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PRESIDENT SUE MORISSET 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter and Program

MEETING NUMBER 2265: 10 JULY 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Bob (standing in for Ken Carter) opened the meeting by introducing President Sue who handed over to Past President Peter. Past President Peter congratulated Colin, Mary-anne and Cherilyn who were recently awarded PHF's. He also thanked Sue and Marilyn for organizing the recent changeover meeting and the Board members who maintained key projects over the past year, developed a relationship with the Bendigo Bank, tweaked RYDA, responded to the Ukraine crisis, and contributed to the Hay and Community Centre projects. He pointed out that last year's logo 'The Magic of Rotary' was very evident in our club with good people doing good things. He then welcomed and expressed his support for the new team who will be working with the RI President's message for 2025/6 - 'Unite for Good' and handed back to President Sue.

President Sue noted apologies from Secretary Sue Dixon, Phil De Courcey, Stuart Ellis, David Virgin, John Haynes, Bob Oliver, Des Schirmer and Ken Carter. She also informed members of Peter Manuel's notice of resignation and the sad passing of his son, Lynton. Peter passed on a message of thanks to all members for their sympathy and support. Following a private funeral there will be a celebration of Peter's son's life at Stirling. Seven people have benefitted from the donation of his organs.

President Sue went on to explain that Jeanette's honorary membership has been approved by the 2024/25 Board and that the focus for the remainder of this Assembly Meeting would be on reports from Directors in the context of strengthening the club.

Director Club Service Gill Houlihan began by reporting that the Meet and Greet program will be reinstated, a future venue for meetings will be explored, and future plans will be investigated for our markets. Program planning and a focus on regionalisation will be key areas over the year. Alan Mullins will be focussing on risk matters, including OH&S, Barrey Niven will be running the 200 Club, and club promotion and member well-being will be a focus for the whole team. Condolences have been sent to Peter Manuel and best wishes to Owen Stevens who is seriously ill. Alan Kluske is already planning a

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weekend away and other suggestions for days away are most welcome. The majority of members present confirmed they were interested in trips away.

Director of Youth Colin Francis explained that the National Youth Science Forum will be extended and there is already interest from students in participating. There has also been interest from one student in attending a yacht race in Thailand and this will go to the Board shortly.

Rob Mulhern, on behalf of Director Community Service Stuart Ellis, informed members that current suggestions for support include the Christmas pageant, a Family Day at Urimbirra, the SCOTs lease, the RDA program, a Domestic Violence program, feeding an RDA horse, establishing a community notice board in Encounter Bay and possibly also a Combined Services Club dinner.

Brenton Abbott, on behalf of Director International Service David Virgin, informed members David and his team will continue to lead New Life Africa with a focus on a kitchen project at the beginning of September, a once off project in the Ukraine and possibly also a TB project. Polio and Shelterbox projects will continue.

Market Director Cheryllyn reported over 70 stalls in Goolwa recently and informed members she has been in contact with Alexandrina Council. Two new websites have been established and it will continue to be important to promote the markets, and what they achieve in the Alexandrina and Victor Harbor council areas with funds raised over the coming year.

Past Treasurer Phil informed members he has been in touch with Vincent to achieve a smooth handover. The Rotary International Invoice will be handled as soon as it is received and Peter Manuel's resignation has been processed on the District website.

President Sue thanked Directors for their reports and reminded members to send apologies to Brenton if they are absent and that attendance at markets, club working bees, or other meetings can count as make-ups. Membership fees will be resolved at the Board next week. Regionalisation will be progressed with meetings to be held in August.

President Sue then handed over to Acting Sergeant Bob who collected fines from members for birthdays, PHF and wedding anniversaries, new PHF's, media coverage and appearances, and any event, occurrence or misdemeanour (eg wearing or not wearing a tie) that presented itself as an opportunity to collect some money. Past President Peter then reminded members that Christmas in July will be held on the 24 July at a cost of \$30 and with a fish option.

President Sue closed the meeting at 8.31pm by informing members she attended the District Governors' Changeover last week, reminding members the meeting next week will be the combined meeting on Wednesday, and focussing on the club motto 'Unite for Good'.

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As a postscript to the meeting, and as promised in the previous newsletter, the answers to the Francis Year Quiz are below.

The Francis Year: Answers

1. Salt at the Hotel Elliot
2. Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (Club visited the Research Centre on July 11th)
3. He was attending his son's wedding in China.
4. d.All of the above.
5. The club toured the National Trust - Des's old house when his father was station master.
6. RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Scheme
7. Working on the donut stall at the Yankalilla Show 'n' Shine.
8. Nakuru
9. Rob Mulhern
10. Port Elliot Kindergarten

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.

16 July	6.30 for 7pm	Crown Hotel	Joint meeting with Victor Harbor Goolwa and Yankalilla Clubs	TBA
24 July	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Christmas in July	TBA
31 July	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	The Australian contribution to NASA	TBA

Members present: 24

Apologies:6

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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