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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 2299: 14 May 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order. He noted that today is International Dance Like a Chicken Day, Frank Sinatra died on this day aged 82, in 1984 the \$1 coin was introduced and in 1796 Jenner administered the first smallpox injection originating from cowpox. He then handed over to President Gill who formally opened the meeting and welcomed Guest Speaker Mary-Louise Lees. She noted upcoming birthdays for Barb and Lindsay, and wedding anniversaries for Colin and Barb Francis and Gill and Paul Houlihan. She then thanked Alan for organizing the trip to Mannum, which included great meals and excursions. Lastly, she informed members that her internet service is down so contact with her must be made via landline. She then handed over to Chair Bob Oliver who invited Directors to speak.

Colin Francis passed on thanks from Sam Watters for the dinner and members noted he will need sponsorship. Ten students are being supported for Operation Flinders. Rob then informed members there is \$17,022 in our general account. Over \$32,000 has been revenue from markets. There is \$24,485 in the fundraising account. \$2000 has been donated to Steamranger which has created good PR for the markets. Ken Carter reminded members that the Wally Bradley Quiz will be held on 29 May and was first held on 2013. It provides an annual award of \$100 to students going on to tertiary study. Brad Butler will be the Quiz Master and Ken will be MC. As usual, tables of 8 will be needed. Booking should be done through the phone number on the poster. The 200 Club was then drawn and the winners were Vincent, Mary Anne and Marilyn Shaw. Sergeant Ken then administered fines for birthdays and anniversaries and to Peter for a missing photo, to Sue and Shane for being late, President Gill for testing spirits, Colin for prunes and Port, Alan Kluske for getting lost, Barrey Niven and Bob Oliver for moving, Barrey Niven for getting untidy with locals, Ken for getting a late invitation to the US and Sue and Shane for getting new bikes.

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Chair Bob then handed over to the Guest Speaker, a District Governor and member of the Rotary Clubs of Gawler and Goolwa, of which she was President twice. Mary-Louise began her career in the oil and gas industry. She explained Dr Leo Rozner started the partnership between Interplast and Rotary focusing first on plastic surgery.



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Members noted 6% of all surgical procedures per annum now in the world's poorest countries (mainly in the Asia Pacific) are carried out by Interplast. Since 1983 Interplast has conducted 27,350 surgical procedures and provided 14,350 training opportunities.

Limbs have been reattached, children's tumours removed, cleft palates treated and burns healed. In response to questions Mary-Louise explained administration costs are currently 30% and individual contributions are tax deductible.

After thanking Mary-Louise Bob handed back to President Gill who noted it was great to see how significant a difference can be made to many lives. She then reminded members that next week's meeting is a Board meeting followed by an informal dinner. The following week there will be a breakfast catch up on Thursday and the Wally Bradley Quiz night on Friday and she is very willing to help with seating if members wish. Peter reminded members to check the newsletter for upcoming meetings and Sue thanked President Gill once again for stepping up. President Gill then closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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.

21 May	6.30pm for 7pm	Informal dinner	Grosvenor	N/A
28 May	8.30am	Breakfast/coffee catchup	Chiton Rocks SLC	N/A
29 May	6.30pm for 7pm	Wally Bradley Quiz Night	Encounter Bay Football Club	N/A
4 June	8.30am	Breakfast/coffee catchup	Ninos	N/A
11 June	5.30pm for 6.15pm 6.30pm for 7.00pm	Ambulance Service Delivery: Dale Francis	SA Ambulance Station Grosvenor	Bob McFarland

Members present: 19

Apologies: 10

Guests: 1

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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