

Rotary

Club of Encounter Bay



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

Postal address; PO Box 243 Victor Harbor 5211
Email address: encounterbay@rotaryclub.org.au
Web address: rotaryencounterbay.org.au

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 2313: 17 September 2026

Birthday and Reunion Celebration

Venue: Hotel Crown

Sergeant Ken called the 47th Club Birthday meeting to order, welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and guests. He introduced Past President Peter Francis who acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. He reminded everyone of the extensive good work conducted by the club over the years and then alerted all present to the raffle tickets circulating for 3 prizes, and the photos and memorabilia on the table at the rear of the dining room.

He reminded members that on this day in 1900 Queen Victoria established the Commonwealth of Australia, and in 1988 the Seoul Olympic Games were opened. He then introduced President Gill who welcomed members and guests and acknowledged a Rotary anniversary for Glen Goldsack who joined in 1979. She then conducted a roll call of past presidents attending, including Barry Pryor, Ian Warner, Dennis Schirmer, Alan Kluske, Ken Buckley, Bob Hall, Peter Manuel, Phil Beckett, David Virgin, Peter Francis, Ken Carter, Marilyn Shaw, Barrey Niven, Bob McFarland, Sue Dixon, Phil Hollow and Mike Kelly.

President: Gill Houlihan
Immediate Past President: Peter Francis
Secretary: Mary-anne Woodman
Club Service: Phil De Coursey
International Service: David Virgin
Media and Communications: Ken Carter

Treasurer: Rob Mulhern
Community Service: Stuart Ellis
Youth Service: Colin Francis
Market Manager: Cheryl Fleming
President Elect: Phil De Coursey

After the main course President Gill invited Directors to speak and members noted the new position of Director Media and Communications held by Ken Carter and that this position is in line with our current goals of improving communication, fostering positive achievement, promoting the club and growing membership. Director Ken reported on the new sign on Adelaide Road, new brochures, updated website and Facebook pages and recent Fleurieu Sun articles.



Colin Francis, Director Youth Service then reported on recent requests for support, including a trip to Japan, and a Performing Arts trip to Paris, London and New York. The Youth Driver Awareness Program is currently in train led by Bob McFarland with the assistance of other club members and Operation Flinders has also been supported.



President: Gill Houlihan
Immediate Past President: Peter Francis
Secretary: Mary-anne Woodman
Club Service: Phil De Courcey
International Service: David Virgin
Media and Communications: Ken Carter

Treasurer: Rob Mulhern
Community Service: Stuart Ellis
Youth Service: Colin Francis
Market Manager: Cheryllyn Fleming
President Elect: Phil De Courcey

International Service Director David Virgin reported that the Polio program is still running, and Shelter Box and emergency funding have recently been provided to disaster areas. The Haiti Literacy program has been halted temporarily due to unrest but New Life Africa continues with most recently a new kitchen being built. 1,000 families in the program are currently being supported.

President Gill then reported on behalf of Directors Stuart Ellis and Phil De Courcey that many Club Service projects continue to run very successfully. Treasurer Rob Mulhern reported \$28,000 is currently invested and \$34,000 is currently in the fundraising account. Lastly, members noted the Port Elliot market, one of our two fundraising markets, which generate major funds, is moving shortly closer to the centre of the town. Phil Beckett apologized for the newsletter last week and alerted members to the 10,000 website hits on the Fairy Penguins presentation from last week. President Gill then invited Charter Members Bob Overall, Ian Warner, and Clive Fowler to blow out the candles on the birthday cake and Glen Goldsack to cut the cake. Sergeant Ken then conducted a very full fines session including fines from Clive Fowler for a First Aid accident and from Glen Goldsack for mistaking glue for oil.

The President then thanked everyone for attending before thanking Barry Pryor for establishing the Goolwa Club. She also alerted members to a request from the Yankalilla Club for helpers for their Donut van on New Year's Eve. Members noted the meeting next week will focus on promoting awareness of our club. She then closed the meeting at 8.45 with a quotation from Henry Ford, 'Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success, laughing and celebrating achievement is a reunion.'

FORWARD PROGRAM Rotary Club of Encounter Bay: TBA
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.

24 September	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Chair: Phil De Courcey Bird Flu and Egg Production Clalre Fuller
1 October	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Fellowship Meeting

Current, Honorary, Past Members and Guests Present: 55

Market Rosters: Contact Market Manager Cherilyn Fleming for details

President: Gill Houlihan
Immediate Past President: Peter Francis
Secretary: Mary-anne Woodman
Club Service: Phil De Courcey
International Service: David Virgin
Media and Communications: Ken Carter

Treasurer: Rob Mulhern
Community Service: Stuart Ellis
Youth Service: Colin Francis
Market Manager: Cherilyn Fleming
President Elect: Phil De Courcey