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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 2298: 23 April 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order. He noted that today is St George's Day and on this day in 1564 Shakespeare had been born and in 1516 he died on the same day. In 2005 the first You Tube video 'Me at the Zoo' was downloaded and today is also Prince Louis' birthday. He then handed over to President Gill who opened the meeting and welcomed Guest Speaker Peter Jarvis, and guests Sabine De Courcey and Keven Hales from the Rotary Club of Goolwa. She noted birthdays for Cherilyn, Janice, Kathy Carter and Pat McFarland before handing over to Chair David.

Chair David alerted members to a bottle of wine from the guest speaker which is to be raffled during the meeting to support ShelterBox. He then invited Directors to speak and Colin Francis presented his apologies for having to leave the meeting early. He informed members 10 students need supporting to attend Operation Flinders. Colin recommended that the club donate \$200 per student to assist. Peter Francis reminded members to check upcoming meetings in their newsletters. Lastly Phil Beckett enquired about the reaction of the Grosvenor to the trial and was informed the owner will get back.

Chair David then handed over to the Guest Speaker who explained he has been a member of Berri Rotary Club for 25 years and is currently a relief teacher. He spoke at Mitcham Rotary Club last week, attended a retreat last weekend and was given the bottle of Shiraz to raffle tonight by Clare Rotary Club. Other clubs recently visited include Port Lincoln and Henley Beach. Peter explained he has been involved with Shelterbox since 2020 and then showed a video providing an overview of the initiative. He explained over 200 million people are currently supported by Shelterbox which seeks to provide shelter for all after disasters. A response team assesses needs. Cash assistance allows for tailoring of need.

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Tents provided are strong and come with kits to maintain them as well as solar lights and a phone recharge system.



Water filters, blankets, cooking sets and mosquito nets are also provided. Three million people in over 100 countries have been supported so far. The aim is to support 1 million per annum in the near future. In response to questions, Peter explained most Shelterbox centres are in Europe, the Philippines, the US and Middle East. He hoped Australia will be included in this list soon. Members noted the administration cost of the project is miniscule and it is not for profit. Boxes provided are not currently tracked due to expense. He then thanked members for their attention and invited everyone to inspect the boxes and other supplies at the rear of the hall. Chair David then thanked Peter for his presentation and reminded members the club is involved with Shelterbox every year and will be donating \$200 tonight. Chair David then invited the Sergeant to conduct fines which included Madeleine for reentry to the country, Barrey Niven for Facebook Master Games, Bob Hall for shopping at Woolworths, Phil Beckett who gave Peggy the right answer to a question on birds' nests, Barrey for Facebook photos, Bob Oliver for a T-shirt, David for an upcoming holiday week, Kevin Hales for winning the wine, Bob Oliver for a contract on his house, Peter for arrogance and Barrey Niven for his Masters Games medals. The 200 Club was then drawn with Bev Kluske and Bob Oliver the winners. President Gill thanked members for attending and informed members she remembered going to dawn ceremonies as a child and waiting for the sun to rise. She then asked Stuart to read the Ode of Remembrance and Bob kindly provided Anzac cookies. Lastly President Gill reminded members to look at the Shelterbox equipment before closing the meeting at 8.23pm.

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FORWARD PROGRAM – Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

Partners and guests very welcome

For catering and/or attendance purposes at formal meetings, 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.

30 April	TBA	Committee Meetings	TBA	Committee Directors
7 May	9.00am	Breakfast/coffee catchup	Whalers	
14 May	6.30pm for 7pm	Marie-Louise Lees: The Work of Interplast	Grosvenor	Bob Oliver
21 May	6.30pm for 7pm	Informal Dinner	Grosvenor	N/A
29 May	6.30pm for 7pm	Wally Bradley Quiz Night	Encounter Bay Football Club	

Members present: 22

Apologies: 7

Guests: 3

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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