

# Rotary

## Club of Encounter Bay



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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 2305: 23 July 2026**

**Venue: Hotel Grosvenor**

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and President Gill then welcomed guest Phil Shaw and thanked Bob Hall for welcoming members to the meeting and Des for chairing the meeting. Members noted David Virgin has a birthday today and Phil Shaw has an important birthday on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Alan Kluske is kindly working on the barbecue. Lastly Gill informed members that an ex-members' dinner is being planned and she would appreciate any names of suggested invitees from members. She then handed over to Chair Des who called for reports from Directors.

Director Ken informed members there will be more variety in forthcoming meetings with only two guest speakers per month. He would also appreciate it if members could complete and return the survey attached to this newsletter. Treasurer Rob informed members that his usual end of month report will be presented at next week's meeting. There being no other reports, Chair Des handed over to Sergeant Ken to conduct a conversation with Peter Lineham.

Peter explained first he became involved in service clubs when he was asked if he would be interested in joining Rotary by Bob in February. He grew up in Canberra with his mother (a teacher) and Father (a public servant) and five other children. He has worked as a public servant, has been involved in mining in Kalgoorlie, moved to Perth and then last November to Victor Harbor. An event with a major impact was a motorbike accident in Kalgoorlie. Overall he has had great experiences and met great people. At the moment he could suggest no improvements to the club.

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Ken and members expressed their thanks to Peter, and Ken then proceeded to conduct fines from a number of members including Barrey Niven for not being in the local paper, and Marilyn for a golden moment celebrating Phil's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at Mount Lofty House which was all paid for by Phil.

An evening of amusing yarns followed, including from Barrey Niven who provided members with a yarn about when he was in the South East.

Chair Des thanked all contributors and then handed over to President Gill who reminded members that the Grosvenor Quiz Night is coming up and those interested will need to book. She also informed members that Phil Beckett has kindly offered to assist Mary-anne with secretarial work. She also reminded members Peter Francis will by now have undergone surgery and all members wished him well. She then closed the meeting at 8.15pm with an optimistic thought: 'The best years haven't happened yet'.

**Note from the Treasurer: \$150 membership fee is now due and should be paid into the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay General Account, BSB 633 000, Account number 202 988 978. Contact the Treasurer for an invoice if required and pay six monthly if desired.**

### **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.

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| <b>30 July</b> | <b>6.30pm<br/>for 7pm</b> | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>Chair: Gill Houlihan<br/>Guest Speaker: TBA</b> | <b>Meet and Greet:<br/>Barry Pryor</b> |
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**Members present: 20**

**Apologies: 15**

**Guests: 1**

**Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details**

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## MEETINGS PROGRAMME - MEMBER SURVEY

*Everyone has something to offer to others. What is your special passion, hobby, pastime or skill? Members of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay are always keen to learn something new, so perhaps you could share your speciality at one of our dinner meetings. It may be a holiday or a trip that has some special relevance, or it could be an interesting collection that you have. Perhaps you have wide knowledge of a topic or event, or have had an interesting experience or career path that you could share. The possibilities are limitless.*

*Please fill in the following brief questionnaire and we will make this year of Rotary meetings something extra special!*

Name:

Would you be willing to present a session at one of our meetings. YES/NO

If YES what would be your topic?.

How long would you need for your presentation?

Would you need AV assistance (i.e. screen, computer etc)?

Any suggestions for other guest speakers, or activities for our meetings?

Would you be willing to chair a meeting? YES/NO

Would you be prepared to "meet and greet" members as they arrive? YES/NO

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*Thank you for your time - Programmes Committee*

*Please lodge completed forms with Peter F, Bob McF, Gill H or Ken C*

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