

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 2263: 12 June 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed members, guest speaker David Virgin and guests Janice Virgin and Kathy Carter. He also welcomed back Jeanette after her incident with a bicycle. President Peter then handed over to Chair David who invited the Club Secretary and Directors to speak.

Secretary Marilyn thanked all members who have notified her they will attend and have paid for the Changeover Dinner. She emphasised again the importance of members letting her know if they are attending.

Director Mary-anne reminded members that painting at the Encounter Community Centre will begin at 9am tomorrow and at 9am on the 20th July. Those attending are asked to let Mary-anne know and bring brushes, rollers and trays if at all possible.

Sergeant Bob then conducted the fines session with fines including Cheryl for a PHF anniversary, Sue for a wedding anniversary, David Virgin who saw Sergeant Bob at the gym, Ken and Sue for being in the paper, the President for yet again not being in the paper, Vincent and Val for returning to Victor Harbor, Jeanette for damage caused by a bike, Bob for going a long way round, David Virgin for being a pin-up boy, Kathy for getting excited, Madeleine for errors in the newsletter, the President for swim swaps, Ken for his poetry being cut off, and Barry for his bowls success.

Chair David then invited Ken to proceed with his interview with new member Rob Mulhern who explained he is a past member of Apex, an Athletics Club, Victor Harbor Riding Club and the SA Dairy Federation. He was born in Mitcham and moved to Inman Valley as an 8-year-old. He left school at 15, married in 1970, has 4 children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. He has driven 40,000 kilometers on school runs, has always been involved with the local community, and was directly involved in the setting up of Christmas trees in Ocean Street. His advice to the club was to seek younger members and set up a contingency fund. He noted the strong good name of the club among the local community.

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Chair David thanked Ken and Rob for the informative interview before beginning his presentation on 'Travels on Remote Islands'. He explained he and Janice travelled with 180 people on a ship leaving from Chile to the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory where tourism, fishing and sheep farming are the main industries. Penguins, albatrosses and rock hoppers are prolific and squid fishing is the main fishing activity.

Southern Georgia, visited by Captain Cook, largely faces Antarctica and is uninhabited. Mice, rats and reindeer have been eradicated. Whaling was prolific and was stopped in 1965. Humpbacks have recovered.



St Andrews Bay contains over a million birds, including pipits, which were thought to be extinct in the area. Tristan De Cunha is the most remote port in the world and inhabitants of the island have only 9 surnames. It is very socialist with a strong focus on sharing. There is a police station, hospital and dental practice on the island and very rich bird life on islands nearby. Although Janice was unfortunately bitten by a seal, overall the trip was a very special one, and luckily one which was calmer than usual in seas which can get very rough.

President Peter thanked David for his presentation and noted members much appreciated hearing about his travels. He mentioned David Attenborough's show which stresses the importance of marine parks.

He then mentioned his pleasure at seeing Vincent and Val at the meeting. He reminded members that there will be no formalities at the meeting next week, that Saturday week is when the Biodiversity Group will be tree planting and that the Goolwa Rotary Anniversary lunch is upcoming.

He then closed the meeting at 8.30 pm with a quotation from Vincent: 'Expect nothing - appreciate everything.'

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Members Present: 23 (74%), Guests 2, Apologies and Leave 8, Total attendance 25

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.

19 June	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Final Meeting before Changeover	TBA
27 June	6.30 for 7pm	Crown Hotel	Changeover meeting	TBA

Market Rosters –Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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