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PRESIDENT Gillian Houlihan 2026-2027

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 2297: 9 APRIL 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed President Gill who opened the meeting and acknowledged birthdays, congratulating Barry Pryor on the special occasion of his 90th. She also welcomed our Guest Speaker Hugh Bengler, and Meredith Abbott. Eight apologies for the meeting were noted before she handed the meeting over to the Chair for the evening, Phil deCoursey.

Chairman Phil invited Directors to speak and Alan Kluske reminded us that the club's trip to Mannum was still going ahead as planned on 8 – 10 May. At present there are 3 couples attending and it is hoped that more will be able to join for what has always been an excellent break away together.

Barrey Niven then officially conducted two draws for the 200 Club both of which were won by Bob McFarland. Congratulations Bob on your lucky double scoop.

Presentation on A1 in Schools by Hugh Bengler

Chairman Phil then introduced our Guest Speaker, Hugh Bengler, a teacher at Victor Harbor High School, to speak on A1 in Education. His presentation was very well received by all members. Hugh explained to us many aspects of A1 which it can safely be assumed had not occurred previously to those present.

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In summary Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a branch of computer science dedicated to creating systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as reasoning, learning, problem solving, perception and language understanding. Within the classroom environment when teaching AI questions have to be asked as to whether it is enhancing or improving and to ensure that there is an understanding of not just why but how. In summary Hugh explained that AI presents incredible potential for students. An exciting new world.

Chairman Phil thanked Hugh for his interesting and thought-provoking presentation, and then passed the meeting back to Sergeant Ken Carter.



Ken then entertained us with his Fines Session, which included a very detailed story about the apparent adventures of Phil deCoursey when he led an expedition into the Amazon Rain Forest. Needless-to-say an absolutely incredible story.

On completion Ken handed back to President Gill who formally closed the meeting at 20:27 which was followed by a very happy and special occasion with Barry Pryor sharing a large birthday cake to celebrate his 90th birthday.

H A P P Y 90TH BIRTHDAY B A R R Y

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

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

16 April

8.30 -10.00 Catch-up Breakfast/Coffee gathering at the Causeway Café

23 April

6.30/7.00 Formal Meeting at Grosvenor

Guest Speaker: Peter Jarvis. District 9510 Shelter Box Representative

Topic: Shelter Box Australia

Chair: Brenton Abbot

30 April

No single meeting

Committee Meetings, as necessitated, with times and venues to be organized by Directors in the fortnight between 24 April and 13 May

7 May

9.00-10.30 Catch-up Breakfast/Coffee gathering at Whalers

14 May

6.30/7.00 Formal Meeting at Grosvenor

Guest Speaker: PDG Marie-Louse Lees

Topic: The Work of Interplast

Chair: Cherilyn Fleming (TBC)

21 May

5.00-6.30 Board Meeting at Bendigo Bank

6.30/7.00 Informal Dinner at the Grosvenor

28 May

No Meeting

Friday 29 May Wally Bradley Quiz Night

6.30/7.00 at Encounter Bay Football Club

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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