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PRESIDENT SUE MORISSET 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter and Program

'The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay acknowledges the Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri people as the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and surrounding waters and respects elders past, present and emerging.'

MEETING NUMBER 2274: 11 September 2025

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

The meeting was called to order by Acting Sergeant Bob who welcomed back President Sue from Bali. President Sue thanked Peter Francis for acting in her absence and alerted members to the fact that today is RU OK Day. She welcomed Guest Speakers Jacqui Clarke and Steve Wright, and guests Meredith Abbott and Peter Dixon.

Members noted Brenton and Meredith's wedding anniversary, Rotary anniversaries for Colin, Glen and Jeanette, and PHF anniversaries for Des and Barrey Niven. Members also noted Gill will be undergoing surgery on the 18th September.

President Sue advised members that there will another organization tendering for the Port Elliot and Goolwa market leases when they come up for renewal in June 2027.

A meeting of the Goolwa Wharf traders held recently was attended by the Minister for Tourism. President Sue and Cherilyn Fleming also attended. The important role the markets play in attracting tourists was highlighted.

Our club has submitted an expression of interest for running the Beachside market. The current lease is up for renewal and the Victor Harbor Council is looking at the direction they want it go in in the future.

Before handing over to Chair Peter, President Sue informed members that she and Gill will attend a Membership Seminar in Adelaide on 15 November and details will soon be available about the upcoming Combined Services Dinner.

Chair Peter invited Directors to speak and Secretary Mary-anne advised members that a mobile phone has been purchased specifically for the Secretariat – the number 0448 217 725. This number and that of the Market phone will be included on the updated membership list to be sent out shortly. Mary-anne would appreciate being informed asap of any updates to members' details.

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In the absence of the Treasurer, Chair Peter confirmed money has been donated for two wheelchairs as advised at the last meeting. Stuart reminded members that any old mobile phones would be most welcome for repurposing to support the domestic violence program. Finally Madeleine advised members she will be absent for the next two weeks. Marilyn has kindly agreed to assist.

The 200 Club draw was then conducted and the winner was Janice Virgin.

Chair Peter then introduced guest speaker Jacqui Clarke who explained she has a background in Service Design, Higher Education and Telecommunications. Her co-presenter Steve Wright donated land for the Fleurieu Health and Well-Being Precinct.



Jacqui explained that the precinct covers 12 acres near the Aquatic Centre. It is a response to population growth figures anticipated to produce a 36% increase in demand for health and well-being services. Demand for mental health services is already higher than the national average. 30 specialists are already prepared to move to the precinct. There is currently a shortfall of 30 psychologists and a 60% staffing shortfall for the treatment of strokes.

The childcare centre, which is part of the precinct, is now finished. The dental surgery, pharmacy, GP and ophthalmology practices are nearing completion. Intensive health services, private hospital, specialist centre, dermatology, hot and cold therapy and mental health centre are underway. The addition of cancer care, post-operative care, respite and palliative care services are currently under consideration.

The timeline for completion of child care and hospital licensing is late next year. The timeline for the remainder is mid 2027, and the total development cost is \$70 million. In response to questions members noted there will be 250 carparks and covered walkways for patients awaiting transport. A natural playground will be open in December or January. A radiology suite will also be available on site. There is interest already from GP's, nurses and auxiliary staff. For more information and news on progress members were advised to visit the website (<https://www.fleurieuhealthwellbeingprecinct.com.au>).

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Chair Peter thanked Jacquie and Steve for the most informative presentation and handed over to Acting Sergeant Bob who collected fines from President Sue, Brenton, Peter Francis, Barry Niven and others.

President Sue thanked the presenters and advised members that Brenton retires in the next 24 hours. Attendances and apologies should now be sent to the Secretary on the new Secretarial phone number. She reminded members that next week’s meeting is a birthday celebration. She pointed out that sea otters hold hands in rough weather – relating it to RU OK Day and the importance of offering a hand to those that may need some help. Lastly, she reminded members to drive home safely. The meeting was then closed at 8.30pm.



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 the **Secretary (0448217725)** no later than **1600 hrs the day before (Wednesday)**.

Remember also, when food is available, to advise of any dietary requirements.

18 September	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	RCEB Birthday Celebration	Chair: Bob Hall
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Members present: 18

Apologies: 11

Guests: 4

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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