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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 2285: 4 DECEMBER 2025

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Acting Sergeant Bob called the meeting to order, welcomed President Gill and invited her to open the meeting.

President Gill advised members that our thoughts are with Ken, and then alerted members to Phil Beckett’s Rotary anniversary from 2004, and Bob Hall’s from 1987. She then reminded members that any further nominations for next year’s Board are needed by the end of the meeting. Two \$200 grants for the OARS Women’s Hive and Women’s Garden were then proposed, and a Keep in Touch phone service was presented as another possible area of support. Members were asked for their view and were unanimously in favour. Chair Peter Francis then advised members that the Secretary’s phone is not working and they should ring her personal phone instead. No reports were provided by Directors.

Special moments reported by members included Bob Hall, who mentioned wonderful people in the Rotary Club, as well as all the people who have been helped by the club. He remembered the Goods and Services Auction at the Recreation Centre which raised \$13000, and Roger Nunn who was the cause of his becoming a member. He emphasised helping people as the key thing. Des Schirmer then recalled district activities around the state in the 1990’s. He felt the Ballarat Assembly and the Convention in Melbourne were stand-out events, as was the houseboat trip to Mildura.

Acting Sergeant Bob recalled the marathon, caravan and BBQ, as well as cleaning yards and other hands-on activities such as road cleaning. He also mentioned the Recreation Centre Auction, and firewood that was yet to be cut as an item for sale. Chair Peter recalled Alan Kluske and the estate agent he bought

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his house from, who were both members of the club when he joined. He was also a guest speaker at both clubs before joining Encounter Bay, and felt linking secondary students to employers was a stand-out, including via a mentoring system for students, and now, more generally, helping students set goals.

Gill recalled being the second female member, Brian Rodan apologizing for the way members spoke at a World Convention in Sydney, and her husband losing the sole of his shoe at a meeting requiring formal dress in Sydney at Parliament House. Rob was impressed by the welcome he received from the club and then took the opportunity to ask about the use of the conduit in the Treasurer's case. Lastly, but not least, Rotary Youth Exchanges were also noted as stand-outs.

The evening's quiz then began, and Des was the resounding winner. Acting Sergeant Bob collected fines from Phil Beckett and Bob Hall for their Rotary anniversaries, Des Schirmer for his birthday on the 11th, Peter Francis for not sharing his crayfish, Mary-anne for the flight to Perth, Marilyn whose daughter has had a job change in Victoria, members who visited Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa recently and didn't alert anyone to erroneous market signs, Gill whose daughter has a new job, and Bob Hall who has a new grandson.

Chair Peter advised members the visit to the ambulance station originally scheduled for this meeting will take place next year. President Gill thanked Peter for preparing a great program over the year, alerted members to a certificate of appreciation received from the High School, reminded members more Board nominations would be welcome, and closed the meeting 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 0448 217 725** no later than **1600 hrs the day before (Wednesday)**.

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

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: 14

Apologies: 14

Guests: 0

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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