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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 2303: Assembly 9 July 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and then handed over to President Gill who formally opened the meeting and welcomed all current members, new member Sabine De Courcey and guest Phillip Shaw to Assembly. She noted upcoming birthdays for Sue, Stuart and Vicky Goldsack, and a wedding anniversary for Peter and Lindsey. She also noted the very good feedback on the Handover dinner and thanked Mary-Anne and Sue Dixon for the set up of the event. She then called for reports from Directors.

Stuart reminded members that the Family Day at Urimbirra was a key highlight of the year. Members noted we will continue to finance the lease of the Bob Hall vehicle, community grants will continue and Domestic Violence posters and the pageant will be progressed, as well as a new Community Notice Board in Encounter Bay. Phil informed members that some initiatives will be handed over to the new Media and Communications Committee led by Ken. He then explained the markets raised \$58,988 this year and we have a 12 month contract remaining with Alexandrina Council. A possible move for the Port Elliot market to the Strand is under discussion. As always, more members would be very welcome to assist with the markets. Ken explained the first meeting of the new Media and Communications Committee was held prior to Assembly with discussion around Facebook, our website, news and media, as well as a brochure for the club. Ken was congratulated on the recent good publicity for the club in the local press. David explained some upcoming visits to Kenya are planned and a number of projects remain to be completed over the next few years. An article is being prepared for Rotary International.

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Segeant Ken then collected a number of fines for birthdays, anniversaries, participation in the Elliot Ensemble, photos in local papers, the loss of a badge, a phone and credit card, and a successful home move.

Barrey then conducted the 200 Club Draw and the winners were Marilyn and Brenton. Barrey advised members that forms to take part in the Draw will be available next week.

President Gill then provided an overview of the survey results and members noted the overall positive feedback on club culture. A roster will be drawn up for welcoming members and guests at each meeting, and Board decisions will be regularly circulated to members. In respect of meetings, weekly meetings will continue and take place largely at the Grosvenor but some may be visits elsewhere. As well as guest speakers there will be other activities such as quizzes and member stories. In relation to service projects the importance of the markets was noted, as well as one-off projects. More visibility would be good. The value of membership and its cost were also noted and will remain as is. Lastly the need for an assistant to the Secretary was highlighted and anyone willing to help should contact the President.

The meeting was then closed at 8.30pm with the President reinforcing our overall focus on making a difference.

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	Hamish McMillan Operation Flinders	Grosvenor	N/A
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Members present: 23

Apologies: 14

Guests: 1

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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