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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 2306: 30 July 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and President Gill then welcomed guests Emily and Summer Radcliffe, Phil Shaw and District Governor Elect, Damien Leach. President Gill reminded members about the Reunion Meeting on the club's birthday on 17th September and asked members to add names of former members to the list of invitees being circulated. She then handed over to Chair Colin Francis who introduced Summer Radcliffe, a Year 10 student at Investigator College who is a member of Port Elliot Surf Lifesaving Club and a keen hockey player, as well as having recently experienced the One and All program with support from our club.

Summer began by explaining the five day program was a most amazing experience for which she is most grateful to the club. On Day 1 there was a focus on safety procedures, how to set sails, steer and perform look-out duty. There were three night-watch shifts, each one involving two people on watch and one steering for four hours. There were exercises each morning and day-watch groups. On one night-shift she saw a dolphin. Day three included a focus on knots and an anchor-watch at night for two hours. On Day 4 she gained experience as team leader, swam and took part in another anchor-watch. Day 5 included a beach trip and an egg game before sailing home. I

In response to questions, Summer explained the weather was rough on the first day but otherwise OK. The food was good. No cooking was required, but dishwashing was needed. Summer then offered to respond to any other questions emailed to Chair Colin and thanked members again for supporting her participation.

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Chair Colin thanked Summer and then invited Directors to report. Director Ken asked members to please complete and return the meeting survey and thanked those who had already done so. Treasurer Rob explained half our members have paid fees to date and that we currently have \$266.54 on our Credit Card, \$1220.80 in our General Account, \$30,995.63 from fundraising and \$27,485.02 in our Term Deposit. There being no other reports, Sergeant Ken proceeded to conduct fines from a number of members.

President Gill then welcomed DG Elect Damien Leach who thanked members for having him as a guest and explained he was very keen to focus on inclusion especially in respect of location. He also stressed the importance of knowing what members want particularly in the context of the decline in membership over the past few years. He plans to issue a District Communique which will include tools to increase membership. He also pointed to reduction in zones scheduled for 2030 and explained that a vote will be forthcoming on a district that includes the whole of SA. Damien then mentioned he was looking forward to visiting markets and that this club reminded him of his home club. He also invited members to send him any questions. In response to questions from the floor he explained he is going to try a hybrid model of visiting clubs and projects. He was born in Adelaide and lived in Perth for 10 years. He has been a Rotary trainer, DG and Rotary Foundation Chair. He enjoys cricket and running and is currently training for the Army Reserve.

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President Gill then thanked Damien for attending the meeting and for his presentation, and closed the meeting at 8.10pm with a quote reflecting our youth focus this year: 'We cannot build the future for youth but we can build youth for the future.'

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.

6 August	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Chair: Bob Hall Fellowship, including Conversations with Ken	Meet and Greet: Des Schirmer
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Members present: 20

Apologies: 17

Guests: 4

Market Rosters – Contact Market Director Cherilyn Fleming for details

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