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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 2310: 27 August 2026

Venue: Hotel Grosvenor

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and reminded members that today is the anniversary of the birth of Don Bradman in 1908. He then introduced President Gill who welcomed guests Joan Oliver and Lou Nicholson. She also passed on the sad news of the recent passing away of Madeleine's sister Pat Smith. Members then noted Ken's birthday, Barrey's wife's birthday and Phil Beckett's Rotary anniversary.

Chair Stuart invited Directors and members to speak and Phil De Courcey reminded members that the markets now fall under Club Service. He explained that a permit is being sought to run the Port Elliot market in the park on the Strand and the first market will be held on 3 October. He also explained that a shed sale is being planned and noted the possibility of joining with the Men's Shed sale.

Bob McFarland then called for volunteers for RYDA. Ken explained Bob Hall is not well, but the raffle prize of biscuits is available for \$2 a ticket. Members noted a prize is needed for next week.

Lastly, Peter Francis outlined upcoming meetings (listed overleaf) and alerted members to a farm outing planned for 25 October.

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The 200 Club draw was drawn and won by Bob Oliver, and Sergeant Ken administered a number of fines.

Chair Stuart then handed over to Guest Speaker Lou Nicholson who has represented the district of Finniss in the SA House of Assembly since the 2026 state election. Lou explained she is an Allied Health Professional and focusses on a people centred approach. She thanked the club for inviting her to speak and noted the club does a great job and is undertaken by a very dedicated group. She explained she moved to Goolwa in 2017 having grown up in New Zealand. She moved to Adelaide with her family when she was seven. She has worked as an occupational therapist in schools hospitals and aged care.

She feels that stronger political competition is needed in Finniss. She gained 49.3% of the vote in the 2022 election which was won by David Basham. After that she was elected as a local councillor. The first month after the election focused on staffing in the office and setting things up. This was followed by the opening of Parliament and then regular Parliament sittings and most recently, a winter break. She has been working on hospital and health care, patient transport, local public transport, transport infrastructure, the environment and social housing.



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There has been an issue with water supply fees in Mount Compass and an enquiry has been set up which will report in October. Master planning has been done for the hospital but details are still cabinet in confidence at this stage. Work is also being conducted on palliative care and the local hospice committee is working on a business plan.

In terms of subsidized patient transport, the distance required was over 100 kilometers from the care centre and is now 50 kilometers, but this is limited to a maximum of 300 kilometers. In response to questions Lou advised that in relation to future growth, Road Map 2 is underway. In relation to the Helipad, the current location of the Child Care Centre is compromising its use. 2030 is the end of the Child Care Centre lease and work is underway on getting the centre moved, but it is very complex.

Chair Stuart thanked Lou for her presentation and then asked for the raffle to be conducted. Ken Carter was the winner.



The President then thanked Joan and Lou again for attending the meeting before reminding members to advise Mary-anne if they are attending the Reunion and Birthday celebration. She also asked members to thank Raj for the new table layout and then closed the meeting at 8.35pm with a quotation from Jean-Paul Sartre: 'Commitment is an act, not a word.'

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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) 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.

3 September	6.30 pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Chair: TBA Nakuru update David Virgin	Meet and Greet:TBA
10 September	6.30 pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Chair:Marilyn Shaw Granite Island Penguin Update Stephen Hedges	Meet and Greet:TBA
17 September	6.30 for 7.00	Crown	Reunion and Birthday	TBA

Members present: 17

Apologies: 18

Guests: 2

Market Rosters – Contact Market Manager Cheryl Fleming for details

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