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PRESIDENT & PRESIDENT ELECT – Gillian Houlihan 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 2283: 20 NOVEMBER 2025

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Acting Sergeant Bob called the meeting to order and informed members that Ken is currently in hospital. He then welcomed President Gill and invited her to open the meeting.

President Gill welcomed guests Meredith and Joan, and Guest Speaker Louise. Members noted Phil Beckett has a birthday next Monday and Marilyn has an upcoming wedding anniversary. Members also noted the flyer advertising the Purple Waves of Change event at Moana Surf Lifesaving Club and that a contribution from the club has already been sent in.

Chair Rob then welcomed Guest Speaker Louise Kelly from Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services before calling for reports from Directors. Director Colin advised members of a forthcoming event at Victor Harbor High School at which President Gill will be assisting, and asked for any other members who might wish to volunteer to contact him. Director Stuart informed members that eight grant applications for varying amounts have been received so far. He also asked for volunteers to marshall at the forthcoming Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant on 13 December from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Director David Vale reported that 100 attendees were present at the two recent international fundraising events and \$3000 was raised for the Nakuru School. A dinner meeting will be held on 29 January and more details will be provided at a later date. The Treasurer then reported a profit was reported to the Board at their meeting earlier in the evening. Lastly, Peter Francis provided an overview of coming meeting topics, including the meeting at David Vale's on the last Thursday in January.

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President Gill thanked David Vale and the craft group for their very effective fund raising events and asked for the 200 Club Draw to be actioned. Peter Francis and Barry Pryor were announced the winners.

Fines were then collected for a photo in the paper, a mention in Hansard, playing the bagpipes, a gardening accident and a helicopter ride.

Guest Speaker Louise then introduced herself and members noted she is soon to be CEO of OARS Community Transitions. The organisation is 138 years old and focusses on a number of support areas, including restorative justice, and operates across the state and a small part of WA. Offices and accommodation are placed near all prisons, except Murray Bridge, which is deemed metropolitan. The organisation has 120 staff and 3 divisions. There are 11 primary focus goals, of which major areas are drugs, alcohol and gambling. Family involvement is critical, as well as release from trauma. Reintegration requires a home address and the organisation assists with 159 beds in hostel accommodation and 9 properties, each with case managers and share accommodation.

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19% is the current and lowest-ever average of repeat offending statewide. Christies Beach Women's Hive has a 7% prison population and is tailored to allow women to reconnect with the broader community. There is a disability focus also, which is run by volunteers, and a family violence unit focussing on men.

It is not easy to gather comprehensive feedback but there are very plentiful 'good news' stories. In response to questions, members noted funding comes from 24 sources, and most initiatives are either statebased or a state national partnership. The current CEO has been in place for a long time and retires next year. The speaker confirmed she will get back to the club re Rotary as a potential additional funding source. She was then sincerely thanked for a very informative presentation on a very vital area of work.

President Gill then offered a personal thank you to the speaker and a reminder to contact us if we can assist with support. She then closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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

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

27 November	6.30pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Barrey Niven The Haggis, Pipes and other Scottish Icons	Alan Kluske
4 December	5.15	Ambulance Station and Grosvenor Hotel	An overview of the new station	TBA
11 December	6.30 for 7.00pm	Grosvenor Hotel	Annual General Meeting	TBA
18 December	6.30 for 7.00pm	Kent Reserve	End of Year BBQ	TBA

Members present: 24

Apologies: 3

Guests: 3

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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