

# 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 2258: 1 May 2025

### Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed members and Guest Speaker Heather England and her husband David. He mentioned the Board has approved a financial contribution for hay for local stock and reminded members about the Rotary Club of Goolwa's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary night on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Members noted Barry Pryor's assistance in establishing the Goolwa club. President Peter then reminded members about the Biodiversity Tree Planting event on 23 May and alerted members also to the following upcoming special events: Barry Niven's Rotary Anniversary (2011) and Peter Manuel's wedding anniversary. He then handed over to Chair David Virgin who invited the Club Secretary and Directors to speak.

Secretary Marilyn explained the Board has agreed to donate \$4000 to pay for hay for drought-stricken local farmers. Rob Mulhern and David Basham assisted with names of donee Fleurieu farmers and Stuart and Ken will liaise with the media. Delivery will be coordinated by the Farmers' Relief Agency and RAWCS. Adelaide Central Rotary Club has organised the program and has been awestruck by the number of Rotary donations locally and internationally.

Stuart drew members' attention to the Quiz Night flyer for 30 May (attached). Members then noted all defibs are up to date and those at Whalers and Lakala are unlocked. Des felt he may be able to help trace a missing key. Sue will bring a QR code next week for those wishing to register for the Biodiversity Planting Day. Chair David then invited Barry to conduct the 200 Club Draw and the winner was Marilyn. Fines collected by the Sergeant included from Barry Niven for his Rotary anniversary, Ken Carter for his birthday and photo in the paper, Bob Oliver for paying his re-entry tax, and David Virgin and Madeleine for returning to Victor Harbor.

Chair David then introduced guest speaker Heather England, noting this is History Month and today is a Heritage Festival. Heather began by explaining David England was a civil engineer from Hull in England who was commissioned by Brunel to build bridges in Wales, Kiev and in 1851, South Australia, where he coordinated the design and erection of the Torrens Bridge, the Glenelg Jetty, the waterworks and weir

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at Torrens Gorge and Port Adelaide Lighthouse. He became the resident engineer for railways before moving to Japan where, with Engineer in Chief Morell, he completed a railway in 10 years for the Shogun. Tunnels and floods were major issues. Trains were expensive for most people at that time, but cities grew and food and medicine distribution improved as a result of the new railway. As a result of his work England was held in high esteem in the UK and Japan. He was interred in Yokohama. In response to a question about why Japan embraced industrialisation so readily, Heather explained it was at least in part due to the influence of people such as England.



President David thanked Heather for her different and most interesting presentation before finishing with a quote from Oprah Winfrey ‘Cheers to a new month and another chance to get it right’. He closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

**Members Present: 25 (81%), Guests 2, Apologies and Leave 6 Note: Average attendance for April 62%**

**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>8 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Valerie and Vincent Koch speaking on their lives</b>	<b>Shane Lutz</b>
<b>15 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel Advanced Care Directives</b>	<b>Dianne will explain the importance of and process for completing an ACD</b>	<b>Madeleine Jenkins</b>
<b>22 May</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Coping in a cardiac emergency – Deborah Geerts</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>30 May</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Encounter Bay Football Club</b>	<b>Annual RCEB Quiz Night</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**Market Rosters –Contact Market Director Cheryl Fleming for details**

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\$15 per person Friday

30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

7pm for 7.30pm

# QUIZ NIGHT

The Fleurieu Community Foundation & Rotary Club of Encounter Bay  
invite you to a Quiz Night fundraising event.

Just put together a team of up to 8 people and vie for the perpetual  
'Wally Bradley Cup'.

Don't have a complete table?

You are welcome to join others in the same position to make up a full table.  
So, grab your lucky pen and join in the fun...there's lots of prizes up for grabs!

**Book early as numbers will be restricted**

**BYO supper to share**

**Drinks available at the bar.**

Encounter Bay  
Football Club



**Bookings - <https://www.trybooking.com/DBGWC>**

**For more info Ph 8552 2411 or email [info@fleurieucommunityfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@fleurieucommunityfoundation.org.au)**

*All funds raised on the night will be directed to the Wally Bradley Scholarship Award.  
This Award provides financial support to young people commencing post-secondary education.  
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