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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 2309: 20 August 2026**

**Venue: Hotel Grosvenor**

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and reminded members that today is the anniversary of Churchill's famous speech and the building of the Berlin Wall. He then introduced President Gill who welcomed members of the best Rotary Club In the state and informed members that recent celebrations include Barrey Niven's wedding anniversary and and Ken's birthday. Before handing over to Barrey as Meeting Chair, she reminded members that apologies should be sent to Phil Beckett by 4pm on Wednesday.

Chair Barrey invited Directors and members to speak and members were reminded to pay their subscriptions and invited to submit photos for the Birthday and Reunion Dinner. An apology from was received from Madeleine for the error in the date of the Birthday and Reunion Dinner in the last newsletter. Bob Hall apologized for the raffle winner last week not being a member of the club and informed members that Peter Linehan and Bob Hall have contributed tonight's prize.

The 200 Club raffle was then drawn and the winner was Sabine. Sergeant Ken administered fines, including for animals damaging cars and the birth of a granddaughter for John Haynes. The raffle was then drawn and the winner was Peter Francis.

Chair Barrey handed over to Ken to conduct a conversation with Sabine. Sabine referred to her previous volunteer experience with Zonta, Rotary Markets and Rotary. She worked for the Public Service, Telecom, AusPost, for Land Tax, with submarines and BHP, and is now retired.

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The biggest impact in her life was meeting Phil de Courcey. Her advice was to be innovative and maintain a positive culture. In response to questions, she explained she was born in Cologne.

After thanking Sabine for taking part in the interview the President explained that the raffle has collected \$93 this week and that the \$98 collected last week has been banked. Members agreed the money raised last week should go to Lew Saunders and will be put in the fundraising account for the moment. The fundraising committee will provide suggested recipients for the future. It was then agreed the raffle should continue and next week's prize will be home made biscuits.

The President then closed the meeting at 8.20pm with a quotation from A. A. Milne 'To succeed in life you need three things, a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.'

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### **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 **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>27 August</b>    | <b>6.30pm for 7pm</b>  | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>Chair: Stuart Ellis<br/>Guest Speaker: Lou Nicholson<br/>Member for Finniss</b> | <b>Meet and Greet:<br/>TBA</b> |
| <b>3 September</b>  | <b>6.30 pm for 7pm</b> | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>TBA</b>                                                                         | <b>Meet and Greet:TBA</b>      |
| <b>10 September</b> | <b>6.30 pm for 7pm</b> | <b>Grosvenor</b> | <b>Chair:Marilyn Shaw<br/>Granite Island Penguin Update<br/>Stephen Hedges</b>     | <b>Meet and Greet:TBA</b>      |
| <b>17 September</b> | <b>6.30 for 7.00</b>   | <b>Crown</b>     | <b>Reunion and Birthday</b>                                                        | <b>TBA</b>                     |

**Members present: 22**

**Apologies: 13**

**Guests: 1**

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

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