

# Rotary Club of Encounter Bay Weekly Newsletter

## Meeting Number: 2281 6 November 2025



### Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and introduced President Gill Houlihan.

President Gill welcomed members, guest Joan Oliver and the Guest Speaker Daniel Western. Welcome back from time away to Ken Carter, Colin Francis and Brenton Abbot. And, a get-well message for Marilyn who is in hospital. Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jan Schirmer today. The Club will be holding a joint celebration soon, when Des also has his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### President's Reminders:

- New Dawn Project, Ukraine. The Club has received an email from the D9510 Ukraine Project. It acknowledges concerns that the funds could be supporting the war effort rather than humanitarian purposes. However, it also states that there is a strong, established partnership with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) that assists with navigating the international banking system.
- Roz Minion, Uniting Communities, Staying At Home program is offering 2 events for people living with Dementia.
  - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 to 3.30pm
  - Encounter Bay Centre – 42 Armstrong Road Encounter Bay
  - Lunch and refreshments provided.
  - To register contact: Roz: 0475 900 713 or [sahp@unitingcommunities.org](mailto:sahp@unitingcommunities.org)
- New Life Africa, Nakuru, Kenya
  - 2 fundraising events to support New Life Africa, Nakuru, Kenya
  - Janice and David Virgin's – 3 Knights Beach Walk, Port Elliot
  - Bubbles and nibbles plus craft sale – 18<sup>th</sup> November – 4 to 6pm
  - Morning tea and craft sale – 19<sup>th</sup> November – 10am to 12pm.
  - If you wish to attend please phone or text Janice on 0408 812 622 by 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Rotary Purple Waves of Change
  - Members will provide a site at the Goolwa market on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November to sell merchandise and offer information about the "Rotary says NO to Domestic Violence" project.
  - The RCEB members will sell merchandise at community event organized to raise awareness and funds for **domestic violence service providers** on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at Moana Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

### Director's Information

- **Colin Francis**
  - informed members that there is still time to be involved in the mentoring session at VH High School.
  - 13th November, 10.30 to 12pm
  - Contact Colin F for further details.
- **Peter Francis**
  - **Rotary Foundation**
    - Advised members that the Club is a level 1 member of the Rotary Foundation
    - Reminded members that the Combined Service Clubs dinner is to be held
    - 13<sup>th</sup> November – 6.30 for 7pm
    - Contact Peter Francis for payment details to the Lions.
  - **Zonta**
    - A Zonta Movie Night "TINA" is to be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, December at 6.30pm. Tickets \$25 refreshments, a raffle and door prize to be offered.

**200 CLUB**

**Ticket Number 54 – Phil de Courcey**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members present: 18      Apologies: 9      Guests: 1**

**A lively fine session was conducted by the returning Sergeant Ken.**

**Guest Speaker**

**Daniel Western**

**Youth Development Officer**

**City of Victor Harbor**



**Title: Artificial Intelligence – What it Means for Communities.**

Daniel led members through a thought-provoking presentation regarding the uses and impacts of AI on the Community.

- A myths vs reality description began with:
  - AI won't replace people's jobs – it will allow for more efficient tasks with broader scope.
  - AI always tells the truth – it's important to fact check information as it may not always be correct.
  - AI is too risky – used sensibly with functional questions will produce good results.
- Following was information about:
  - What is AI – it predicts, but doesn't understand
  - It's already being used in Google Maps and Netflix
  - Practical uses such as:
    - Fundraising, grant writing and communications
  - The AI appetite
    - Not all industries will use AI in the same way
    - Local government is starting to use it ethically and sensitively
    - Rotary's AI appetite is dependent on the comfort level, skills and how relevant it might be
  - Practical Uses
    - Decision and research – being able to summarise a large document
    - Admin – minute taking including actions
    - Brainstorming – idea generation for community work.

**FORWARD PROGRAM**

**Partners and Guests very welcome**

For catering and/or attendance purposes, if you will be an apology or are bringing guests you must advise

**Secretary 0448 217 725 no later than 1600 hours the day before (Wednesday).**

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

13 November	6.30 for 7pm	Encounter Bay Football Club	Combined Service Club Meeting	
20 November	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Louise Kelly (OARS) Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services	Rob Mulhern
27 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30 for 7pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Barrey Niven The Haggis, Pipes and other Scottish Icons	Alan Kluske

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