

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 2247: 13 January 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners the Ngarrinjeri and their elders. He welcomed all members, guests Rob and Philip and guest speaker Sarah. Members noted that Sue and Shane are back from holidays but unwell. Members also noted that VHRC is no longer supporting RYDA and that finding a RYDA venue is still a challenge. Stuart Burns is currently on leave and will be resigning due to family issues. Lastly members noted that Sue and Brenton will shortly be grandparents, Peter Manuel and Mary-anne have upcoming birthdays, and Des Schirmer has a Rotary anniversary, having been a member since 1981.

Chair Ken Carter then called for Directors' reports. Secretary Marilyn passed an attendance sheet around for the BBQ next week and reminded members there could be a relocation if the weather proves bad. She also passed around a District newsletter, flagged the new Assembly format and location and encouraged members to attend. She also highlighted the One and All Twilight Sail on 1 March and suggested members look at the District Facebook page. Cherilyn informed members that Steam Ranger will be running on market days and the Wooden Boat Festival organisers have asked for market calendars to advertise the markets. She explained rosters went only to those rostered and that the Easter roster will be out soon. Peter Manuel thanked those who have organised putting up 24 posters around the city and reminded members footy tipping is underway. Lastly Phil alerted members paying for membership in instalments that these are now due.

Chair Ken then handed over to Sergeant Bob who duly fined Peter Manuel, Mary-anne, Joan Oliver and Alan for birthdays and Des Schirmer for a Rotary anniversary. He also fined the President for becoming a grandfather and for a hat. Ken was fined for sobriety leading to good bowls for one week only, Peter Manuel for his cooking while Brenda recovers from an accident, Phil de Courcey for representing Stuart and Phil Johns for kindly visiting us from Port Pirie. Fines previously missed included Bob Oliver and the Secretary for Rotary anniversaries, Des for getting an ambulance for his wife, Ken for an expensive meeting supporting two members, and Alan for two April birthdays.

President Peter then invited Sarah Mack from Port Elliot Kindergarten to begin her presentation. Sarah explained she is very much a local, she has a retriever called Billy, she is a humanist, believes in lifelong

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learning and has been Director of the Port Elliot Kindergarten for the last 6 years. She was originally a high school teacher, but retrained in Early Childhood after her daughter attended kindergarten. Kindergarten projects she has initiated and led included a focus on listening, engaging parents in learning, Ngarrinjeri perspectives and culture, revegetation of Basham's Beach, harvesting and sandbagging of mung trees, painting a mural with a renowned indigenous artist, an annual welcome to country ceremony, Ngarrinjeri language learning, using dot painter Amanda Wesley as inspiration, and the work 'Somebody's Land' as a key learning and teaching resource. In response members congratulated Sarah on her enthusiasm and focus. In response to a question Sarah explained there are 7 staff (2 full time) and 60 students currently at the kindergarten. President Peter then thanked Sarah for a stimulating and truly magnificent presentation and closed the meeting at 8.17pm with the following thought from Simone Weil : 'I can therefore I am', and suggested the quote could well be turned around.



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.

20 Feb	6.30pm	14 Beaumont St Port Elliot	Stuart Ellis, Backyard Barbecue	TBC
27 Feb	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Club Assembly	President Peter
6 March	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Anne Rose, The Influence of Music	TBC
13 March	TBC	Port Elliot Lifesaving Club	Social Evening	TBC
20 March	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Jo Lush, Author of 'The Vets of the Valley, Vietnam'	TBC

Market Rosters – Goolwa and Port Elliot See Market Director Cheryl Fleming for details

Members present: 17 (57%), Guests 2, Guest Speaker 1, Apologies and Leave 13

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