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**PRESIDENT Gillian Houlihan 2026-2027**

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## **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 2294: 12 March 2026**

**Venue: Hotel Grosvenor**

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order. He noted anniversaries of the naming of Canberra in 1913, the first car to reach Birdsville from Adelaide in 1960, and the first Festival of Arts in Adelaide in 1960. He then handed over to President Gill who opened the meeting, noted a wedding anniversary for Phil Beckett, a birthday for Barrey Niven and a 30 year Rotary anniversary for Peter. She then welcomed guest speaker Corey and guest Meredith before handing over to Chair Stuart, who invited Corey Wolverson, Acting Manager for Community Wellbeing, and Team leader for Fleurieu Families, to speak about the Fleurieu Families initiative.

Corey began by thanking the club for the \$5000 grant to support Fleurieu Families which is an initiative of Victor Harbor Council. It provides social workers to support families facing challenging circumstances, Respectful Relationships workshops for Year 10 students, a youth space at Encounter Centre, Parenting programs, and assists Rotary with the Fleurieu Families Day at Urimbirra. The grant will assist children needing a pediatrician (for which there is currently a three month wait for free service), children suffering from Early Childhood Developmental Delay (for which there is a wait time of one or two years), mental health support sessions and autism support.

Corey mentioned he is also President of the Waitpinga Progress Society which has recently painted the Old School Hall, fixed its floors and replaced its panelling. He advised members there will be a fund-raising event for the hall with entertainment and refreshments on 28 March at 5pm to which members are cordially invited.

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Barry Pryor thanked Corey and informed members that, from the perspective of a former welfare worker, this is all very impressive work. Bob noted that another community focussed activity in the Inman Valley called Meet the Neighbours has been very successful.

Chair Stuart then thanked Corey for his presentation and invited any Directors or members to speak. Colin notified members that Summer Radcliffe has been accepted for the Sailing Challenge, and Rob informed members the club's donation to support the work in Kenya has been successfully processed. Stuart alerted members to the Zonta Women's Expo on Sunday at Grosvenor Gardens and members noted three representatives from the club will attend. Also if any member can help with the Fleurieu Families Day on 22 March from 11.30 to let Stuart know. Approximately 20 families will be attending. Members were then advised the defibrillator has recently gone missing from Port Elliot and will be followed up. Chair Stuart then asked Barrey to conduct the 200 Club Draw and Alan Mullins was the winner.

Sergeant Ken was then invited to conduct the fines session, which included Phil Beckett for his wedding anniversary, Peter Francis for his Rotary anniversary, and Barrey Niven and Jo Ellis for their birthdays. He also fined those who appeared in the recent Times photograph with Isaac Lush, Des for killing a hare and losing a TV remote, Phil for not sitting and Bob for receiving an email from his granddaughter in Abu Dhabi. President Gill then reminded members again of the Zonta Women's Expo on Sunday 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.

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| <b>19 March</b> | <b>6.30 for<br/>7.00</b> | <b>Grosvenor Hotel</b> | <b>U3A South Coast<br/>Stephen Richard</b>                                          | <b>Barry Pryor</b>   |
| <b>26 March</b> | <b>6.30 for<br/>7.00</b> | <b>Grosvenor Hotel</b> | <b>Sailing in the Australian<br/>Optimist Development<br/>Squad<br/>Sam Watters</b> | <b>Bob McFarland</b> |

**Members present: 16**

**Apologies: 12**

**Guests: 2**

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