

# 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 2254: 3 April 2025

### Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed Frank McGloneme from the Rotary Club of Dundee, Scotland, and his brother Frank from Encounter Bay, guest speaker Jo Lush, and Rob and Lyn Mulhern who would shortly cease to be guests and would be inducted during the meeting as a Rotarian and Friend of Rotary respectively. President Peter then reported that prior to this meeting the Board met briefly to formally consider and subsequently approve the expenditure of nearly \$12000 to ten local community groups. He acknowledged the work done by Community Service Director Mary-anne Woodward and her committee comprising Allan Mullins, Barry Pryor, Glen Goldsack, Jeanette Rich, Rob Mulhern, Valerie Kok and Vincent Kok.

He reported that last night Mary-anne and Jeanette Rich attended a meeting of the RCVH on his behalf, having been invited to hear their guest speaker report on the Encounter Centre's plans for a youth drop-in-centre. He thanked them for attending and looked forward to hearing what they learnt.

He then thanked Bob McFarland and President Elect Sue for the leg work progressing moves with the City of Victor Harbor and Bendigo Bank to provide financial support to fund the RYDA programme. Members noted the RC Goolwa is also in partnership with us, which is appreciated. He also informed members that while it was a challenge to accommodate the amount of information presented at the District Assembly, it was worthwhile attending, particularly as it provided a deeper appreciation of the complexities and diversity of Rotary as a whole.

Members noted that President Elect Sue and President Peter have booked the Crown Hotel for Changeover on Friday 27 June, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, that Goolwa RC 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Change-over Lunch will be on Saturday 21 June and that, as financial supporters of Biodiversity Victor Harbor, we have been invited to a meeting next Monday 7 April where Michael Simmons will be guest speaker. Birthdays were noted for Bob Oliver and Barry Pryor before President Peter handed over to Brenton to introduce Rob and Lyn.

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Brenton explained he has known Rob and Lyn for 40 years. Rob has been a member of Apex and involved in a number of community activities such as the Easter Craft Fair. His peers believe he has all the qualities to exemplify the Rotary spirit. After induction Rob will be a member of the Community Service Committee. Brenton also welcomed Lyn and thanked her for her willingness to be a Friend of Rotary.

President Peter then formally inducted Rob as a member, provided him with a welcome pack, and welcomed Lyn as a Friend of Rotary. Rob thanked all members for welcoming him and reported he was very much looking forward to contributing to the club.

President Peter then passed to Chair Phil De Courcey who invited the Club Secretary and Directors to speak. Mary-anne thanked her committee for assisting with the grants recently approved by the Board. She also reminded members that any assistance with the Family Day Out on Sunday from 10am at Urimbirra would be very welcome. 15 children and 30 parents will be attending.

Chair Phil then invited Barry to conduct the 200 Club Draw and the winner was Sue Morisset.

Fines collected by the Sergeant included from Peter Francis due to his faulty computer, Colin Francis for having been on a muster and attending a French film, Bob Oliver for three attempts at paying a bill and having a birthday, all those seated at a separate table, Madeleine for no name tag, himself for a snake found in Ireland, and Bob Hall for travelling to Port Elliot and return.



Chair Phil then introduced guest speaker Jo Lush who has previously written a book on the history of the Inman Valley and more recently a book on veterans from the Vietnam war. Jo explained she began by contacting veterans, or those who knew them, to ask if they would be willing to talk about their life in Vietnam. Some had already written about their experiences, others sent stories remembered, or talked over the phone. A book designer helped, as did her niece who was studying editing and designed the book cover. It was printed in December and launched in February with guests including Anne Wills. Jo

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reported she received lots of contacts after this, including from the media. She felt it was good to be able to publicly honour these veterans. In response to questions Jo reported she hadn't seen any other books on Vietnam veterans, and that it was not as easy a topic to find information on as if it had been about one of the World Wars. She explained she had varying reactions from the RSL and contributors had mentioned mental health issues arising from their experiences. Bob Hall then commended Jo for drawing public attention to these hugely deserving veterans.



Chair Phil thanked Jo for her presentation before handing back to President Peter who passed on his admiration to Jo for all the work behind the book, his thanks to visitor Frank and his brother Danny, and a warm welcome to new member Rob and Friend of Rotary Lyn before finishing with a quote from Mark Twain 'All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure' and closing the meeting at 8.25pm.

**Members Present: 26 (84%), Guests 4, Apologies and Leave 5**

**Note: Average attendance for March 76%**

### **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>10 April</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Causeway Cafe</b>	<b>Breakfast meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>17 April</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>24 April</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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

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