

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 2316: 8 October 2026

Venue: Grosvenor Hotel

Sergeant Ken called the meeting to order and asked Peter Francis to conduct the Acknowledgement of Country. Sergeant Ken then alerted members to the site for our capital being chosen on this day in 1908, the first Laurel and Hardy film being released in 1927, and John Lennon's solo album 'Imagine' being released in 1971. He advised members that tonight's raffle prize is a top quality medal winning red wine and that there are 77 sleeps ahead before Christmas. He then warmly welcomed President Gill.

President Gill welcomed Guest Speaker Amanda Westley and Guest Kathy Carter, as well as members in attendance. She advised members that a gift basket for Mary-anne is planned and members indicated their full support for this. Members then congratulated Cherilyn on her 34th Rotary anniversary. Directors were invited to speak and Director Colin reminded members that the VHHS Presentation Night will be held again in December and members will, as usual, be welcome to attend. Our sponsorship of students will again comprise a total \$1200, made up of \$300 per student in each of four categories. He also thanked members who attended the Expo last weekend.

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Director Phil alerted members to the article in the local newspaper on the Port Elliot market and congratulated the team on a very successful day. Members then noted \$2000 was raised at Goolwa last weekend, a coffee van at Port Elliot is under consideration, some details about the current situation with the Goolwa Community Association and, in discussion, the importance of looking at our markets in the light of our goals.

President Gill then welcomed Guest Speaker local artist Amanda Westley. Amanda explained she studied Art at High School until Year 10. She believes very much in choice. She was painting full-time to support her two children, including with the Sydney Swans for 7 years. Her work has been shown in SA, interstate, and in Bristol UK. She has collaborated with a wide range of manufacturers, musicians, sports associations and local councils, including Victor Harbor. She has also worked with and for various indigenous communities and her work was recently sent to the Pope and has had lots of TV coverage. She is now curating art and is a visual arts coordinator with first nation students. She will soon be starting work at the Art Gallery of SA and is studying governance. In response to questions she explained that the thought process behind each painting includes an interpretation of country. Her work is on display locally in Goolwa and on Norwood Praade. The President thanked Amanda for her presentation and on behalf of members passed on feelings of great pride in her as an artist, and in her work.



The raffle was then drawn and won by Rob Mulhern, and the 200 Club was won by Phil De Courcey.

Sergeant Ken then administered fines, including to Des and Phil for playing with the TV, Sabine for a quote in the local paper, Madeleine for a ringing phone, and Glen for a lost dollar.

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President Gill then reminded members to send their apologies to the President by Wednesday and closed the meeting at 8.25pm with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: 'The hand cannot execute anything higher than the heart can imagine.'

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 need to advise **Gill Houlihan** by email (pghouli@bigpond.com) or text message (0409695770) no later than **1600 hrs the day before the meeting (Wednesday)**. Remember also, when food is available, to advise of any dietary requirements.

15 October	6.30pm for 7pm	Grosvenor	Fellowship Meeting
25 October	11.30am	Phil Good's Farm	RCVH BBQ Trailer will cater

Members present: 20

Guests present: 1 guest, 1 guest speaker

Apologies: 6

Absent without apology: 9

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