

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 2250: 6 March 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed new Friend of Rotary Sabine, members Bob Hall, Ken Buckley and Barrey Niven, visitor Alan Keogh from Mackay West Rotary Club, and guest speaker Ann Rose. Members noted Fay Buckley's health has improved.

President Peter informed members he has met recently with Sue Morissey, Bob McFarland and Colin Francis to discuss RYDA, which has now been running for 14 years. Two sessions look possible and maybe a third. Bob has contacted five schools which are interested and Jan Lawrence (Goolwa Rotary President) may be able to organize some financial support. A Board meeting will follow this meeting to discuss RYDA further. Members noted a commercial entity has been contacted to look the possibility of partnership. As suggested by Brenton Abbott, a corporate sponsorship may be investigated also.

President Peter then formally welcomed Sabine De Courcay to the club as a Friend of Rotary and acknowledged with thanks her assistance at the recent BBQ meeting, as well as her participation in Zonta.

Meeting Chair Gill called for Directors' reports. Peter Manuel reminded members the AFL tipping competition starts now and encouraged members to get their tips in. The 200 Club was then drawn with Barry Pryor and Phil Beckett announced as the winners.

Following this, Sergeant Bob collected a multitude of fines, including from Peter Manuel (in lieu of John Haynes) for a Facebook entry, Alan Mullins and all others involved in Personal Project Evaluations, Colin Francis for needing glasses, Barry Pryor for losing a bag, Barrey Niven for winning a bowls premiership, and Madeleine Jenkins for spelling Barrey's name wrongly, and for arriving late and being affronted at having to sit at the front.

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Cross-fines and gold and brown moments included Phil Beckett for a wedding anniversary, Barrey Niven for a birthday, Jeanette Rich for a Rotary anniversary, Peter Francis for a PHF Fellowship anniversary, Gill for leaving Queensland before the cyclone arrived, Mary-anne for her lilies, Alan Mullins for arguing, the Sergeant for using the gong too softly, and Peter Manuel for discovering a Rotary club advert had been posted in the toilets.

President Peter then introduced guest speaker Ann Rose who explained that she works at the Easy Listening 90.1FM radio station. Her presentation would focus on the station and how it works, the benefits of music and a little on the life and works of Tchaikovsky. Ann has worked for the station for six years and loved it. The station's programs are live so care is needed. Kenny Burgess opened the station in a caravan and it will be its 31st birthday this year. The station is now located in Crozier Road courtesy of Reverend Dan Barker. There are also stations outside Big W and Goolwa shopping centre. The station operates from 6.00am to 10pm and provides free community messages. Apart from the Manager, the 25 presenters are all volunteers. A program guide can be found on the station's website. Presenters choose the music and provide interesting details such as the fact that Julio Inglesias, who was a footballer discovered music in hospital after a car accident, the Bee Gees' sister Leslie began as a fill-in, and Lionel Richie wrote one verse of music sitting on a toilet. In response to questions, Ann explained the station is financed by sponsorship and pays its own licence fees and royalties.

Members provided positive feedback about the station and Ann was pleased to learn the station makes people happy. Barrey Niven pointed to the emotive strength of music and bagpipes in particular, which he plays at weddings and funerals. He also provided the example of a musical lament for children who died from Spanish Flu. Ann explained easy listening has a number of mental health benefits. It is calming and lowers cortisol levels. It also improves focus and supports sleep, and brings people together.

Members noted that ABBA works well for children, and violin music and South American music can be very uplifting. Upcoming performances at Newlands include a piano and organ recital on Wednesday afternoon, and the Cologne Chamber Orchestra on Friday at 7pm. Phil Beckett informed members he was involved with the radio station in its early years, was instrumental in the move to its current quarters, and worked with Ken Burgess for many years.

President Peter then thanked Ann for a very impressive presentation. He thanked Alan for visiting and asked him to send our best wishes to his fellow club members in Queensland. He reminded members that the meeting next week is at the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club and asked Board members to remain for the meeting focussing on RYDA before closing at 8.30pm.

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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.

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 Cherilyn Fleming for details

Members Present: 23 (77%), Guests, Guest Speaker and Visitors 4, Apologies and Leave 7

Note: Average Attendance for February 71%

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