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## Weekly Newsletter and Program

**MEETING NUMBER 2271: 21 August 2025**

**Venue: Grosvenor Hotel**

Bob (acting for Sergeant Ken) called the meeting to order before handing over to President Sue who welcomed members and guest speaker Robin Noakes from the Rotary Club of Moe, and his wife Kate. Apologies were noted from 10 members, including Alan Kluske, who has had surgery, and Barry Pryor, who has a cold. Members were saddened to learn that Peter Manuel's sister has passed away and Alan Mullins has resigned. Members noted Ken's birthday, Barrey Niven's wedding anniversary and Glenda Niven's birthday. President Sue then informed members that the Secretary and Assistant Secretary have swapped roles, with Mary-anne now being Secretary and Sue Dixon Assistant Secretary. President Sue then handed over to Chair Gill who invited Directors to speak. Colin explained that the Board has agreed to support Sam by paying his airfare to Thailand to undertake training for the Australian squad.



Stuart notified members that the Community Services Committee will be meeting next Thursday. Members noted also that Phil De Courcay's sister has passed away. Chair Gill explained she will be away for six weeks but will be happy to take calls. Cherilyn explained the cold weather has impacted on the number of stallholders at the Goolwa market but that holding the market is still worthwhile. Treasurer

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Vince explained there will be a Board report soon on finances. Peter reported back on last week's presentation and members noted the following would be in this week's newsletter in response to a question from Shane: 'FRWA is not licensed to take hazardous chemicals. Brake fluid and coolants need to be disposed of at one of four specialised depots in South Australia. The nearest is the Heathfield Resource Recovery Centre – 32 Scott Creek Road, Heathfield (Mon-Fri 7.30 to 4, Sat-Sun 9 to 4). The other locations are 6 Newton Road, Campbelltown, 181 Morphett Road, North Plympton and Gate 3, Bellchambers Road, Edinburgh North.' Secretary Mary-anne informed members that Bruce is now in the rehabilitation wing of Flinders Hospital and making good progress. Acting Sergeant Bob reminded members that RYDA begins in a fortnight and asked for and received names of volunteers for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August. After Barrey Niven conducted the 100 Club draw, with Alan Kluske being the winner, Chair Gill introduced guest speaker Robin Noakes, Past President of the Rotary Club of Moe.

Robin began by asking members to imagine the key attributes of wheelchairs for children in developing countries and then explained these include wide tyres, a light frame, wheels with no spokes, a safety belt, soft seating that accommodates growth and easy repairs. WHO approved wheelchairs with these features are currently made by volunteers in WA and include bracing for lumbar support, a table for use at school and a bear and rug. They cost \$275 and last for 10 years. As documented in an ABC video, the first wheelchair was built over 20 years ago by WA and Australian Senior Citizen of the Year, Oliver Pickett. Currently 230 volunteers are involved in making the chairs which are distributed to over 81 countries. Over 61,000 have been made to date and schools have become involved in making 68 chairs this year. The Rotary Club of Moe funded the manufacture of 10 chairs in 2023-24.



There is currently a pamphlet which contains a QR code for donations which can be used by other clubs. In response to questions Robin explained there is less need for wheelchairs in Australia because of the NDIS, and that the chairs are still manufactured in WA. He also explained that under the Rotary Junior Community Awards scheme run by his club, Grade 6 students at 4 schools in Moe have succeeded in raising money for 14 wheelchairs. Chair Gill then thanked Robin for his inspiring presentation and informed him that the Board has already discussed making a donation to the project.

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Chair Gill then handed over to Acting Sergeant Bob who collected a number of fines for birthdays, anniversaries and misdemeanours such as having a phone ring or being a supporter of clubs other than the Crows. President Sue then informed members that she will be away for two weeks and that Peter will act in her absence. She thanked Robin for the presentation, noting the early design and use of a wheelchair by Phillip II of Spain and the release of the Rolling Stones’ first single in 1965. She then closed the meeting at 8.36pm reminding members to drive home 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.

<b>28 August</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Brad Butler Fleurieu Foundation</b>	<b>Chair Des Schirmer</b>
<b>4 September</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Marty Smees Karenia and the Defence of Science</b>	<b>Chair Stuart Ellis</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>Jacqui Clarke Fleurieu Health and Wellbeing Precinct</b>	<b>Chair Bob McFarland</b>
<b>18 September</b>	<b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Grosvenor Hotel</b>	<b>RCEB Birthday Celebration</b>	<b>Chair: Bob Hall</b>

**Members present: 19**

**Apologies: 10**

**Guests: 2**

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

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