

## 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 2251: 13 March 2025

### Venue: Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club

President Peter opened the meeting, welcomed partners and guests and thanked staff and volunteers at the Surf Life Saving Club for hosting the meeting. Members noted there would be three presentations after the meal.

President Peter introduced Surf Life Saving Club President Kirk Dixon and members noted the Port Elliot Club is over 90 years old, has had over 500 members, was operational for 4,000 hours last year and has already undertaken three rescues this year. Before proceeding to meal orders, President Peter pointed to the value of the Nippers program which, given its critical benefits, he sees as an act of love by parents and guardians who support it. After enjoying a delicious meal with superb views, members made their way to the presentations.



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At the presentation on Inflatable Rescue Boats members noted the oldest one is used for racing. The floor of the boat is hinged, has six carrying handles and a block to stop slips. Warren Mitchell began the use of inflatables. Driver and crew training is up to silver medallion status. The patrol area includes the bay and overlaps also with Chiton and Goolwa. In response to a question, members noted the new building has more accessible fuel cabinets to accommodate jet skis. The hull of an inflatable boat costs \$18,000 and the motor \$7500.

The presentation on Wooden Surf Boats included an explanation that they are all called Flying Fish after the first boat rescued, the hull of which is still in the bay. The boats have boxed out sections, electric pumps and scuppers. These allow the boats to crash through surf. There are four rowers per boat. The flat oar is used to steer the boat. Multiple awards have been won by the surf boat team since the 1930's. The biggest current challenge is overseas residents and visitors who are unaware of marine dangers.



The presentation on Patrol and First Aid began with an overview of common injuries which include stings, scrapes, rock falls, foot injuries and sunburn. The First Aid equipment is all donated and the impressive area includes new showers and toilets. Surf Club members are provided with bumbags containing first aid, binoculars and flippers.

After thanking the presenters, club members and volunteers for a most enjoyable and informative evening, the meeting was closed at 8pm.

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**Members Present: 22 (73%), Guests and Partners 8, Apologies and Leave 8**

**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.

<b>20 March</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Club conversations Fellowship</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>27 March</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Driving Instructors RYDA</b>	<b>Bob McFarland</b>
<b>3 April</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>The Vets of the Valley Vietnam</b>	<b>Phil De Courcey</b>
<b>10 April</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Causeway or Cockles</b>	<b>Breakfast meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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

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