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# 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 2256: 17 April 2025 Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

The meeting, held on the night before Good Friday, was officially opened by Sergeant Bob McFarland who introduced President Peter Francis. Probably unnecessary as we already knew who he was but it gave us the opportunity to applaud and members settled back into their seats preparing to enjoy the evening. President Peter welcomed everyone, and confirmed there were no visitors joining us. He then briefed members on the following;

- The Fleurieu Families Event held at Urimbirra Wildlife Park was a great success and he particularly thanked Community Service Director Mary-anne Woodman for the work she did in organizing as well as the members who gave up their time and helped run it on the day.
- An update on RYDA. The Streetsmart program, run by the RAA which aims at the same objectives as RYDA, has invited our club to send observers to a special demonstration they will be running.
- As advised previously, the changeover dinner is confirmed for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Crown Hotel.
- Following an invitation from Bio Diversity Victor Harbor to attend a meeting they held, President Peter and Sue Morisset were the only members from our club who went along, and Peter explained that Bio Diversity is organizing a special tree-planting and our members may wish to be involved.
- A reminder that Goolwa Rotary Club is holding their Changeover on 21<sup>st</sup> June and this will be combined with celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As per usual protocol RC Goolwa will be sending invitations out.

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President Peter then asked Secretary Marilyn if she had any comments to make to members, and she did, as follows:

- Asked members to check that they are all receiving the newsletters that are being sent out to all Rotarians by Rotary South Pacific, and Rotary on the Move.
- Advised that Rotarian Damian Leach has been appointed the District 9510 Governor for 2027-28.
- Reminded members that if lodging apologies for a meeting, they are to ring Fleurieu Crash Repairs office and not Brenton Abbott personally.

President Peter then gave club Directors and members the opportunity to speak and Sue Dixon, Program Manager, asked members to let her know if they can recommend a Guest Speaker to speak to us at one of our meetings.

Meals were then served and the general hum of good conversation interspersed with laughter resonated around the table while the food was eagerly devoured.

On completion of the meal, Sergeant Bob again brought the meeting to order, following which Barry Pryor, club gambling official, solemnly conducted two draws for our 200 Club. Congratulations to winners Bob Hall and Cheryl Fleming.



*Sergeant Bob in action*

Sergeant Bob then cranked up a couple of gears and slid capably into his role of fining members for actual and created misdemeanors. Peter Francis was fined just because he could be; Barry Niven for being successful at Masters Bowls; and Alan Mullins for getting his Driver's Licence returned. Others contributing to the fines box were Bob Hall, Barry Prior, Marilyn Shaw, Sue Dixon, Rob Mulhern, Stuart Ellis and Des Schirmer. Sergeant Bob wrapped up the fines session sharing a rather depressing story about the rude behaviour he witnessed at a recent graduation ceremony for Flinders University students.



President Peter closed the meeting after again thanking members for attending and expressing the hope that everyone enjoys their Easter. Finally he left us with a quote courtesy of the Dalai Lama *"Choose to be optimistic – it feels better"*.

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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.

<b>24 April</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>ANZAC Meeting. Members can bring a photo or medal of a relative who was in one of the forces, and speak for a couple of minutes about their story.</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>1 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>The SA connection to railways in Japan. Presented by Heather England</b>	<b>David Virgin</b>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Valerie and Vincent Koch</b>	<b>Shane Lutz</b>
<b>15 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor hotel</b>	<b>Advanced Care Directive presented by Dianne.</b>	<b>Madeleine Jenkins</b>

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

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