

# 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 2260: 15 May 2025

### Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed members and Guest Speaker Diana O'Neil. He mentioned a recent meeting with Bendigo Bank to discuss \$5000 funding to support RYDA, and that the Board has approved funding for NYSF applicants. Members then noted Gill has a forthcoming wedding anniversary before President Peter handed over to Chair Madeleine, who invited the Club Secretary and Directors to speak.

Secretary Marilyn mentioned the recent Board meeting and expressed her thanks to current President Peter. She also informed members that Phil Shaw is travelling OK. Colin Francis reminded members about the Victor Harbor HS mentoring day in two weeks' time, thanked those who have already volunteered their time for 10.30 to 12.20 on that day, and asked any other volunteers to let him know their availability as soon as possible. David Virgin drew members' attention to the New Life Africa Newsletter. Lastly, Phil Beckett informed members he will be handing over the role of Treasurer to Vincent Kok next year. Everyone present expressed their sincere thanks to Phil for his commitment and excellent care of the club accounts and Phil confirmed he will be on hand to assist Vincent in his role.

Sergeant Bob then conducted the fines session, collecting fines from the President for his debt of 10c and being a Labor supporter, the Secretary for getting lost, Peter Manuel for coming last in the Footy Tipping Competition, Shane for manhandling merchandise, Barrey Niven for his bowling performance, Stuart for embracing democracy, Peter Manuel and Bob Hall for winning the Footy Tipping the previous week, and himself for wearing his badge upside down.

Chair Madeleine then introduced guest speaker Diana O'Neil, a volunteer Community Educator for the Victor Harbor Council in the Fleurieu Advanced Care Directive (ACD) program. Diana began by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land before explaining that the Fleurieu ACD program is a joint partnership of the Yankalilla, Alexandrina and Victor Harbor Councils.

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She then explained that the ACD documents your future life and health choices and includes the names of any Substitute Decision Makers who can make choices that follow your wishes on your behalf. The importance of the ACD has grown as people recognise how vital it is to have everything in place – including Enduring Power of Attorney, will and Superannuation Death benefit instructions - in advance of medical and life emergencies. It is also critical to ensure all of these are kept up to date.

Diana explained that the ACD helps your family care for you and provides peace of mind for everyone, as well as clarity for health care professionals. It is not an easy task to complete an ACD and it is important to discuss it as a reflection of your wishes with family and friends.

A one-on-one walk through with one of the council team is a very useful free service designed to help you understand and make best use of the document. Once completed and witnessed by a JP the ACD becomes a legal document which can then be copied and certified for Substitute Decision Makers, doctors and solicitors. Finally Diana mentioned that any volunteers for the council's ACD program would be most welcome.

In response to questions, Diana underlined the importance of having one or more Substitute Decision Makers as well as multiple certified copies of the ACD so that the right person can be contacted to ensure what is in the ACD is followed. In relation to Voluntary Assisted Dying, Diana explained there is a separate formal process for indicating that this is the preferred option. Chair Madeleine then thanked Diana for her presentation and mentioned the effectiveness of the council service she had personally witnessed when certifying ACD's.

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President Peter then formally thanked Diana for a very valuable and informative presentation about an extremely important document everyone should complete. He then expressed his sincere thanks to Phil for his role as Treasurer. He reminded members to consider assisting with the VHHS mentoring program, and to place the Quiz Night in their diaries. He closed the meeting at 8.30 pm with a quotation from Roosevelt: 'Democracy cannot succeed until those with choice exercise it well, based on good education.'

**Members Present: 24 (68%), Guests 1, Apologies and Leave 7, Total attendance 27**

**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>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>
<b>5 June</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Victor Harbor Goolwa Sea Rescue – Michael Ross, Clive Mountford</b>	<b>Madeleine Jenkins</b>
<b>12 June</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Travels on Remote Islands – David Virgin</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Final Meeting before Changeover</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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

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## Fleurieu ACD Program

Would you like to find out more about Advance Care Directives?

Do you need some assistance to navigate the Advance Care Directive Form?

An Advance Care Directive makes it easy for others to know what your wishes are if you are unable to make these decisions yourself. It can also give you peace of mind to know that your wishes are known and will be respected, if others need to make decisions for you.

The Fleurieu Advance Care Directive (ACD) Program is a volunteer-based service that provides general information to assist you to navigate the Advance Care Directive Form.

*Please note: If you require specific advice about the content, meaning and effect of the ACD Form you will need to seek support from professional services.*

**Book your 1:1 appointments with a Trained Peer Support Officer at the following locations:**

<p><b>City of Victor Harbor</b> 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor</p> <p><b>Yankalilla Library</b> 181 Main South Road, Yankalilla</p> <p><b>Alexandrina Library</b> 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:localgov@victor.sa.gov.au">localgov@victor.sa.gov.au</a> or Call 8551 0500</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:tia.russell@yankalilla.sa.gov.au">tia.russell@yankalilla.sa.gov.au</a> or Call 8558 0200</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au">alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au</a> or Call 8555 7000 (TBC—to check with Deb)</p>
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