

# Weekly Newsletter and Program



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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

*'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 2179 THURSDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

This week members returned to the Grosvenor Hotel and everyone attending walked steadily and purposefully into our meeting room without requiring the aid of a walking frame or stick. This obvious lack of any form of mobility support was noted because the topic of our Guest Speaker was, "What's in a Walking Stick?". More on that later in this newsletter.



**Peter Francis** was Acting Club President in the absence of President Stuart Ellis whom it is reliably reported is enjoying the company of family whilst in the U.K.

All anniversaries and birthdays were announced by Peter which was a timely cue for said members to reach for their wallets in readiness for the inevitable fine to come from the Club Sergeant.

A/President Peter also reported that there had recently been a Board Meeting and minutes will in due course be circulated to all members. Meanwhile it can be noted that it was agreed that the club pay \$500 to store equipment for the annual Christmas Pageant, and that we would be liaising with the RCVH regarding the sponsoring and running of the Pageant. Also follow-up is planned with club members in relation to the Rotary Foundation. The main item discussed at the meeting was the club's annual budget and this is receiving detailed consideration following budget presentations/requests from each of the club Directors.

**Secretary Cherylyn Fleming** again reminded members that those intending to be at the meeting being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Hotel Victor must pay (\$25) ASAP. Bendigo Bank General Account: BSB 633 000 Account 202988978 Reference – Your name.

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| President: Stuart Ellis            | President Elect & Vice President: Peter Francis |
| Secretary: Cherylyn Fleming        | Treasurer: Alan Kluske                          |
| Community Service: Sue Morisset    | Club Service: Jeanette Rich                     |
| Membership & Program: Peter Manuel | International Service: David Virgin             |
|                                    | Youth Service: Colin Francis                    |
|                                    | Market Director: Mary-anne Woodman              |

**Des Schirmer** gave a summary of the club's meeting attendance 1/7/22 – 20/6/23 as follows:

Commenced Rotary Year with active membership at 26.

Add Hon members 7 = Total 33 members.

Our current active membership (3 new members and 2 resignations) is 27 members.

Add Hon members 6 = Total 33 members.

Sadly 2 Honorary members, Reg Arnold and Bruce Brocklebank passed away during the year.

46 meetings were held (44 the previous year)

65% average meeting attendance (70% previous year)

8 members achieved between 80-93% as follows:

Des Schirmer 93%

Phil Beckett, Peter Francis, Alan Mullins 89%

Ken Carter, Cherilyn Fleming 87%

Peter Manuel 83%

Sue Dixon 80%

13 members attended between 50-79% of meetings with 3 members below 50%.

Des also spoke about how make-ups for meetings can be claimed. Please speak to either Des or Barry Pryor (Attendance Officers) for further information.

### **Member Interview** (Conversation with Ken Carter)



Ken spoke with long-time Rotarian Barry Pryor who answered personal questions regarding Rotary and his life. Barry first joined Rotary in 1961 in Echuca, and subsequently became a member of the Essendon and Woodville South clubs before joining RCEB in the 1980/81 year. His working career has been in social work and as a Minister for the Church of Christ.

Interestingly, Barry mentioned the reason he first joined Rotary (back in 1961) was because working in and for the church, most members were women, and he felt the need for male companionship which was available at the local Rotary Club. (Eventually the women followed him)



### **Fines Session**

Sergeant Bob Oliver efficiently caught up with members who suddenly felt the need to check their shoes and under the table (for scraps?) and the required fines were dutifully dropped into the wooden box.

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## **200 Club**

The first of the draws for this year was officially conducted by Barry Pryor with winners Mary-anne Woodman and Bob Hall taking the honours (& money).

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### **GUEST SPEAKER – PAUL TAYLOR – “WHAT’S IN A WALKING STICK?”**

Paul was introduced by Jeanette Rich as chairwoman for the meeting and is a fellow Rotarian being a member of the RCVH. In his earlier life Paul was involved in the newspaper industry, living and working in Renmark in the Riverland where his family ran several regional newspaper publications along with commercial printing offices. He now lives in Port Elliot having retired there about seven years ago.

He has been collecting walking sticks for a very long time and describes it as an absorbing and fascinating hobby. He brought with him a number of sticks for members to inspect, all so different and with no doubt their own story. The majority of walking sticks in Paul’s collection date back to over 100 years and each has its own individual qualities and purpose. Those described as “gadget” sticks include one with a brandy flask; another with a hidden camera; a compass; spirit level and maybe most confronting hidden small and very sharp daggers which can be swiftly drawn out.



Guest Speaker Paul Taylor (r) with club Rotarians Jeanette Rich and Colin Francis.

The materials used varied considerably with some being quite exquisitely made with bone and ivory and others carved from wood.

We are all familiar with the saying, “you learn something new every day” and it is safe to say that this was true of all members listening to Paul’s interesting talk. We appreciate very much him taking the time to visit our club and share with us his fascinating hobby.

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### **Attendance (from Des Schirmer)**

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Members           | 18       |
| Apologies         | 5        |
| On LOA            | 2        |
| Total membership: | 25 = 72% |

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**Next Meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 for 7.00pm**

Venue - Men's Shed, Martha Close off Canterbury Road. Share meal with the local Reds Club. Soup and Roast will be provided.



***Cost is \$20 per head and must be paid in cash.***

**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.

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|----------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 2181 | Detective Bill Hayes | Peter Francis | The Beaumont Children Abduction                         | Hotel Victor    |
| Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> | 2182 | TBC                  | Colin Francis | "Preparing Young Students for a Rapidly Changing World" | Grosvenor Hotel |
| Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> | 2183 | Martin Diep          | Brian Rodan   | Macular Degeneration – Care of our Eyes.                | Grosvenor Hotel |
| Aug 24 <sup>th</sup> | 2184 | Club Assembly        | Stuart Ellis  |   | Grosvenor Hotel |
| Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> | 2185 | TBA                  |               |   |                 |

**GOOLWA MARKET:** Contact Cherilyn Fleming for market roster duties.

**Market Rosters will be emailed early next week.**

| <b>GOOLWA MARKET ROSTER July - Aug 2023<br/>as at 10-07-2023</b> |        |                  |  |
|--|--------|------------------|--|
| 6/08   | First  | 6.00am – 11.00am | <b>Alan Kluske T</b><br>Cherilyn Fleming |
|  | Second | 10.30am – 3.00pm | <b>Colin Francis T</b><br>Sue Morisset   |
| 20/08  | First  | 6.00am – 11.00am | <b>Bob McFarland T</b><br>Alan Mullins   |
|  | Second | 10.30am – 3.00pm | <b>Brenton Abbott T</b><br>Bob Oliver    |

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