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PRESIDENT SUE MORISSET 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter and Program

MEETING NUMBER 2272: 28 August 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and advised members it was the 240th day of the year and the anniversary of Martin Luther King's delivery of 'I have a dream'. He then handed over to Past President Peter who welcomed members and guest speaker Brad Butler from the Fleurieu Foundation. Apologies were noted from 8 members, including Gill who is having a hip replacement and Mary-anne, who has a cold. Members also noted Glenda Niven's birthday, and Rotary Anniversaries for John, Brenton and Phil Beckett. Past President Peter then handed over to Chair Des who invited Directors and members to speak. Bob McFarland reminded members RYDA begins next Friday, thanked Stuart, Alan and Colin for their support and called for another volunteer. Des and Barrey indicated they could assist. Lastly, Vince advised members that the Board has agreed to support two wheelchairs for children and Stuart reminded members that grant application sessions will occur in October and March.



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The 200 Club draw was then conducted and the winner was Alan Mullins. Sergeant Bob then collected the usual plentiful number of fines, including for the return of John Haynes, for Marilyn's forthcoming trip to New Zealand, for Des's Chevrolet starting and for Colin riding on dirt tracks.

Chair Des then introduced Brad Butler, a well-known local financial planner and currently Chair of the Fleurieu Foundation Committee. Brad and Peter Manuel were founding members in 2010. Brad thanked members for the invitation and explained the Foundation will be celebrating its 15th anniversary in November. Its focus is to support members of the local community in need and it includes the Back to School program, the Stay in Sport program for students up to 18 years of age needing a subsidy or uniform, the Youth Arts Foundation, the Colin Sibley award for a local school student, and Walley Bradley Award (\$1000 to one or two students going on to tertiary study), the Homelessness Fund to support emergency accommodation, assistance to South Coast community Care, Junction and the Salvos (7 sleeping bags last year), as well as the supported Housing Program.



This program was initiated by Fay Anderson of Zonta who suggested Zonta could hold the lease on a rental property and sub-let it. The Bendigo Bank, Elders and Rotary assisted, providing a whole community response to a major need. 18 people have been accommodated so far. Another house has recently been identified for homeless youth and contributions of \$10,000 by the Fleurieu Foundation and \$5000 by Zonta have been made. There are now 13 very diverse grant streams and 90% of contributions come from associations such as Rotary, as well as individuals in the community. In response to questions Brad explained the Foundation is a registered Australian Charity and a registered Company with a Board of Directors. Members noted the Foundation illustrates very well the Rotary aim of making a difference and a vote of thanks was extended to Brad together with good wishes for the future.

President Peter thanked Brad for a very inspirational update on the Foundation program and then closed the meeting at 8.30pm with a reminder that Bob Hall will chair the forthcoming club birthday meeting on 18 September.

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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.

4 September	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Marty Smee Karenia and the Defence of Science	Chair Stuart Ellis
11 September	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Jacqui Clarke Fleurieu Health and Wellbeing Precinct	Chair Bob McFarland
18 September	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	RCEB Birthday Celebration	Chair: Bob Hall

Members present: 21

Apologies: 8

Guests: 1

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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