

# 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 2264: 19 June 2025

### Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

President Peter opened the meeting and welcomed members to this informal meeting which will comprise tall tales and, if time, a quiz. He notified members that Alan Mullins is an apology and has COVID. Members noted that Glenda Niven has COVID also.

Secretary Marilyn notified members that approximately 64 members will be attending Changeover next week and that the Annual Report is in train. Director Mary-anne reminded members that painting at the Encounter Community Centre will begin at 9am tomorrow. 1000 donations have been made to Prostrate Cancer and a new group focussing on making connections is meeting for morning tea at Horseshoe Hub. The RSL of Port Elliot will be meeting on 25 October and Victor Harbor Goolwa Sea Rescue will be receiving \$2150 to support the provision of new radio kits. Mary-Anne then thanked all committee members for their work over the past year. Finally Director Sue reminded members about the Biodiversity tree planting initiative at the Bluff on Saturday at 9am.

Attendance Officer Des explained that although we no longer need to report to the District on attendance he has continued collecting and reporting the data as the President and Board felt it was useful. He is now resigning and wished to take the opportunity to thank Barrey for his assistance, Brenton for sending him data each week and all members for notifying him of their absence. He congratulated President Peter on a fantastic year and wished incoming President Sue the very best of luck. President Peter thanked Des for his valuable work and his recent help with a paintbrush. He then proceeded to inform members that Bob will shortly be 84 years old, and there are no rotary or wedding anniversaries this week except for the many PHF anniversaries due for John Haynes, Stuart, Alan Kluske, Ken Carter, Cheryllyn, Janice Virgin, Mike Kelly, Dierdre Hughes, Gill, Marilyn, Phil Beckett, Des, Peter Manuel, Bob McFarland and Glen Goldsack.

Sergeant Bob then conducted the fines session beginning with fines for PHF anniversaries, Peter Francis for something to do with timber, Barry Pryor for phoning at the wrong time, Mary-anne for playing Peter Francis tomorrow, all those who don't know the White Rabbit shop, John Haynes for being in the

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paper, Sue for having a daughter selected to play in the Emerging Matilda's competition, Jeanette and Sue for basketball competition names, Bob and David for football names, Phil and Ken for water polo and soccer, John for water polo, Vince and Marilyn for rugby union and Phil for women's hockey names.

President Peter then asked Des to begin with a tall story. Des talked about RAA breakdown work and looking to waste time. Phil talked about demolition work in Port Augusta and blowing up a building causing lots of sand in the sky, David Virgin talked about having his bag stolen in South America and engaging in a chase which he lost, Mary-anne talked about breaking a leg and ending up in the Flinders Hospital morgue, Bob talked about edible undies in Chicago and giving one to the wife of a secretary which created huge problems, President Peter talked about one armed bandits in Waikerie and a police raid which involved JP's and some Rotarians, Gill talked her husband being asked to check a line at Granite Island which he couldn't see, Bob McFarland talked about swimming naked off Bridge Terrace, Marilyn spoke about being in a car with Alexander Downer which did a doughnut in front of TV cameras, and Shane talked about mistaking his wife's car.

President Peter then thanked everyone for their amusing stories, noting that the serious side of Rotary has made the world a better place and how much he has appreciated doing good things with good people over the last 12 months. He then closed the meeting at 8.35pm with a quote from Paul Harris: 'It is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly.'

Postscript: The Francis Year Quiz is attached for you to complete. Answers will be provided in the next newsletter.

**Members Present 23: Guests 0, Apologies and Leave 8, Total attendance 23**

**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>27 June</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Crown Hotel</b>	<b>Changeover meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3 July</b>			<b>No meeting</b>	
<b>10 July</b>		<b>Hotel Grosvenor</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>	
<b>16 July</b>		<b>TBA</b>	<b>Joint meeting with RCVH</b>	
<b>31 July</b>		<b>Hotel Grosvenor</b>	<b>NASA links Mark Nethercott</b>	

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

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**Barry Pryor and Ian Warner from the RCEB being honoured cutting the 40 year anniversary cake at the Goolwa Changeover**

### **The Francis Year Quiz**

1. Where was the induction dinner for President Peter held on June 10th last year?
2. What does the acronym CLLMM stand for?
3. Why was Ken Carter an apology for 4 consecutive meetings in August and September last year?
4. What has happened to President Peter while he has been putting out the market signs?  
a.Flat tyre. b.Flat battery. c.Backed into a fence post. d.All of the above.
5. Why did Des Schirmer get a bit misty at the meeting held on August 1st last year?
6. What did Rotary run in Victor Harbor on September 6th and 13th last year?
7. How did some members assist the Rotary Club of Yankalilla on Nov 10th?
8. In which city in Kenya is the New Life Africa School and Orphanage?
9. Which member joined the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay on April 3rd this year?
10. What did Sarah Mack speak to the club about at the February 13th meeting?

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