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: 2049
Tuesday 25th November 2025

Guest Speaker

WBR AGM

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Janet Johnson
Peter Johnson

Attendance: Shirley Roberts

Welcome: Liz Foote

Chairperson: Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker intro:

Joker Draw: Karen Feind

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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West Beach Rotary

Date: 11th November 2025

Notice of

Annual General Meeting

of the Rotary Club of West Beach

to be held on the 25th November 2025 at 6.30 pm

Election of Officers for 2025-2026 Board

Nomination Form attached.

Members will also be asked to approve a

Motion to Change the name of the Rotary Club of Kidman Park Charitable Trust Inc

To

The Rotary Club of West Beach Charitable Trust Incorporated



Christmas Gift Collection

Community Service members, with hats on, Ann Branson, Dale Kentish and David Taylor. Co-Presdients Barbara Wheatcroft and Rob Hughes joined the the committee members to see what had been donated so far.

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Christmas Gift Collection

The Community Committee is organising our Christmas Gift collection. We have approval from Colin (Westward Ho manager) to put a donation box on the premises .

Please respond generously.

Thanks
Dale

The holiday season is a time for joy, love, and togetherness—but for many residents in local nursing homes, this time of year can feel lonely. Some have no family nearby or anyone to visit them during Christmas. This year, the West Beach Rotary Club (formally known as Kidman Park) want to change that.

We are putting together Christmas gift baskets to share with residents who might otherwise be forgotten during the holidays. Our goal is to bring a little warmth, comfort, and holiday cheer to those who need it most.

We are reaching out to kind-hearted community members and local businesses for donations of small gift items to include in these baskets. Suggested items include:

- Men's socks
- Toiletries (body lotion, lip balm, hand cream, face cream, shampoo, liquid soap)
- Biscuits and sweets (sugar-free options appreciated)
- Hair Accessories
- Women's perfume or Men's aftershave
- Puzzle books, pens.
- Chocolate

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All donated items will be carefully packaged and personally delivered to nursing home residents before Christmas Day.

Donations can be left in the gift box at Westward Ho and we hope to finalise donations by 12/12/2025. Gift Cards are also appreciated and will be used to purchase additional gift items.

Together, we can make sure residents feel remembered and loved this Christmas. Thank you for helping us spread the true spirit of the season!



Vocational Committee - Help Required

We are cooking a BBQ at Ngutu College, 32 Audley Rd, Woodville North:

Date: Wednesday 26th November
Time: 4 - 7:30pm

Just need 1 more person, who will have a rollicking good time whilst on the BBQ.

Please contact Steve Redden if you can assist

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Guest Speaker Rob Blackburn, from Adelaide Scuba, with Rotarian Robert Ryan

This presentation, by Rob Blackburn from Adelaide Scuba, provided an in-depth look at scuba diving in South Australia, the diversity of local marine life, and the devastating impact of the recent algal bloom on metropolitan dive sites.

South Australia is home to a rich coastal diving culture due to its position on the ocean and its abundance of historic jetties, reefs, and accessible shore dives. Many sites lie along the edges of the Gulf rather than the centre, and these structures provide ideal habitats for a remarkable range of marine organisms. Local divers explore both shore sites and offshore reefs, with several dive-able shipwrecks forming part of the regular rotation of weekend trips.

The region sits within the Great Southern Reef, a vast temperate marine ecosystem stretching from Sydney around to Perth. While less globally known than the Great Barrier Reef, it is ecologically significant and highly productive. It supports iconic species such as blue devils—long-lived, territorial reef fish—and the leafy sea dragon, a cryptic, kelp-like relative of seahorses found reliably along the Fleurieu Peninsula. Each year giant cuttlefish also aggregate in Whyalla for a spectacular but chilly winter breeding display.

Although great white sharks inhabit South Australian waters, encounters with divers are extremely rare. Divers appear large, noisy, and unappealing to sharks, and operators deploying significant amounts of berley often struggle to hold a shark's attention. Electronic shark deterrents such as Shark Shields are widely used and appear effective.

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Westward Ho G. C.

S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron

Friends of Lot 101
Adelaide Sailing Club

Pink & Blue Swim/Walk

Tasty Bakehouse

South Australia also has a rich maritime history with numerous shipwrecks, both accidental and deliberately scuttled. The HMAS Hobart is a prominent example, sunk as a dive site and conservation zone in the early 2000s. Other wrecks—including the Seawolf, the Dredge, the Barge and various older vessels—provide habitat for fish, sponges, nudibranchs, and invertebrates, making them favourite destinations for local divers.

This ecological richness, however, has been severely damaged by a major algal bloom (primarily Karenia species) that escalated from March to late winter. Initial impacts appeared minor in metropolitan waters, but by June the damage was severe: sponges and corals bleached or necrotic, fish absent, and visibility reduced as the bloom intensified. By September, diving at some sites was nearly impossible due to brown, opaque water. The bloom caused fish kills through toxins and gill clogging, created anoxic zones, and harmed filter feeders such as mussels and oysters. Many long-established dive sites have been reduced to near-barren landscapes.

There are some positive signs: seagrass appears to be surviving well, and its persistence is crucial for recovery, providing nursery grounds for fish and stability for the ecosystem. Recovery speed will depend heavily on the extent of seagrass retention. Oyster reef restoration—historically successful elsewhere—remains possible but would require substantial investment and appropriate site selection.

The bloom has also affected local tourism and dive businesses, as public reluctance to visit the beach has reduced participation. Despite this, divers themselves remain safe underwater due to wetsuit coverage and clean, filtered air. Ultimately, the path forward involves monitoring, targeted habitat restoration, and cautious optimism as conditions hopefully improve with seasonal change.

Rob fielded numerous questions from our diverse group. He had a very different perspective as his rich experience is from scuba diving in deeper water.
The videos Rob showed of marine life and fish before and after algal bloom were very arresting and concerning.

Our programmed Speaker Lissi Whyte has been ill and had kindly arranged for Rob to speak at short notice. Rob provided a wonderful insight into the Scuba industry and the impact of algal bloom on it. Lissi has been rescheduled to speak at Friends of Rotary on Tuesday 17th Feb.

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Westwood Ho Golf Club General Manager, Colin Anderson, gave the meeting an update on:

WESTWARD HO GOLF CLUB – THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

- Owes its existence to the 1952 Premier of South Australia, Sir Thomas Playford who inspired the establishment of golf holes on the otherwise unused coastal area in the salt air of Adelaide City
- Named after Westward Ho!, a seaside village in Devon, England, which is also known for the Royal North Devon Golf Club which is the oldest course in England and Wales The village name comes from the title of Charles Kingsley's novel Westward Ho! (1855)
- In the atmosphere of post-war entrepreneurial excitement and energy a syndicate was formed in 1951 with the aim of establishing a golf course which would be financially easily accessible and open to the general public.
- Willie Harvey, the golf pro from Royal Adelaide was commissioned to plan and design the course
- Bruce Auld died in October 1951 but was responsible for naming the new Venture The Westward Ho Golf Links.
- The West Beach Site: it was covered in natural grass which was considered to be suitable for fairways , crossed with small watercourses (ideal hazards) and infested with boxhorn bushes
- Course opened 10th August 1952 by SA Golf Assoc President Mr J E Ashton
- A new course was established in the early 60's and the Patawalonga Course was opened to the Westward Ho Golf Club and public on 28th September 1963
- A new par 60 course was established on 23rd November 1986
- The Club was severely affected when work commenced on the Adelaide Airport Runway extension in 1995. Realignment of Tapleys Hill Road resulted in the acquisition of nine holes of the Pat Golf Course. A portion of the new back nine holes encircling the Drummond West Beach Driving Range were constructed on top of a previous household garbage landfill site
- Reconstructed new course was officially opened in December 1998

THE CLUB

- Originally the clubhouse was a small shed. Club colours were red, white and blue and the skull and cross bones were included in their flag.

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- Part of the Westward Ho Golf Links was on land which came under the umbrella of the newly formed West Beach Recreational Reserve Trust and as a result the Syndicate surrendered its lease with the Westward Ho Golf Club disbanding in 1955
- Subsequently with the aid and support of the Trust, a new Westward Ho Golf Club was formed in 1957
- The club was incorporated on 17th March 1959. Official club colours were gold and royal blue. The design for a club badge was on the agenda for a number of years and only agreed in July 1966. The club then flew its own flag (not the skull and crossbones and was redesigned and approved on 25th Feb 1991.
- The first clubhouse the nucleus of our present day clubhouse had in the main been built by voluntary labour and was a fully functional clubhouse by 1959 – albeit a large prefabricated iron shed – dimensions 60ft x 32ft
- Raffle first prize A Ford Zephyr Sedan – 250 tickets at GBP10 each
- In Jan 1961 a new shed was erected to act as a changing room and pro shop.
- Shed remained in use until 1963 when the Trust built a temporary pro shop
- Various improvements ensued from 1964 – Lounge dance floor, toilets, kitchen, sprig bar
- Western Extension supervised by club member Keith Young completed in April 1978 -
- Members agreed to the proposed extension of the clubhouse at a Special Meeting on 2nd February 1995 to include a new sprig bar and kitchen and was officially opened on 3rd August 1996 and a refurbished western lounge reverted to a private lounge for members

TODAY AND FUTURE

- 633 MEMBERS - 490 MALE – 143 FEMALE – includes 64 boys and 11 girls
- MyGolf, Get into Golf, AGF Junior Pathway – Future Stars
- Trust carrying out capital works – Phase 1 Entrance, Phase 2 Sprig Bar, Phase 3 Members Lounge, Phase 4 alfresco area, Phase 5 changing rooms
- Commencing 1 October 2026, the Trust and the Club will enter into a new 20-year lease agreement

Do Yourself a Favour: I recently stayed at the Monarto Safari Resort, it was wonderful. The hotel opened its doors in May this year and is truly worth the trip. We did what is listed below. If you can't win via a ticket, save up or let the moths out of your wallets/purses, I believe it's worth it. No other place like it in SA and possibly Australia, saves on a trip to Africa.

MONARTO SAFARI RESORT RAFFLE

Tickets on sale till 30th January 2026 - Drawn 3rd February 2026

Promoted by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge

ENJOY AN OVERNIGHT STAY FOR TWO IN A WATERHOLE KING ROOM AT MONARTO SAFARI RESORT, STARTING WITH DINNER IN KUTJERA RESTAURANT & BAR WHERE YOU WILL HAVE $100 CREDIT TO DINE. THE NEXT MORNING WILL BEGIN WITH A DAWN WILDLIFE SAFARI, AN EXCLUSIVE RESORT EXPERIENCE THAT WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH MONARTO SAFARI PARK'S WILD AFRICA PRECINCT AS THE ANIMALS ARE WAKING UP. YOU'LL THEN RETURN TO THE RESORT FOR A DELICIOUS BUFFET BREAKFAST.

VALUED AT $800.



Tickets - $5

Save with a $20 pack

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PURPLE WAVES OF CHANGE
A Rotary Says NO to Family and Domestic Violence Community Day
Sunday 23 November 2025
Moana Beach Surf Life Saving Club and Surrounds
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Official Opening 11.15am
The Hon Katrine Hildyard MP
Minister for Women and the
Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence
PURPLE MONKEY
Brought to you by the Rotary Clubs of:
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Glenelg
Goolwa
Holdfast Bay
Morphett Vale
Seaford
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Strathalbyn
Victor Harbor
Yankalilla
Featuring:
Purple Monkey (the band)
- Australia's Biggest Dog Walk (10am)
- All Day BBQ/Food Options
- Sandcastle Competitions
- High Tea - Purple Chuck a Duck!
- Tea Cuppa Ride - Face Painting
- Guest Speakers - Support Services
- Other Entertainment - Second Hand Book Stall and Much More!
MC Lisa McAskill!
Please bring non-perishable food or toiletries and old mobile phones to help those in need.
GET YOUR PURPLE ON (AND DRESS YOUR DOG IN PURPLE TOO FOR THE DOG WALK)!
FUNDS RAISED GO TO WOMEN'S SHELTERS IN THE ADELAIDE SOUTH & FLEURIEU AREA
PLEASE ALSO SUPPORT OUR RAFFLES - ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!

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:



Saturday 22nd November



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The Joker Draw

No Draw This Week
The JACKPOT
is $312



"I only watch the History Channel. Their news is less depressing because I know we already survived it."







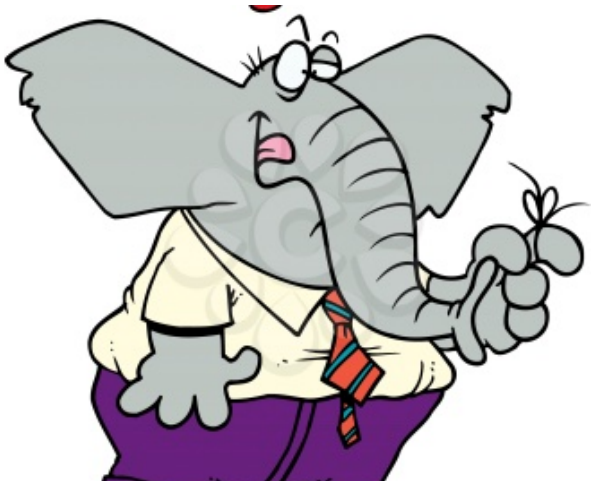
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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Event: **WBR 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 25th November

WBR AGM

Tuesday 2nd December

Guest Speaker: Chris McDermott

Topic: Little Heros Foundation

Tuesday 9th December

Committee Meetings

Sunday 14th December

Christmas Luncheon
Glenelg Golf Club

Tuesday 16th December

Guest Speaker: Anne Cameron

Topic: Pink & Blue Swim Summary (FoR)

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

26th November Bob Hudson

3rd December Ed King

10th December Stuart Ghent

17th December Chris Hughes

24th December David Simpson

Friday Roster

28th November Karen Feind

5th December Rose Willington

12th December Ann Branson

19th December Tom Bunnik

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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25th November	2nd December	9th December	16th December
Furniture Janet Johnson Peter Johnson	Furniture Peter Murton Steve Redden	Furniture Ian Roberts Brian Tucker	Furniture Chris Branson Paul Denley
Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts
Welcome Liz Foote	Welcome Dale Kentish	Welcome Ed King	Welcome Kevin Tiggemann
Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes	Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes
Guest Speaker Intro AGM	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro Committees	Guest Speaker Intro Dale Kentish
Joker Draw Karen Feind	Joker Draw Stuart Ghent	Joker Draw Kevin Mullins	Joker Draw Rob stocker

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Member's Birthdays:
Stuart Ghent 24th November

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:
Ian & Leah Roberts 25th November

Membership Anniversaries
Paul Denley 1st December, 40 years up!!! No Ruby, a Rolex will do.

BookMart Roster:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	22nd 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	24th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	25th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	27th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch, Christine Iovino
Saturday	29th Nov	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	1st Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	2nd Dec	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	4th Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
Saturday	6th Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke
Monday	8th Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Anne Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
Tuesday	9th Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Frensch
Thursday	11th Dec	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino

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**				