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PRESIDENT SUE MORISSET 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter and Program

MEETING NUMBER 2269: 7 August 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the 219th day of the year. After alerting members to the Art Show in Goolwa which is opening this Sunday, he handed over to President Sue who welcomed members, guests Jan Lawrence and Lyn Crouch from the Goolwa Club, and guest speaker Natalie Stevenson from the Bendigo Bank to the meeting. President Sue then confirmed apologies received and mentioned in particular the apology from Alan Mullins, who is currently supporting his mother-in-law. Members then noted the birthday of Peter Francis, the PHF anniversary of Glen Goldsack and lastly, the fact that 23 new clubs were established within Rotary South Pacific last year.

Secretary Sue Dixon then asked members to check their details on the membership list currently circulating before handing over to Chair Bob McFarland who invited Directors to speak.

Director Gill introduced the new Meet and Greet team of Bob McFarland and Bob Oliver who will invite other club members to assist. Peter Francis mentioned details being finalized for the meeting on the 21st August with a guest speaker from Moe on the topic 'Wheelchairs for Kids'.

Barrey Niven then conducted the 200 Club draw and announced Janice Virgin as the winner.

Members fined by Sergeant Ken included Bob McFarland, Mary-anne, Jeanette Rich, Shane and Des Schirmer.

Chair Bob then introduced guest speaker Natalie Stevenson who works for the Bendigo Bank at the Victor Harbor Branch as the Community Engagement Officer. Natalie explained the bank is a locally owned franchise with four branches in Willunga, Aldinga, Goolwa and Victor Harbor. 80% of profits go to the community with \$1.9 million being donated so far.

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Support provided this year has included RYDA, the Men's Shed and Zonta. The community role of the bank is increasing and those who support the bank were thanked. Natalie noted it was particularly pleasing to see the number of local clubs cooperating on long term projects.

Comment from members included the excellent customer service provided by the bank as well as the support provided to RYDA which is a project with significant impact. In response to a question from President Sue, Natalie explained that applications for funding are increasing with about 30 to 50 applications currently being received for each funding round. 23 were funded in the last round. Peter Francis then reiterated the club's deep appreciation of the Bendigo Bank's support which will enable a very important project to continue at the local level.

Natalie then closed her presentation by alerting members to the fact that the next round of applications for funding opens next week and her focus will continue to be on developing productive ongoing relationships with projects and clubs.

Chair Bob thanked Natalie for her presentation and vital support before handing back to President Sue who informed members that Peter Manuel had recently advised her of the death of a former member, Rev. John Magor.

She expressed her appreciation of Goolwa members attending the meeting before reminding members that subscriptions are due and that next week's meeting will be at the Grosvenor. She then closed the meeting at 8.25pm with reminders to drive safely, live life to the full and make every day count.

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.

14 August	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Mariska Threadgold Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority	Chair Mary-anne Woodman
21 August	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Robin Noakes RC Moe Wheelchairs for Kids	Chair Gill Houlihan
28 August	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Brad Butler Fleurieu Foundation	Chair Des Schirmer

Members present: 19

Apologies: 10

Guests: 3

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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