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PRESIDENT SUE MORISSET 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter and Program

MEETING NUMBER 2270: 14 August 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. He pointed out that there has been a doubling of the population worldwide over time, as well as the fact that the club's 46th birthday was on the 13 August, for which he raised a toast.

President Sue then welcomed back Stuart and Colin, as well as welcoming all members present, guests Meredith Abbott and Barb Francis, and guest speaker Mariska Threadgold. Members noted the birthday of John Haynes, the Rotary anniversary of Carole Brown and Rotary and PHF anniversaries of Brenton Abbott.

President Sue informed members that Bruce Woodman is currently in hospital. She thanked all members who have paid their fees and reminded everyone that the Goolwa Club is running an online raffle, District 9510 is running a Walk for Respect on 11th October, and on 23rd November we will be running Chuck a Duck at Moana as part of the Group 5's Purple Waves of Change. In closing she mentioned that RYDA and sponsorship by the Bendigo Bank were covered on 'Happy FM' last Friday.

President Sue then handed over to Chair Sue Dixon who called on Directors and members with reports. Director Gill informed members that the current Goolwa Art Show is very impressive. Members also noted Alan Kluske is due to have a knee replacement on Tuesday.

Director Colin reminded members that the club has already agreed to support Sam with his sailing program. However, Sam's father has written a letter pointing out the considerable challenge of meeting the total cost. Colin therefore asked members present for their support in asking the Board to consider increasing the donation to Sam, to which all agreed.

Program Officer Peter Francis reminded members of upcoming meeting topics including Wheelchairs for Kids, a presentation on the Fleurieu Health Precinct and the use of Artificial Intelligence in Schools. Bob McFarland advised members that a \$5000 donation has been received from the Bendigo Bank for RYDA, as well as a donation from the Council in response to grant applications written by President Sue.

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Lastly, Madeleine alerted members to the Choral and Arts Society's concert on the 31st August at Adare.

Chair Sue Dixon then introduced guest speaker Mariska Threadgold, the Projects and Waste Education Officer from Fleurieu Waste who conducted a short quiz on the disposal of various items of waste. She explained that there is a considerable need to educate the community on the proper disposal of waste. Batteries are a particular problem as they are a fire risk and can leach chemicals. 90% could be recycled if taken to the Goolwa depot. Small batteries should be stored in a glass jar with tape over the terminals. Food waste delivers 8% of global emissions and could be composted. The difference between biodegradable and compostable was explained. Biodegradable material breaks down but the process can take 50 years. New biocups for take-away drinks can go in the green bin. Pet poo is compostable. Lids should be put on empty (rinsed) milk bottles which should be squashed before placing them in the yellow bin and foil trays do not need to be perfectly clean. Shredded paper should go in the green bin and styro foam in the blue bin. It is important to label bins with the address to avoid them being stolen. Bin clips can be purchased to keep lids closed. In response to questions members noted there is charge for some items such as fridges and mattresses at the depot, and although wine bottles can be taken to Maude Street, some will still end up in landfill.

The Chair thanked Mariska for an interesting and extremely useful presentation before handing over to Sergeant Ken who collected fines from Brenton, Barrey, Bob, Marilyn, President Sue and Colin.

Barrey Niven then conducted the 200 Club draw and announced President Sue as the winner.

President Sue then reminded members that next week's meeting will be at the Grosvenor. She then closed the meeting at 8.35pm, reminding members to drive safely.

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.

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: 21

Apologies: 8

Guests: 3

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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