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: 2053
Tuesday 13th January 2026

President's BBQ

Tuesday 13th January

6-6:30opm

Cruising Yacht Club
Lady Gowrie Drive
North Haven

See details inside Bulletin

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Co-President Rob Hughes with Paul Raffinelli, Ann Cameron, Jenny Parsons, Jacquie Wiley and Stephen Milton.

Anne from the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club outlined the purpose, history, and impact of the annual **Pink & Blue Swim**, a major community fundraising event supported by club members, volunteers, corporate partners, and Rotary. She acknowledged key contributors including Pink & Blue committee members Paul Raffinelli, Graham Cunningham (Club President), and Brenda Thornton, emphasising that while a small committee organises the event, it relies on the full support of the club board and volunteers on the day.

Anne highlighted that West Beach is first and foremost a **life saving club**, celebrating its 70th anniversary, with a strong focus on beach safety, competition, and community programs. These include “On the Same Wave” for multicultural communities and “Tidebreakers, Adaptive Nippers” for children living with disability. The club has also been recognised with several Clubs SA awards, including Unity in the Community.

The Pink & Blue Swim is a **non-competitive, inclusive event** held on **Sunday 8 February**, offering swim, walk, and run options. Entry fees help

raise funds for its charity partners, St Andrew's Hospital and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Since beginning in 2013 with 80 participants and $950 raised, the event has grown to attract more than 1,500 participants annually. To date, it has raised **$742,586**, with nearly **$100,000 already committed for the 2026 event** through corporate sponsorships. Anne praised long-term supporters, particularly Rotary, and encouraged continued participation, sponsorship, and community involvement to help reach the $1 million fundraising milestone.

The Pink and Blue Swim, led by the West End Surf Club community, stands as an outstanding example of volunteer-driven fundraising and genuine community impact. Since its inception, the event has raised **over $742,000**, with a point of immense pride being that **100 per cent of funds raised have gone directly to beneficiary charities**. No money has been absorbed by administration, facilities, or operating costs—every dollar donated reaches the people and programs it is intended to support. This commitment is made possible because the event is run entirely by volunteers who give their time for the love of the cause.

Jenny Parsons spoke on behalf of a major beneficiary of the Pink and Blue Swim which has been **St Andrew's Hospital**, which formally partnered with the event in **2019**. St Andrew's is Australia's largest standalone independent hospital and provides some of the most comprehensive cancer care in South Australia. Over the years, Pink and Blue funding has enabled the hospital to purchase vital medical equipment, enhance operating theatre capabilities, establish lymphedema treatment facilities, and create supportive, non-clinical spaces where patients and families can connect during some of the most challenging periods of their lives.

One of the most significant outcomes of this partnership has been the funding of a **Pink and Blue Breast Care Liaison Nurse** within the hospital's chemotherapy suite. This role ensures patients receive education, emotional support, and continuity of care throughout their treatment journey.

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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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Winemakers from 1936

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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

The nurse acts as a crucial link between surgery, chemotherapy, and community services—support that would not otherwise be possible without community fundraising.

The hospital also operates a dedicated Wellbeing Centre, where patients can attend workshops, participate in activities, and connect with others who share similar experiences. These initiatives help reduce isolation, build confidence, and promote healing beyond clinical treatment.

Stephen Milton spoke on behalf of the **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA)**. Since 2018, nearly **$200,000** has been raised for locally based prostate cancer research in South Australia. These funds have contributed directly to groundbreaking clinical trials, including advanced lutetium and immunotherapy studies, helping extend lives and improve treatment outcomes. Importantly, all PCFA funding raised through Pink and Blue is directed specifically to research conducted in Adelaide.

Beyond fundraising, the event has become a powerful platform for **awareness and conversation**. By bringing together families, men, and women in a relaxed, inclusive environment, the Pink and Blue Swim encourages open discussion about breast and prostate cancer, early detection, and regular health checks—particularly in areas where silence has traditionally prevailed.

The Pink and Blue Swim is more than an event; it is a demonstration of what community, compassion, and volunteerism can achieve when every effort is focused on making a real and measurable difference.

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Hi WBR Members & Friends of Rotary

We are fortunate to have a very special speaker in place for the normal Tues WBR Meeting on Tues 3rd Feb.....on an intriguing topic.
Many of us have met Ben Whitehouse in his visits to our Friends of Rotary events.
Ben had origins and an active role in the Rotary Club of Adelaide EDGE over 20 years ago.
Ben re-established contact with me several months ago with his desire to assist as a Community volunteer and in a service role.
Ben is an "open book" that he has spent 5 years in Gaol and was released in early 2025.

Ben is keen to share the story of his gaol experience and the path since, and we have had a long standing Guest Speaker date with him in place for 3rd Feb.
Ben will share this experience with us and will welcome your questions about a world that is largely unknown to most.
This will also be an opportunity for our Friends of Rotary individuals and couples to attend a normal Rotary Meeting.

Since Ben has been involved with visits to Friends of Rotary events, he has also supported WBR in volunteer and service activities.
Ben has done some volunteer rosters on our Bunnings BBQ service role, at times we have needed extra hands.
He has also attended several of our Engagement Committee meetings on an ex-officio basis. As a Business Consultant and Therapist in his professional capacity,
he has a lot to offer our Committee. Ben has also offered to be the connector to assist our Rotary Bookmart to supply our **excess** books to the Dept of Correctional Services libraries (for Mens and Womens Prisoners). **Ben has referred to the critical importance to him of access to Books from the Prison Library system during his period in prison.**

Ben has provided the below extract of photos and summary of topic.
Please use our following Trybooking link below which will handle booking for 3rd Feb. As usual, cost will be $27 plus booking cost
The link for that date is operational now.
https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP
Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about a different world from a quality speaker.

Cheers
Warren Hobbs
Chair of WBR Engagement Committee

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PS Our actual Friends of Rotary Event to be held on 17th Feb will also be a highlight.....more on that later

"My Prison PhD: Five Years Behind Bars and the Journey Since"

Five years. Three prisons. Inmate 183554.

What happens when twelve armed officers storm your home and the life you knew ends with the click of handcuffs?

Ben Whitehouse doesn't have to imagine. He lived it.

But this isn't a story about what was taken — it's about what was forged. Most people who enter that world break. Ben turned his cell into a classroom. He studied the men around him — murderers, drug dealers, men the world had written off — and discovered what actually makes human beings change.

He calls it his Prison PhD. The most brutal education he never wanted. And it changed everything.

Ben walked into prison as a number. He walked out understanding people at a level most never will.

Everyone's serving a sentence. Ben's had bars. Yours might be a story you keep telling yourself, a fear you won't face, or a life you've settled for.

The question isn't whether you'll face your own prison. The question is — who will you be when the door finally opens?

— Ben Whitehouse

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Ben Whitehouse



Ben Whitehouse

President's BBQ

Hi Rotarians,

Just a gentle reminder about the President's BBQ. If possible please pay via TryBooking, the link is below.

https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

We are supplying food, plates, bamboo cutlery. Members will need to bring their own drinks and glasses.



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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 17th January 2026





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The Joker Draw

The JACKPOT is $454





"Don't tell me how to work safely! I've been at this job for five years!"

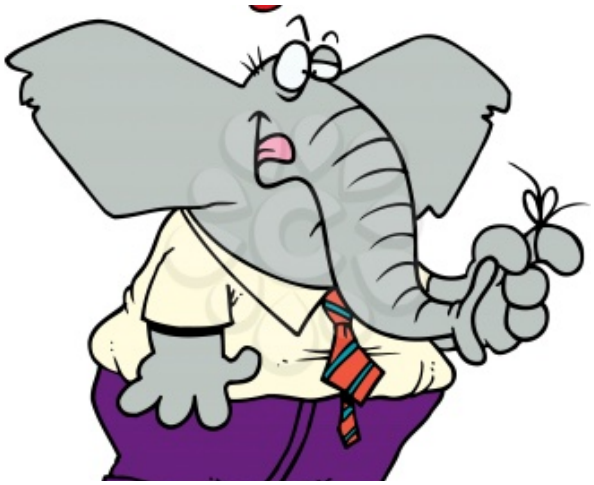


"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."



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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary

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 20th January

Committee Meetings

Tuesday 27th January

Guest Speaker: Lyn Kirkham

Topic: Circle of Friends

Tuesday 3rd February

Guest Speaker: Ben Whitehouse
former member of RC Adelaide Edge

Topic: My Prison Phd. My 5 years as a prisoner, and the challenges since release

Tuesday 10th February

Committee Meetings

Tuesday 17th February

Guest Speaker: Stephen Pallaras, KC, former Director of Public Prosecution. (FoR)

Topic: True Crime and its impact on our community, and how we should deal with it.

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

7th January Frank Bunnik

14th January Rob Chambers

21st January Bob Hudson

28th January Peter Brown

4th February Ed King

11th February Stuart Ghent

18th February Chris Hughes

25th February David Simpson

Friday Roster

9th January Karen Feind

16th January Ron Harris

23rd January Robert Ryan

30th January Jenny Harris

6th February Brian Tucker

13th February Rose Willington

20th February Ann Branson

27th February Tom Bunnik

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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13th January	20th January	27th January	3rd February
	Furniture John Christo Paul Denley	Furniture Tom Bunnik Kel Burke	Furniture Wayne Comley Stuart Ghent
	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts
President's BBQ	Welcome Rose Willington	Welcome Ann Branson	Welcome Karen Feind
	Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes	Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft
	Guest Speaker Intro Committees	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro
	Joker Draw Chris Weyland	Joker Draw Rob Stocker	Joker Draw Peter Brown

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Member's Birthdays:
John Christo 10th Jan

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:
Rob & sue Chambers 17th Jan

Membership Anniversaries

BookMart Roster:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Monday	**12th January Start 2026**	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	13th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	 Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
Thursday	15th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland Paul Denley	 Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
Saturday	17th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr Janet Johnson	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds Jenny Clarke
Monday	19th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
Tuesday	20th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Barbara Kendrick Chris Frensch
Thursday	22nd Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Bob Hudson, David Taylor Warren Hobbs	 Christine Iovino
Saturday	24th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson, Jenny Harris Kevin Tiggemann, Ron Harris	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lorraine Paroissien, Lily Reynolds
Monday	26th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	27th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Rob Hughes John Jackson	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	29th Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick Don & Lee McCulloch, Christine Iovino
Saturday	31st Jan	10:00 - 12:30 12:30 - 03:00	Karen Feind, Kel Burke Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan

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**				