



**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 2308: 13 August 2026**

**Venue: Hotel Grosvenor**

Acting Sergeant Bob McFarland called the meeting to order and reminded members that today is the World Day of Organ Donors. He then introduced President Gill who welcomed Guest Speaker Lew Saunders and then formally inducted new member Phil Shaw into the club, referring to the Four-way Test, and presenting him with a Rotary pin and a welcome pack.

Phil's mentor Bob Hall provided a resume for Phil and members noted Phil will be a member of the Youth Service Committee and will speak in more detail at a future meeting.

President Gill then informed members that the Crown Hotel has been booked for the Birthday and Reunion Meeting on 17 December. Arrival time is 6.30pm for 7pm. Partners are invited. Please RSVP by the 10 September to Secretary Mary-Anne or Gill. A seniors' menu (attached) and cake will be available. Help with contact details of past members would be appreciated. She then informed members that from now on apologies for meetings should be sent to Phil Beckett by Wednesday.

Stuart Ellis then asked for the raffle to be drawn and the winner of the award winning bottle of red wine was Bob Hall, who will provide the raffle prize next week.

President Gill then advised that David Virgin has been suffering from a detached retina which has been operated on and he is now in recovery. There being no other reports Chair Barry welcomed Guest Speaker Lew Sanders who began his presentation by informing members that he is the Gospel Centre Leader.

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He was born in St Mary's, wanted to be a vet, worked in a bank and studied Economics, then for a building society and was an Assistant Manager at age 23. He then took up dairy farming and studied Psychology. He felt he learned a lot through scouting, including looking after others. He joined the local church and was encouraged to help people. The biggest current issue is homelessness and struggling in life in general. He joined with AusHarvest and now receives food from supermarkets. He noted there is a variety of people in need who include people referred to the church. It is not easy for people to get accommodation and little things can make a big difference. He also noted it is easy to judge too quickly sometimes.

Lastly he explained his leadership role will end this year. He will still act as a celebrant at funerals and weddings and is keen to continue making a difference. He then thanked members for their role in a making a difference and for having him as guest.

In response to questions he explained it is not always easy to identify ways of helping more directly. He confirmed the containers at the back of the church are still going but winding down. Tents have been taken to Goolwa. Homeless people who live in cars are sometimes offered a shower or park near one.

After thanking Lew for a very stimulating presentation Chair Barry explained the 200 Club is still \$100 short but there should be a draw at next week's meetong. Chair Barry then handed over to Sergeant Bob who conducted fines, including Peter Francis for his birthday and for putting out market signs in the wet.

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President Gill then informed members that \$98 had been raised in the raffle and it was agreed this will be donated to the Organ Donor Fund. President Gill thanked Guest Speaker Lew once again before informing members that a First Responders event will soon take place and details will be forwarded to all members. She then closed the meeting at 8.20pm with a quote from Henry Ford, 'Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success'

### **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 **Phil Beckett** by email ([philbeckett@bigpond.com](mailto:philbeckett@bigpond.com)) or text message (0466322131) 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>20 August</b> | <b>6.30pm for 7pm</b>  | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>TBA</b>                                                                    | <b>Meet and Greet: TBA</b> |
| <b>27 August</b> | <b>6.30 pm for 7pm</b> | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>Chair: Stuart Ellis<br/>Guest Speaker: Lou Nicholson Member for Finnis</b> | <b>Meet and Greet: TBA</b> |

**Members present: 22**

**Apologies: 13**

**Guests: 1**

**Market Rosters – Contact Market Manager Cherilyn Fleming for detail**

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# THE CROWN

## \$20 SENIOR'S MENU

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| <b>MOROCCAN LENTIL SALAD</b>                                                              | 20 |
| Mixed lettuce, lentils, celery, dried apricots, almonds, red onion, zesty orange dressing |    |
| <b>LAMBS FRY</b>                                                                          | 20 |
| Grilled Lambs Fry with mashed potato, bacon, gravy and broccoli                           |    |
| <b>FISH &amp; CHIPS</b>                                                                   | 20 |
| 1 piece of battered NZ Hoki fish served with chips, salad, lemon & tartare. (GFO)         |    |
| <b>CHICKEN OR BEEF SCHNITZEL</b>                                                          | 20 |
| 1/2 size chicken or beef schnitzel with chips & salad.                                    |    |
| <b>ROAST OF THE DAY</b>                                                                   | 20 |
| Please see our specials board                                                             |    |
| <b>BANGERS AND MASH</b>                                                                   | 20 |
| Bratwurst sausage with mashed potato, broccoli & onion gravy. (GFO)                       |    |
| <b>SAUCES</b>                                                                             | 3  |
| creamy mushroom, green peppercorn, dienne, red wine jus, gravy, creamy garlic             |    |

### GFO- Gluten Free Option VEO- Vegan Option

While we endeavor to ensure all precautions are taken, cross contamination may occur. Please speak to a staff member if you have any concerns regarding allergies or dietary requirements

**Available Monday- Friday Lunch and Dinner**

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