers, Laura (SCOTS coordinator) and Leanne (who oversees a number of programs for the City of Victor Harbor). Laura began by passing on thanks to the club for its continuing support from CEO Victoria MacKirdy. She also alerted members to the upcoming review of public transport.

She then explained Mediride began in 1992 and covers Victor Harbor, Alexandrina, Kangaroo Island and Yankalilla council areas. With limited resources, donations are very much appreciated. As well as Mediride there is a shopping bus and both are well used. The shopping bus carried 10,000 passengers last year. There are currently 35 volunteers and more volunteer drivers are sorely needed. The new SCOTS vehicle, which members then viewed outside, has been named Bob Hall.

Members noted that Bob joined in 1998 and is now on the advisory committee. Des drove for 20 years and is also on the advisory committee with Bob McFarland. In response to questions it was noted there is currently no subsidy for taxi use, and a referral code is needed from My Aged Care to use the service. Office staff are volunteers also. Members felt more publicizing of the service would be helpful and Des confirmed that volunteering for the service involves working with a good group which is well organized and most fulfilling.

President Peter thanked the guest speakers for their presentation which illustrated well the great value of SCOTS. He then closed the meeting at 8.25pm thinking, but not saying aloud, his Thought for the Week, "For all that has been, thanks. To all that shall be, yes." (Dag Hammarskjold)

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Members present: 20 Visitors and Guests: 4

Past Member:1

Apologies and leave: 7

Membership attendance: 74%

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.

28 Nov	7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	AGM and Assembly	Peter Francis
5 Dec	TBC	Anchorage	Combined Meeting Tim Mee	TBC
12 Dec	Grosvenor	Grosvenor Hotel	Skin Tech Dr Brooks	TBC
19 Dec	TBC	McCracken	Christmas celebration	TBC
			19 Dec – 30 Jan Christmas Break	
30 Jan	TBC	3 Knight's Beach Walk	Bubbles by the Bay	David Virgin

Market Rosters – Goolwa and Port Elliot

See Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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