

Rotary

Club of Encounter Bay



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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"

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MEETING NUMBER 2314: 24 September 2026

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and reminded members that on this day Honda was founded in Japan in 1948, the first KFC franchise was opened in Utah in 1952, the 1976 Falcon cost \$5446 and our President Gill was 24 years old. He then handed over to President Gill who welcomed members, the guest speaker Claire Fuller, and guests. She then informed members that Mary-anne has taken leave of absence as a carer and Barrey Niven has taken on her role as Club Secretary. Birthdays and anniversaries were then acknowledged for Peter Dixon and Meredith and hearty congratulations were passed on to the RYDA team from the Board. Members noted the event was well recorded in the local paper by Director Ken.

She then handed over to Chair Phil de Courcey who welcomed guest speaker Claire and invited Directors and members to speak. Thanks were expressed to Ken for the new club brochure and recent communications in the media. Members then noted the market at Port Elliot on the 3rd October will be held on the Strand with 20 stalls. As advised at the Board meeting previously Treasurer Rob informed members that \$11,000 was in the general fundraising account and \$28,091 in the term deposit.

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Sergeant Ken then collected a number of fines, including from Peter Francis for unnecessary COVID fears, and the 200 Club draw was drawn and won by Peter Francis and Bob Oliver.

Further reports from Directors included a notice in the Sun that community grants are open, a request for new brochures to be widely distributed and a reminder about the upcoming barbecue at Phil Goode's farm on Sunday 25 October at 11.30. The club raffle was then drawn and won by Bob McFarland.

Chair Phil then introduced Guest Speaker Claire Fuller who mentioned her past expertise in resource management, and current involvement in farming, using regenerative practices in Back Valley. She has three autistic children who assist her. Starting from 130 brown hens in a chicken caravan there are now 900 who are all pasture raised. Two Alpacas and a dog protect the chickens from predators and a priority is biosecurity, especially with the current bird flu epidemic. Eggs are sold at local retail outlets markets and door to door. Social media has been very helpful with currently 2,000 followers. Aged hens are found homes or used in restaurants and pet food. In response to questions, Claire explained there is no manure for sale and water comes from large tanks on the farm. The priority is to leave the farm in good condition.



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Chair Phil thanked Claire for her presentation and handed over to President Gill who also thanked Claire and informed members that there will not be a guest speaker next week and there will be a focus on the promotion of the club, for which ideas would be very welcome. She then closed the meeting with a quote: 'A true friend thinks you are a good egg even though they know you are cracked.' Members then noted eggs were available to take home and the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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 need to advise **Gill Houlihan** by email (philbeckett@bigpond.com) or text message (0466322131) no later than **1600 hrs the day before the meeting (Wednesday)**. Remember also, when food is available, to advise of any dietary requirements.

1 October	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Fellowship meeting Focus: Promoting the club
8 October	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Guest speaker: Amanda Westley Focus: TBA

Members and Guests Present: 23

Market Rosters: Contact Market Manager Cherilyn Fleming for details

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