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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(Rotary Club of West Beach)

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Year 2025/26



UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary

Meeting No: 2054
Tuesday 20th January 2026

Committee Meetings

Meeting Duties

Furniture: John Christo
Paul Denley

Attendance: Shirley Roberts

Welcome: Rose Willington

Guest Speaker intro:
Committees

Joker Draw: Chris Weyland

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Dismantle of Playground at Langman Reserve

On Tuesday 13th January, 7 Rotarians led by Ed King, dismantled a playground at Langman Reserve, West Hindmarsh. Tom Bunnik, John Christo, Steve Redden, Peter Johnson, Stuart Ghent and Paul Denley ably assisted by Past District Governor M-I Lees, Brian Hurd and partner from Whyalla and Peter Harper from Gawler Light, who transported the first load to RARE.

Photos say it all! Those who attended were worth their weight in gold! Good job.













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President's BBQ at the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia

Our Rotarians eased their way back into Rotary at an informal get together for the first meeting of the new year at the Cruising Yacht Club of SA. Always a lovely location with boats of all shapes and sizes and water views. The night was well organised by Rob Chambers, but unfortunately Co-President Rob was under the weather and couldn't attend.







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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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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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Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International President



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. His term will begin on 1 July 2026. The Board, guided by the RI code of policies, conducted a special session to select the organisation's leader after the resignation of RI President-elect SangKoo Yun, who decided to step back from his Rotary responsibilities and focus on his recovery from recent cancer treatment.....

"Yinka" Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organisational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organisation in his birth city of Ibadan that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

The president of Rotary International serves a one-year term, presiding over the Board of Directors and providing inspirational leadership for the organisation. As the spokesperson for the global network, the president visits clubs around the world to promote Rotary's values and represent the organisation at major events. Rotary chooses its president from members who have demonstrated extensive leadership experience within Rotary, including service as a club president, district governor, and member of the Board.

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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



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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:





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The Joker Draw



The JACKPOT is $454





"Remember, the biggest problem in your marriage is communication. You should avoid it altogether."



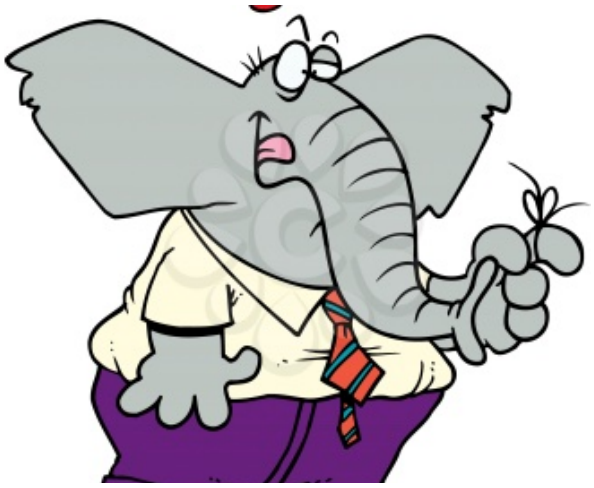
"Apparently there's no good or bad children anymore...only misunderstood!"



"Haven't you got any bigger tables?"

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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary

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

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

23rd January Robert Ryan

30th January Richard Daley

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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20th January	27th January	3rd February	10th February
Furniture John Christo Paul Denley	Furniture Tom Bunnik Kel Burke	Furniture Wayne Comley Stuart Ghent	Furniture Bob Hudson Peter Johnson
Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts	Attendance Shirley Roberts
Welcome Rose Willington	Welcome Ann Branson	Welcome Karen Feind	Welcome Ron Harris
Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes	Chairperson Barbara Wheatcroft	Chairperson Rob Hughes
Guest Speaker Intro Committees	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro
Joker Draw Chris Weyland	Joker Draw Rob Stocker	Joker Draw Peter Brown	Joker Draw Peter Farquhar

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Member's Birthdays:

Partner's Birthdays:
Annalisa Tiggemann 23rd Jan

Wedding Anniversaries:
Bob & Pat Hudson 24th Jan

Membership Anniversaries

BookMart Roster:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	17th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke
Monday	19th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
Tuesday	20th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Frensch
Thursday	22nd Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino
Saturday	24th Jan	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	26th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	27th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	29th Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch, Christine Iovino
Saturday	31st Jan	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	2nd Feb	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	3rd Feb	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	5th Feb	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**				