# 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

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Rotary



**Apologies & Guests: Please advise**

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**Meeting No: 2057**
**Tuesday 10th February 2026**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Committee Meetings**

## Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Bob Hudson**
**Peter Johnson**

**Attendance: Shirley Roberts**

**Welcome: Ron Harris**

**Chairperson: Barbara Wheatcroft**

**Guest Speaker intro:**

**Joker Draw: Peter Farquhar**

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**WEEKLY BOOKING on TRY BOOKING**

Please book for each meeting using the following link –
https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

To book, click and Enter the above link which will take you directly to the Try Booking website.

Select the date of the meeting you wish to book from the calendar on the righthand side of the page. Follow the prompts.
Bookings **CLOSE** at 6pm each Monday.

To our **WBRC Members & Partners, Friends of Rotary and other Visitors**

**Stephen Pallaras, KC and former DPP, has recently been holding "True Crime" events all over South Australia**.
**They have usually been sold out and there has been a separate cover charge for most of those events.....and then rave reviews on fb.**

**All the info that you need is on our attached Invitation**. The only cost as per our usual is the meal at $27 ....see Trybooking Link below and attached.
If there is a special friend or colleague that you wish to spoil, then ask them along.
**You will learn much about the link between our Laws and the communities they are supposed to serve. It is a hardhitting call to action for our common good.**

Can you please RSVP promptly and at the latest by Thurs 12th Feb so we can advise numbers & dietary to our Venue for catering purposes.
Stephen's presentation will be for 90 mins (longer than our usual) and our event will go till 8.30. **This will be a strongly attended event, so book early.**

We look forward to welcoming you on 17th Feb. **Trybooking for payment has been a resounding success in 2026** and assists our running of such a successful event. Thankyou for your ongoing support of that
https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

Regards
Warren Hobbs
Chair of Engagement Committee West Beach Rotary

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## INVITATION to "FRIENDS OF ROTARY" Event

**Tuesday 17th February Westward Ho G.C., Military Road, West Beach.**

**5.55 for 6.05pm Concludes 8.30, $27 meal (alternate drop), buy your own drinks.**

## Special Guest Speaker: Stephen Pallaras



**Stephen Pallaras, KC, was the SA Director of Public Prosecutions, a Defence Counsel, Prosecutor and Supreme Court Judge. Internationally, he was involved in bringing some of the biggest global Drug King Pins to trial. In a single year, he successfully prosecuted 11 murder cases, has a solid record of not having lost a major case. In short, Stephen is one of the most experienced criminal lawyers in Australia.**

**Stephen will expand on the link between Laws and the impact on our communities.**

**Don't miss this opportunity to meet some new people, have a chat, share stories, and hear from Special Guest Speaker, Stephen Pallaras**

**Secure your seat by email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair)**
warren.hobbs53@gmail.com **Please RSVP & Dietary by 12th February, $27**

**Make Payment: Ctrl + click to follow link** https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

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S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron

Friends of Lot 101
Adelaide Sailing Club

Pink & Blue Swim/Walk

Tasty Bakehouse

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Guest Speaker, Ben Whitehouse with Rotarian Warren Hobbs

**My Prison PhD: How Hell Became My Harvard**
**Guest Speaker Recap — Ben Whitehouse, 3 February 2026**

On Tuesday evening, West Beach Rotary members were treated to a powerful and honest presentation. Fellow Friend of Rotary, Ben Whitehouse, delivered "My Prison PhD: How Hell Became My Harvard" — and for forty gripping minutes, you could have heard a pin drop.

Ben opened with numbers that immediately commanded the room: 1827 - one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven days. That's how long he spent as inmate number #183554 across three South Australian prisons — the Adelaide Remand Centre, Maximum Security Prison - Yatala Labour Prison, and Mount Gambier Prison.

But this was not a victim's story. This was about resilience, transformation, and coming back stronger.

Ben took us inside prison — the psychological battlefield of daily life, standover merchants testing new arrivals, and the choice he made to turn his cell into a classroom. He studied psychology, human behaviour, and influence, earning what he calls his "Prison PhD." He even drew laughs with his take on COVID lockdowns — pointing out that while Australia complained about being stuck at home, he'd already been doing it for years.

The most dramatic moment came when Ben revealed he was still wearing an ankle monitor — right there in the room.

Since his release on 28 November 2024 — walking out with nothing but second-hand clothes and paperwork marked "released into homelessness" — Ben's comeback has been extraordinary. After a nine-month work ban, he won his case in the Supreme Court and immediately hit the ground running. Within two months of joining a coaching program, he became the highest-achieving coach at his level, earning Coach of the Week seven times including six consecutive weeks, with invitations to work internationally.

Ben brought his story full circle through his involvement with our club — from volunteering at the Bunnings BBQ to initiating the Bookmart-to-Prisons project, supplying books to men's and women's correctional facilities.

Then he left us with a challenge: "If a man convicted of terrorism can stand here offering hope instead of hatred, then there are no excuses and absolutely no limits."

If you missed it, you missed something special.

I will end with Ben's closing line -
*"And remember — Failure Is NOT An Option."*

# Club News:

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Celebrating International Women's Day

Rotary | Women in Rotary SA Chapter

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. In 2026 the theme will be ***Give to Gain.***

## Wednesday 4th March 2026
## 7.00am – 9.00am, Top Room at the Arkaba Hotel



## *Kate Croser*

### CEO SA Film Corporation

Kate Croser is the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) following two decades in film and television including as an Emmy Award winning producer. As CEO of the SAFC Kate is responsible for developing South Australia's renowned screen industry and connecting South Australia's voice and identity with audiences globally.

With a strong commitment to progressing gender equity in the workplace, Kate serves as the SA Chapter Chair for Chief Executive Women (CEW) and a member of SA Leaders for Gender Equity.

Kate serves on the SA State Advisory Council for the Committee for Economic Development Australia (CEDA) and has previously served as a board member of Ausfilm, the South Australian Film Corporation, a councillor for Screen Producers Australia and on the University of Adelaide's Creativity and Culture Industry Advisory Board.

**All proceeds from the breakfast will support the Zahra Foundation.**

**Tickets are $50.00 per person (Plus booking fee) with maximum table groups of 10.**

**Bookings now open** - https://www.trybooking.com/DGIAL **Or use the QR code**

***Please bring your business cards for a door prize. There will be raffle tickets available for purchase at $5 per ticket.***

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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:

**Sunday 15th February**

**Sunday 8th March**





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## The Joker Draw

**No draw, recommences 10th February**

**The JACKPOT is $532**

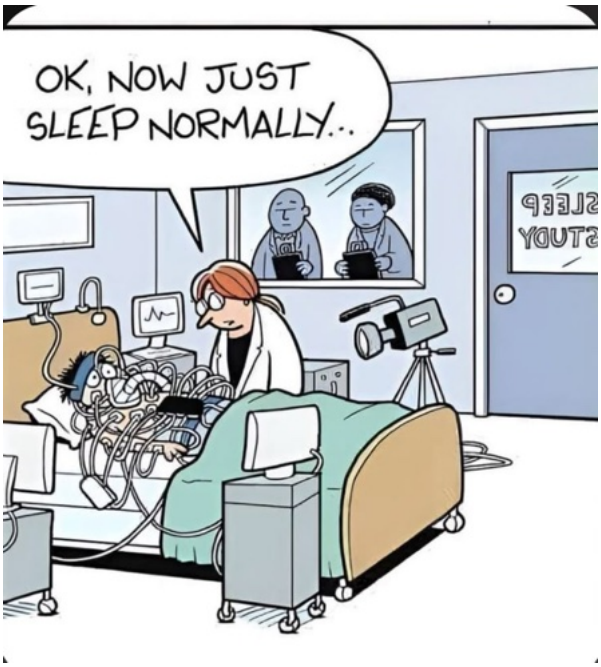
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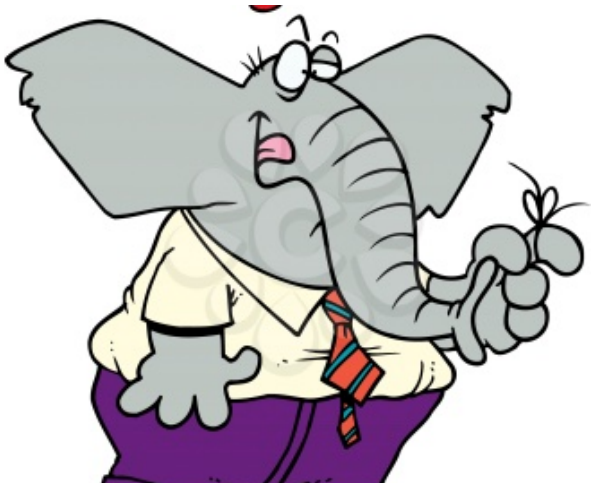




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## Fellowship Events

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Put them in your Diary**

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Event: **3 hour cruise on the Captain Proud**
When: **Thursday 9th April, 2026**
Where: **Murray Bridge**
Cost: **Cruise and 2 course lunch, bus fare, visit to Apricot Orchid.**
**$70 ea. Or $58 if you go by car ie not on bus.**

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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 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.**

Tuesday 24th February

**Guest Speaker: Hayley Pryzybilla**

**Topic: The RSPCA organisation, various aspects in their 150th year**

# 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** |
|---|---|
| 11th February Stuart Ghent | 13th February Rose Willington |
| 18th February Chris Hughes | 20th February Ann Branson |
| 25th February David Simpson | 27th February Tom Bunnik |
| 4th March Frank Bunnik | 6th March Paul Denley |
| 11th March Rob Chambers | 13th March Karen Feind |
| 18th March Bob Hudson | 20th March Ron Harris |
| 25th March Peter Brown | 27th March Richard Daley |
| 1st April Ed King | 3rd April Good Friday |
| 8th April Stuart Ghent | 10th April Rose Willington |
| 15th April Christine Hughes | 17th April Brian Tucker |

***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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| 10th February | 17th February | 24th February | 3rd March |
|---|---|---|---|
| Furniture<br>Bob Hudson<br>Peter Johnson | Furniture<br>Janet Johnson<br>Grant Price | Furniture<br>David Simpson<br>Rob Stocker | Furniture<br>Brian Tucker<br>Kevin Tiggemann |
| Attendance<br>Shirley Roberts | Attendance<br>Shirley Roberts | Attendance<br>Shirley Roberts | Attendance<br>Shirley Roberts |
| Welcome<br>Ron Harris | Welcome<br>Jenny Harris | Welcome<br>Ian Roberts | Welcome<br>Rose Willington |
| Chairperson<br>Rob Hughes | Chairperson<br>Barbara Wheatcroft | Chairperson<br>Rob Hughes | Chairperson<br>Barbara Wheatcroft |
| Guest Speaker<br>Intro | Guest Speaker<br>Intro | Guest Speaker<br>Intro | Guest Speaker<br>Intro |
| Joker Draw<br>Peter Farquhar | Joker Draw<br>Dale Kentish | Joker Draw<br>Ed King | Joker Draw<br>Chris Weyland |

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Member's Birthdays:
Warren Hobbs 9th Feb

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries
Barbara Wheatcroft 17th Feb

# BookMart Roster:

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| DAY | DATE | TIME | MEMBERS | VOLUNTEERS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Saturday** | 7th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Liz Foote, Megan Kerr | Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Janet Johnson | Jenny Clarke |
| **Monday** | 9th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson | Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | | Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler |
| **Tuesday** | 10th feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Chris Hughes, Paul Denley | Barbara Kendrick |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft | Chris Frensch |
| **Thursday** | 12th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Bob Hudson, David Taylor | |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Warren Hobbs | Christine Iovino |
| **Saturday** | 14th Feb | 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** | 16th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Steve Redden | Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | | Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones |
| **Tuesday** | 17th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Rob Hughes | Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | John Jackson | Clive Turner, Alison Duggan |
| **Thursday** | 19th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Jenny Harris | Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | | Don & Lee McCulloch, Christine Iovino |
| **Saturday** | 21st Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Karen Feind, Kel Burke | Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Rose Willington, Dale Kentish | |
| **Monday** | 23rd Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Grant Price | Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | | Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch |
| **Tuesday** | 24th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | | Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Steve Redden, Rob Stocker | |
| **Thursday** | 26th Feb | 10:00 - 12:30 | Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland | |
| | | 12:30 - 03:00 | Paul Denley | Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick |
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# 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** |
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| 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** | | | | |