The Rotary Club of West Beach Bulletin

Meetings: 6.30 pm each Tuesday at Westward Ho Golf Club, Military Road, West Beach

Rotary West Beach

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Year 2025/26



UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary

Meeting No: 2046
Tuesday 21st October 2025

Guest Speaker:
Robert Davis

Topic: City of Adelaide Clipper

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Brian Tucker
Paul Denley

Attendance: Shirley Roberts

Welcome: Janet Johnson

Chairperson: Rob Hughes

Guest Speaker intro:
Peter Brown

Joker Draw: Rob Stocker

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From the Co-President's Desk

Wasn't it fantastic to see our West Beach Rotary Club last Tuesday night. Congratulations to Warren and the Engagement Committee on another fantastic event, living proof that our new Engagement Strategy with the local West Beach Community is working. Our club was alive, and when I looked around, people were interacting, engaged and the spirit was very vibrant. It had a wonderful feel. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to get us to this point.

Of course, we also had a fantastic speaker and an interesting topic. Pamela Rajkowski, OAM did a fantastic job with her presentation about the Afghan Cameleers and opening up the outback of South Australia. And Alan Young also caught peoples attention with his presentation about the work he, his volunteer group and the Adelaide Sailing Club have been doing at Lot 101. All excellent work indeed!

And ex-District Governor Jeff Neale gave a quick overview of the extensive work that Australian Rotary Health are doing in Health, Mental Health, Scholarships and Training. Very positive outcomes. I was so pleased that Co President Barbara Wheatcroft was recognised by Jeff as a Companion of Australian Rotary Health. It must be a huge honour to be recognised for the many years of dedication and service that Barbara has given this organisation. She has certainly made a difference to many peoples lives through her contribution. Well done Barbara, an outstanding achievement, and well deserved!

Also at our meeting this week was Aria Bolkus, Candidate for Colton. I want to close by quoting some of Aria's feedback to me about the meeting. Aria wanted to "Thank us very much for having her at the meeting. She appreciates it is a very non-political space. She says the club is doing great things, and she has great respect for everything the club is achieving.The Club is clearly engaged and active on some really important but complex topics, which is great."

I hope we can continue to build on this with our engagement strategy, it's up to us really! Well done!

Rob Hughes

On Sunday 19th October the club held it's inaugural Walkathon with participants walking the Linear Path adjacent to Apex Park on Burbidge Road at West Beach.
The walkers registered their team, who then sponsored the walk by participating and donating. $1,718 was raised and these funds have been donated to Australian Rotary Health for ongoing research into mental health for children aged 0-12 years.
There was also a sausage sizzle, tea & coffee and bakery goods to purchase following the walk.
Congratulations to the participants and the sponsors.

Barbara Wheatcroft

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Involvement of our Friends of Rotary in our ongoing West Beach Rotary activities

We have been delighted with the attendance at our Friends of Rotary Events each month on the third Tuesday.
Our goal is to have regular Guest Speakers of substance that will attract and impress FoR and visitors. Our FoR Events attendees generally consist of our WBR members and Partners who are usually around 35 in number. Plus also our Friends of Rotary who are from our local Community Organisations are generally around 15. Then there are 15 or so Friends of Rotary individuals and couples who have formally paid the $50pp to 30.6.26 to be Friends and they seem ongoing keen to attend whenever they are able. Our total monthly attendees are averaging around 65 which works well for all involved. We are also mindful that FoR will have other commitments and absences preventing attending on every occasion.

We are acutely aware that the local Clubs and organisations are busy ongoing handling their own club or business operations. Our FoR does provide a great forum for these Club leaders to get together once a month to enable discussion on local and mutual shared issues and opportunities. They also have the benefit of different members or multiple members of their organisation to attend.
Each month we have a support Speaker from one of this group that outlines a 10 min presentation about their organisation, so we can all be aware of their goals, achievements and needs.

We have been pleased that our Friends of Rotary have been keen to volunteer and participate in different activities of WBR. An example of this is we have a Bunnings BBQ this Sat 25/10, at which we have 3 Friends of Rotary on BBQ shifts of 2.5hours during the day. Our WBR Board has resolved that $1500 of the BBQ proceeds will be donated to SA Sea Rescue for critical First Aid Courses and Uniforms needed by their volunteers. This has arisen from finding out where we as WBR can assist these key goals of SASR.

WBR have been pleased to welcome 4 FoR to attend at our recent Walkathon supporting Research for Mental Health for Children. They participated and contributed on the day.. WBR can make a bigger difference leveraged by our Friends of Rotary. And we will all enjoy the journey!!

We also have FoR attending our Fellowship events eg Footloose at the Arts Theatre. Our FoR are always welcome.

We will soon be announcing a key project (now ratified by WBR Board) that has been discussed with an incoming FoR to act as coordinator that relates back to our highly successful Bookmart volunteer operation. We are also delighted that we have had a FoR

join our Engagement Committee(EC) on an ex-officio basis to expand the outcomes of that group.
That person has also brought a friend along to our last Friends event last Tues.
Please let us know if you also would like to bring a friend along.
As you are aware, the cost is $27pp for the meal or the no meal option of $12.

If you are a Friend of Rotary and would like to expand your involvement in any of the above ways, then please discuss that with any member of our EC

From Warren Hobbs
Chair of WBR Engagement Committee
mob 0411 744740
Committee: Kevin Tiggemann, John Christo, Robert Ryan, Mario McDonagh

City of Adelaide Clipper Ship

Robert Davis from the Clipper Ship will be our Guest Speaker at our meeting on October 28. Following his talk we have arranged the visit the ship at it's dry dock. Details as follows.

Address: Dock 2, Honey Street, Port Adelaide.
Date: Thursday November 6.
Time: 10.30am-12.00 noon.
Cost: $15.00 pp, payable on the day.

For those interested, lunch can be arranged at the Birkenhead Tavern. If you will not be attending the meeting on October 28 could you please let me know (0411 023 370) if you wish to attend the Clipper visit and/or lunch. Partners and Guests welcome.

As I will not be at the meeting on October 28 David Simpson will be looking after details on the night. A Round Robin will be circulated at the meeting. No meeting on 4 November, Melbourne Cup.

Peter Brown

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"Kidman Park Rotary appreciates greatly the support of our **Sponsors and Community Partners** whose logos appear below"

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Community Bank West Beach
Bendigo Bank

AMADIO
Winemakers from 1936

BUNNINGS

West Beach Parks
holiday · sport · community

West Beach SLSC

Westward Ho G. C.

S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron

Friends of Lot 101
Adelaide Sailing Club

Pink & Blue Swim/Walk

Tasty Bakehouse

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Guest speaker Pamela Rajkowski, with Rotarian Robert Ryan

Pamela Rajkowski OAM is a distinguished South Australian historian and author whose work has illuminated the lives and legacies of the Afghan and Indian camel drivers—often referred to as "camelmen"—who played a vital role in shaping inland Australia from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries. Her seminal book "In the Tracks of the Camelmen" is widely regarded as the first comprehensive account of these pioneering figures

Pamela began researching the cameleers in 1980, traveling extensively across Australia while teaching full-time. Her research is grounded in archival materials and enriched by interviews with descendants of camelmen, Aboriginal communities, and ethnic leaders. This blend of academic rigour and oral history gives her work a deeply human dimension

The camelmen, primarily of Afghan and Indian origin, arrived in Australia during the 1860s to support exploration and settlement in the arid interior. Horses and bullocks struggled in the harsh climate, but camels—accompanied by their skilled handlers—thrived. These men transported goods, mail, and building materials to remote settlements and returned with produce for coastal and overseas markets. Their work was essential to the development of infrastructure and commerce in South Australia and beyond

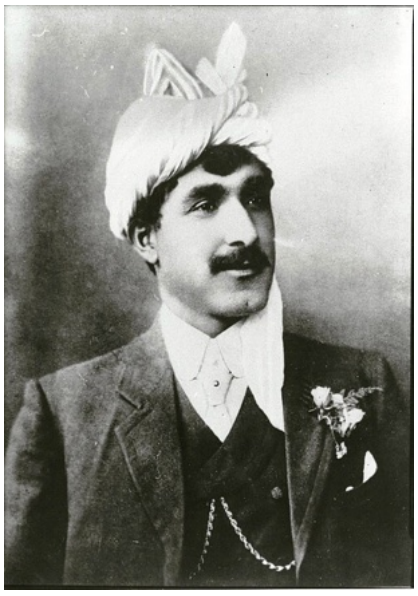
Pamela's writing vividly portrays the camelmen's daily lives, their religious practices, and the communities they built. Many were Muslim and established

mosques, adhered to halal dietary laws, and maintained cultural traditions despite isolation and discrimination. Her work also explores the complex relationships between Afghan cameleers and Aboriginal Australians, including intermarriage and shared cultural exchanges

Through In the Tracks of the Camelmen, Rajkowski not only documents history but also challenges stereotypes, offering a nuanced view of multicultural contributions to Australia's development. Her efforts have helped preserve the memory of these "exotic pioneers" and ensure their stories are recognised in the broader narrative of Australian history

Pamela continues to speak publicly and collaborate with communities to promote awareness of the cameleers' heritage. Her dedication has earned her national recognition, including the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), for her service to history and multicultural understanding.

In the above photo Rotarian Robert Ryan appears to be promoting a product like the wild west snake oil salesmen of yesteryear. But no, the reason he is holding a packet of NU-LAX is because, Senna Pod seeds are use in NU-LAX in a similar way to the Afgan Herbalist Mahomet Allum "blackjack" treatment.



Mahomet Allum

Born
c. 1858
Kandahar, Afghanistan
Died
21 March 1964
Adelaide, South Australia
Other names
Muhammad Alam Khan
Occupation(s)
Herbalist, former cameleer
Years active
1890–1964
Known for
Herbal medicine, charitable works

The term "black jack Afgan herbalist" refers to cameleer Mahomet Allum (also known as Muhammad Alam Khan), a 20th-century Afghan herbalist in Adelaide, South Australia, who was famous for a stomach wash he called "blackjack". This concoction combined butter, honey, and senna pods to cleanse the stomach, which Allum believed was the source of most ailments.

"Blackjack" must have been good, as Mahomet died at 106 years of age.

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Australian Rotary Health

Who We Are

Australian Rotary Health is **one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia**.

Australian Rotary Health provides funding towards research grants, fellowships and PhD scholarships focused on finding preventative and curative solutions for mental illness in young Australians. From 2023, our funding focus narrowed to the mental health of children aged 0-12.

We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community.

Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

Through research grants allocated by Australian Rotary Health, Australian researchers have received over $56 million since 1985.



Past District Governor Jeff Neale, presented our Co-President, Barbara Wheatcroft with a certificate, "Barbara Wheatcroft is hereby named a Companion of Australian Rotary Health in recognition of the tangible and significant support given for the development of research through Australian Rotary Health."

Congratulations Barbara.

Barbara is also Chair of the ARH Committee in District 9510.

The Walkathon held last Sunday raised $1,718 for ARH.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:





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The Joker Draw

No Draw this week, back on 28th October

The JACKPOT is $208



"The next song is about my ongoing struggle with anger management."



Volcanologist practical jokes





"They may need a minor adjustment."

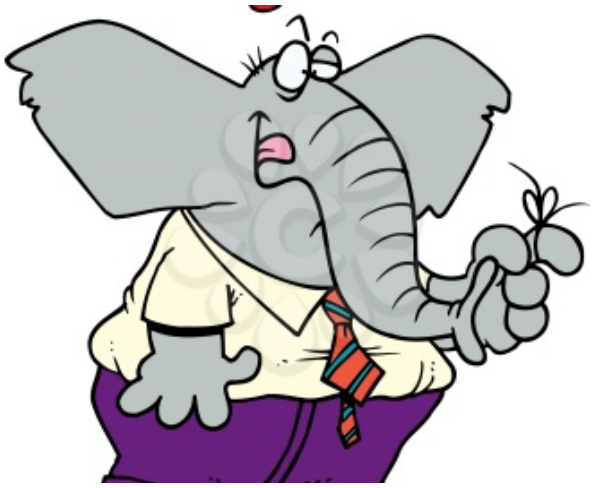
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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Event: **City of Adelaide Clipper visit**
When: **Thursday 6th November, 10:30am to Noon**
Where: **Port Adelaide Wharf**
Cost: **$15 a head.**
Followed by lunch at own expense at Birkenhead Tavern

Event: **KPR Christmas Function -**

When: **Sunday 14th December**

Where: **Glenelg Golf Club**

Cost: **$66 per head - upgraded menu, Corkage $15.**

Event: **Presidents BBQ**
When: **Tuesday 13th January, 2026**
Where: **Cruising Yacht Club, Lady Gowrie Dr., North Haven**

Event: **3 hour cruise on the Captain Proud**
When: **9th April, 2026**
Where: **Murray Bridge**
Cost: **Cruise and 2 course lunch, $48 per head + bus fare**

Event: **Guess Who's Coming for Lunch/Dinner**
When: **Last weekend May or 1st weekend June**
Further details later

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Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

Tuesday 28th October

Guest Speaker: Robert Davis

Topic: City of Adelaide Clipper

Tuesday 4th November

No meeting

Tuesday 11th November

Committee Meetings

Tuesday 18th November

Guest Speaker: Lissi Whyte CEO of Robarra Hatchery at West Beach (FoR)

Tuesday 25th November

KPR AGM

Meals On Wheels Roster:

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Meals on Wheels Contact
Grace Giles
Mobile: 0407 603 637

Charles Sturt Meals on Wheels is situated at the rear of

Festival Function Centre,
292 Findon Rd, Findon
Please be there by 10.50 AM

Wednesday Roster	**Friday Roster**
29th October Tom Bunnik	31st October Robert Ryan
5th November Ian Roberts	7th November Brian Tucker
12th November Peter Brown	14th November Paul Denley
19th November Rob Chambers	21st November Ron Harris
26th November Bob Hudson	28th November Karen Feind
3rd December Ed King	5th December Rose Willington
10th December Stuart Ghent	12th December Ann Branson
17th December Chris Hughes	19th December Tom Bunnik
24th December David Simpson	26th December no service

Hi Meals on Wheelers

Just a reminder for all, to ask if you could place the magnet signs on your car when delivering for MoW. The signs promote Rotary and in

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delivering
Meals on Wheels

Notes:

- If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your roster please arrange to swap with another Member. Please do not contact the Bulletin Editor. It is not the Bulletin Editor's job to find a replacement.
- Dale Kentish is co-ordinating the Meals on Wheels Roster (replacing Bob Hudson)
- If you have a breakdown or accident the MOW volunteer will call a taxi and will continue on the remainder of the round and return to the kitchen afterwards. You are left to deal with your vehicle issues as you see fit.

Meeting Duty Roster

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28th October	4th November	11th November	18th November
Furniture Brian Tucker Paul Denley		Furniture Paul Denley John Christo	Furniture Tom Bunnik Wayne Comley
Attendance Shirley Roberts		Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts
Welcome Janet Johnson	**NO MEETING**	Welcome Kel Burke	Welcome Ann Branson
Chairperson Rob Hughes		Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes
Guest Speaker Intro Peter Brown		Guest Speaker Intro Peter Brown	Guest Speaker Intro Peter Brown
Joker Draw RobStocker		Joker Draw Chris Branson	Joker Draw Peter Farquhar

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Member's Birthdays:
Grant Price 3rd November

Partner's Birthdays:
Helen Hobbs 29th October
Sue Murton 30th October

Wedding Anniversaries:
David & Anne Simpson 29th Oct
Stuart & Sandra Ghent 1st Nov

Membership Anniversaries

BookMart Roster:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	25th October	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke
Monday	27th October	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Anne Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
Tuesday	28th October	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Frensch
Thursday	30th October	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino
Saturday	1st Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Janet Johnson, Jenny Harris	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lorraine Paroissien, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Kevin Tiggemann, Ron Harris	
Monday	3rd Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	4th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	6th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch, Christine Iovino
Saturday	8th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	10th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	11th Nov	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	13th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick

Members Committee Allocation:

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Members Committee allocation 2024 - 2025

Name		Committee		Name		Committee
Wayne	**Comley**	**Admin Chair**		Chris	**Branson**	**Director Fellowship**
Rob	**Chambers**	**Administration**		Rob	Chambers	**Fellowship**
Karen	**Feind**	**Administration**		Kel	**Burke**	**Fellowship**
Ron	**Harris**	**Administration**		Peter	**Brown**	**Fellowship**
Jenny	**Harris**	**Administration**		Peter	**Farquhar**	**Fellowship**
Rob	**Hughes**	**Administration**		Chris	**Hughes**	**Fellowship**
Peter	**Murton**	**Administration**		Shirley	**Roberts**	**Fellowship**
Barbara	**Wheatcroft**	**Administration**		David	**Simpson**	**Fellowship**
Dale	**Kentish**	**Dir. Community**		Warren	**Hobbs**	**Dir. Engagement**
Janet	**Johnson**	**Community**		John	**Christo**	**Engagement**
Ann	**Branson**	**Community**		Mario	**McDonagh**	**Engagement**
Jenny	**Filsell**	**Community**		Robert	**Ryan**	**Engagement**
Liz	**Foote**	**Community**		Kevin	**Tiggemann**	**Engagement**
Kevin	**Mullins**	**Community**				
David	**Taylor**	**Community**		Steve	**Redden**	**Director Vocational**
Chris	**Weyland**	**Community**		Bob	**Hudson**	**Vocational/Youth**
Rosalie	**Willington**	**Community**		Grant	**Price**	**Vocational/Youth**
				Rob	**Stocker**	**Vocational/Youth**
						Vocational/Youth
Ed	**King**	**Dir. International**				
Tom	**Bunnik**	**International**				
Paul	**Denley**	**International**				
Stuart	**Ghent**	**International**				
Peter	**Johnson**	**International**				
Ian	**Roberts**	**International**				
Brian	**Tucker**	**International**				