
Weekly Newsletter and Program



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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 2257: 24 April 2025 Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

On the eve of ANZAC (Australian & New Zealand Army Corps) Day we gathered at our primary venue and soon settled in for what was a special meeting. Members had been invited to bring with them memorabilia of relatives who had served in one of the forces and to give a short talk.



First though, we went through the club's usual procedures starting with Sergeant Bob McFarland inviting President Peter to speak. Peter Francis welcomed all members and brought them up-to-date on items of interest:

- 1) We have been advised that Bendigo Bank has approved a grant of \$5,000 which the club will be using to again stage the RYDA program later this year. Special thanks to Bob McFarland for all the work he has put into this, and Sue Morisset for organizing and submitting the grant application.
- 2) RCEB Board has approved the following –
 - a) \$5,000 to be paid to the Rotary Foundation which includes \$2,000 to Polio Plus;
 - b) \$4,000 to be paid to the Drought Relief for SA Farmers & Livestock (RABS) with an emphasis on having the hay delivered to the Fleurieu Peninsula;
 - c) \$5,000 to be paid to the Fleurieu Foundation specifically to support local school children.
- 3) Reminder that the Goolwa Changeover is on 21st June (same week as RCEB) which will combine with their 40th celebration.
- 4) On 21st June Biodiversity Victor Harbor is conducting tree-planting locally.

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The meeting was then placed in the capable hands of PP Sue Dixon.

Community Service Director, Mary-ann Woodman had two announcements:
First – The City of Victor Harbor is looking for volunteers for their new **Driving for Future** program. The aim of the program is to help learner drivers get their driving hours up. Further information available from Mary-ann.
Second – she will shortly be announcing a date for a Working Bee at the Encounter Centre, which is being conducted to help with the development of a Youth Centre. Watch this space.



Congratulations to Shane Lutz, winner of the weekly 200 Club Draw which was again overseen by Senior club member Barry Pryor.

Sergeant Bob McFarland then took centre-stage and the happy sound of coins being dropped into the wooden collection box could be heard.



Money was expertly extracted from the following members, albeit without complaint (for the most part) – Phil de Courcey (twice); John Haynes; Alan Mullins (twice); Sue Dixon; Peter Francis (twice); all members who helped at the Urimbirra picnic; Colin Francis; Mary-anne Woodman; and finally Stuart Ellis.

The meeting then turned its attention to a total of ten members who each gave a short talk about their serving relatives and showed various memorabilia. Hearing the stories was a very moving experience and emphasized to us all the suffering and sacrifice of all who fought. The sad stories of very young men, and women, fighting so proudly for their country is nothing short of heart-breaking. Deepest thanks to all the following members who contributed:

Stuart Ellis, Peter Francis; Mary-anne Woodman; Sue Morisset; Rob Mulhern; Peter Manuel; Sue Dixon; Gill Houlihan; John Haynes and Phil De-Courcey.

In closing the meeting President Peter summed it up as a reflection on sacrifices that have been made, and how the next day, being Anzac Day, we will have the opportunity to pay our deepest respect to all those who fought and died. He thanked Sue Dixon for organizing this very special meeting for our club.

He then finished with the following quote by Aristotle :

“it is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace.”

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Media Training for Beginners – if you don't know, just try & look thoughtful; looking super-relaxed is a skill, and try not to look too bored.

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.

1 May	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	The SA connection to railways in Japan. Presented by Heather England	David Virgin
8 May	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Valerie and Vincent Koch Speaking on their lives	Shane Lutz
15 May	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Advanced Care Directive presented by Dianne.	Madeleine Jenkins
22 nd May	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Coping in a cardiac emergency. Speaker – Deborah Geerts	Alan Mullins
Friday 30 th May	TBA	TBA	Annual RCEB Quiz Night	TBA
5 th June	TBA	TBA	Sea Rescue – presented by Commodore Michael Ross & Squadron leader Clive Mountford	Madeleine Jenkins & Stuart Ellis
12 th June	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Travels on Remote Islands Presented by David Virgin	David Virgin
19 th June	TBA	TBA	Committee Meetings Plans for 2025/26.	TBA
Friday 27 th June	6.30 for 7pm	Crown Hotel	Official Club Handover 2024/25 – 20225/26.	TBA

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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