



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 2293: 5 March 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order. He noted anniversaries of the maiden flight of the Spitfire in 1936, Bob Hawke being elected as Prime Minister in 1983 and the Heysen tunnel opening ceremony (run by our club) in 2000. He pointed out it is Autumn but we are all evergreen before handing over to President Gill who opened the meeting and welcomed guest speaker Isabella and her mother Melanie, Annie and Carolyn from the Elliot Ensemble and soon to be a member Peter Linehan. Apologies were noted from Alan, Shane and Sue. She then handed over to Chair Colin who invited Isabella to speak about the NYSF which she attended in January this year at the Australian National University in Canberra.

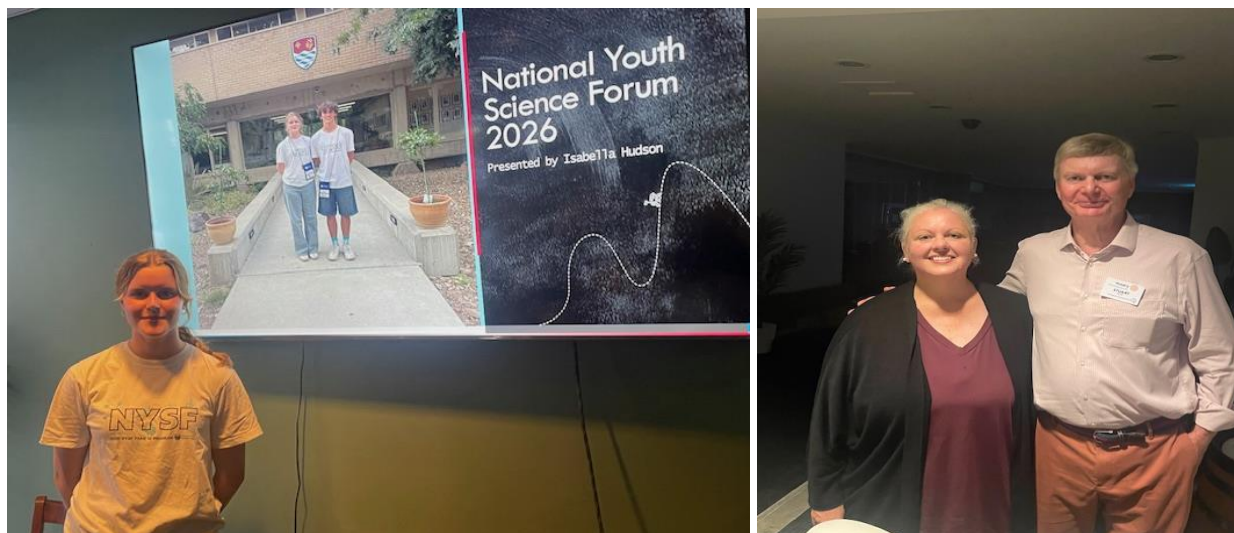
Isabella thanked members for supporting her to attend and explained that on Day 1 the 232 students were allocated to different groups before they met staff and ex-students. On Day 2 she attended the opening ceremony and keynote presentation by Dr McGaughey before enjoying a visit to the Innovation Network to see how business works. A Scavenger Hunt followed.

On Day 3 the focus was on careers with speakers from a range of universities and companies. On Day 4 there was a visit to the National Arboretum where there was a tour followed by an ecosystem game and a live cross with CERN in Switzerland. On Day 5 there was a visit to Old Parliament House followed by a Disco. On Day 6 Isabella attended a number of Science Communication workshops which included a Channel 7 presenter explaining the importance of asking and explaining 'why'. In the evening at the STEM Olympics, Isabella's team came second.

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On Day 7 a series of STEM visits included Mechanical Engineering at the University of NSW and Water Science at Canberra University. On the final day specialist lectures included Forensics and DNA transfer, followed by a closing ceremony and a concert.



Isabella explained she was very grateful to the club for a very special experience and had made friends across Australia and overseas. She would now complete Stage 2 SACE and apply to do a Bachelor of Radiation at Adelaide University followed perhaps by a PhD. Chair Colin thanked Isabella for a very interesting presentation and invited members to email him with any questions for her.

Stuart then invited Carolyn and Annie from the Elliot Ensemble, one of our grant recipients, to speak. Carolyn and Annie explained they began the ensemble with three others and are now a group of 12. They are an acapella chamber choir and a very diverse group. Stuart is a member. They began concerts at St Judes and have proved to be very popular. Tickets were free but they now charge \$12 to cover costs. The Rotary grant means more of their costs are covered, they can consider attending/conducting workshops, and they can also purchase music. Their next concert is in June and they are extremely grateful to our club for the grant.

Chair Stuart thanked Carolyn and Annie for their presentation and invited Barrey to conduct the 200 Club Draw. Brenton was the winner.

Sergeant Ken was then invited to conduct the fines session which was very extensive and included Barrey for not drawing a winning 200 Club ticket for the Sergeant, Madeleine for sitting in his seat, Bob McFarland for a fight between an echidna and snake, Gill for a confused conversation, Marilyn's husband for destroying lemon grass, Brenton for pushing his grandson in a pram and not catching any carp at Lake Bonney and Peter Dixon for having trouble reading a label. Noting members' appreciation of the work Cheryllyn does managing the markets, Sergeant Ken handed back to the President who called for any Directors to speak.

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Members noted there will be a Community Service meeting at 6pm on Thursday and if any member can help with the Family Day on 22 March to let Stuart know. On behalf of Alan, Bob McFarland informed members of the cost of cabins at Robe and Mannum and it was agreed Mannum was preferable.

President Gill then pointed to the banner from the shed, explained there are more, and asked if any one knew the origin of the Japanese badge to let her know. She finished by noting the speakers reflected very well on the range of support the club provides and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

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 **President** by email (pghouli@bigpond.net.au) or text message (0409695770) no later than **1600 hrs the day before (Wednesday)**.

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

12 March	6.30 for 7.00	Grosvenor Hotel	Fleurieu Families Corey Wolverton	Stuart Ellis
19 March	6.30 for 7.00	Grosvenor Hotel	U3A South Coast Stephen Richard	Barry Pryor
26 March	6.30 for 7.00	Grosvenor Hotel	Sailing in the Australian Optimist Development Squad Sam Watters	Bob McFarland

Members present: 23

Apologies: 6

Guests: 3

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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