

# The Rotary Club of West Beach Bulletin

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



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## Year 2025/26



# UNITE FOR GOOD



**Meeting No: 2064**  
**Tuesday 31st March 2026**

**Guest Speaker:Helen Stagg...Author and Historian**

**Topic: Harnessing the River Murray with Locks "Voices from the Past"**

## Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Stuart Ghent**  
**Peter Johnson**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Wayne Comley**

**Chairperson: Rob Hughes**

**Guest Speaker intro: Ed King**

**Joker Draw: Karen Feind**

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Guest Speaker, computer scientist and author of the book *The Corporate Sociopath Handbook*, Jonathon Grantham with Rotarian Peter Farquhar.

The talk by Jonathon Grantham offers a provocative exploration of human behaviour within corporate environments, focusing particularly on the concept of sociopathy and its role in modern organisations. Drawing on over two decades of consulting experience with major global companies, Jonathon presents a perspective shaped by both professional insight and personal reflection, culminating in his book in what he describes as a “corporate sociopath handbook.”

A central theme of the presentation is the idea that sociopathy exists on a spectrum. Rather than being rare or extreme, Jonathon suggests that all individuals possess some degree of reduced empathy, with approximately 5% of the population falling into the sociopathic range. Importantly, he emphasises that this trait is not inherently “evil,” but can instead enable individuals—particularly in leadership positions—to make difficult, emotionally detached decisions. In large corporations, this capacity may even be necessary, as executives are often required to prioritise shareholder interests over personal considerations.

Jonathon expands this idea by introducing the “Dark Five” personality traits: narcissism, Machiavellianism, sociopathy, sadism, and spitefulness. These traits frequently overlap and are commonly found in corporate hierarchies. He argues that while lower-level managers may exhibit more emotionally driven or erratic behaviours,

those who rise to senior leadership tend to display a more calculated, sociopathic mindset—focused, rational, and goal-oriented.

A particularly compelling aspect of the talk is the discussion of how environments shape behaviour. He highlights the “averaging effect” of social groups, suggesting that strong communities help regulate extreme tendencies. Conversely, isolated or highly competitive environments—such as certain corporate teams—can amplify sociopathic behaviours. He links this to broader societal trends, including reduced social interaction, increased reliance on technology, and more fragmented family structures, all of which may contribute to rising levels of these traits in younger generations.

The talk also explores ethical complexity. He challenges the notion of absolute morality, arguing that ethical standards are fluid and context-dependent. He suggests that a key way to identify sociopathic individuals is through their approach to ethics—particularly when they hold power and the ability to act without emotional restraint.

Ultimately, Jonathon concludes with a call to broaden our understanding of diversity. Beyond visible characteristics, he advocates for recognising “neurodiversity”—different ways of thinking and perceiving the world. While his views are at times controversial, the talk encourages reflection on how personality, environment, and systems interact, and how understanding these dynamics can help individuals navigate both corporate and everyday life more effectively.

[Your Ed. adds Johnathons thoughts regarding younger people, think Grandchildren](#)

Jonathon links the rise of sociopathic traits partly to increased reliance on mobile phones and technology. He argues that digital communication reduces face-to-face interaction, limiting opportunities for people to develop empathy through real human connection. Social media and online platforms also create echo chambers, where individuals are reinforced rather than challenged, allowing more extreme or self-centred behaviours to grow unchecked. Unlike in physical communities—where differing views naturally “average out” behaviour—online spaces often group like-minded individuals together, amplifying traits such as narcissism or manipulation. Additionally, reduced socialising, fewer shared experiences, and less exposure to diverse perspectives weaken the social feedback mechanisms that traditionally regulate behaviour. Over time, this detachment can contribute to a more transactional, less empathetic way of interacting with others—key characteristics associated with sociopathy in both corporate and everyday environments.

One of the most intellectually engaging talks I’ve heard in years, quite brilliant. Your Ed.

# Club News:

“West Beach Rotary appreciates greatly the support of our **Sponsors and Community Partners** whose logos appear below”



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## **Help Needed Packing the Tanna Container at RARE**

**When: Saturday 11th April, 9am**

**Where: Rotary RARE  
East Ave, Edinburgh**

**We need at least 6 workers + 2 tally clerks.**

**WBR is committed to this International Project and timing wise, the container has to be packed mid April.**

**Volunteers need to be identified at next Tuesday's meeting.**

**Some work, but fun as well.**

## RC WEST BEACH

Please give consideration to the following positions

### President duties

- Preside over meetings – lead weekly club meetings and monthly Board meetings (*This can be done by any Past President if required*)
- Foster fellowship, engage & connect with members
- Set club goals with the assistance of the Board – decisions to be entered into *Rotary Club Central*
- Work with the District Governor - *if/when required*
- Attend President-elect training & District Assembly – *if possible*
- Represent the club at formal events & community engagements – *if possible*
- Participate in Rotary events – *if possible*
- Submit an annual report of the club
- Work with the President-elect, the Immediate past President(s) and Committee Chairs

### Treasurer duties

- Collect cash from Bookmart, Joker draw, Bunnings, meals, and other events and deposit to appropriate account held at Bendigo Bank West Beach.
- Check accounts for direct deposits and withdrawals.
- Pay invoices.
- Post transactions to Excel spreadsheet.
- Provide reports to Board and Club as required.

Time spent approx. 15-20 minutes most days.

*If you would like further information contact Barbara (0413511243) or Rob (0427907710) regarding the President's position or Ron Harris regarding the Treasurer's position.*

These positions MUST be filled for the club to continue.

## 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.

# Rotary



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### Member's Birthdays:

[Peter Farquhar 4th April](#)

[Karen Feind 7th April](#)

#### Partner's Birthdays:

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

[Jenny & Ron Harris 31st March](#)

#### Membership Anniversaries

[John Christo 1st April](#)

# Club News:

## Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

Sunday 17th May



**MARCH IS**



## WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now."

Jean-Michel Cousteau





## The Joker Draw

Barbara Wheatcroft was the winner this week but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT is \$722



Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



"And I found this neat infant carrier that seats a family of 12!"

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"Agnes! It's that heavy, chewing sound again!"

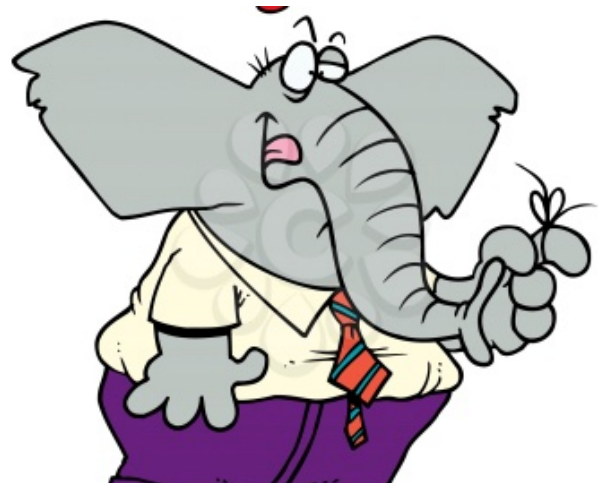


"Name?"

## 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 Aussie Apricots @ Mypolonga.**

**\$70 ea. Or \$58 if you go by car ie not on bus.**

**Bus leaves from Westward Ho Golf Club car park at 8:30 am.**

**Board Captain Proud at 11:00am, Lot 1 Wharf Road, Murray Bridge.**

***Please pay using Trybooking***

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Event: **Guess Who's Coming for Lunch/Dinner**

When: **Saturday 30th May**

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## Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

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Tuesday 31st March

**Guest Speaker: Helen Stagg...Author and Historian**

**Topic: Harnessing the River Murray with Locks  
"Voices from the Past"**

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Tuesday 7th April

**Guest Speaker: Monina Gilbey** from Green Gecko Studios. Her specialisation is in Green Space diversity. This includes biodiversity and sustainability consulting to turf management facilities, schools and councils. Monina is the former Biodiversity Manager at Glenelg Golf Club where she was instrumental in raising the clubs national environmental profile. She regularly hosts engaging garden craft and education workshops.

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Tuesday 14th April

**Committee Meetings**

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Tuesday 21st April

**Guest Speaker: Carolyn Spooner Friends of Rotary**

**Topic: The Remarkable Sir Hubert Wilkins. A  
foremost Aust explorer and largely unknown  
and under recognised**

# Meals On Wheels Roster:

**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**

1st April Ed King  
8th April Stuart Ghent  
15th April Christine Hughes  
22nd April David Simpson  
29th April Tom Bunnik  
6th May Frank Bunnik  
13th May Rob Chambers  
20th May Rob Hudson  
27th May Peter Brown  
3rd June Ed King  
10th June Stuart Ghent

## **Friday Roster**

3rd April Good Friday  
10th April Paul Denley  
17th April Brian Tucker  
24th April Ann Branson  
1st May Richard Daley  
8th May Paul Denley  
15th May Ron Harris  
22nd May Karen Feind  
29th May Robert Ryan  
5th June Rose Willington  
12th June 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*

### **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

31st March

**Furniture**  
Stuart Ghent  
Peter Johnson

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Wayne Comley

**Chairperson**  
Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro  
Ed King

**Joker Draw**  
Karen Feind

7th April

**Furniture**  
Bob Hudson  
Janet Johnson

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Chris Hughes

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro

**Joker Draw**  
Dale Kentish

14th April

**Furniture**  
Peter Murton  
Grant Price

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Ian Roberts

**Chairperson**  
Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro  
NA

**Joker Draw**  
Kevin Mullins

21st April

**Furniture**  
Paul Denley  
Rob Stocker

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Shirley Roberts

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro  
Ed King

**Joker Draw**  
Steve Redden

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# BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Saturday</b>	28th Mar	10:00 - 12:30	Janet Johnson, Jenny Harris	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lorraine Paroissien, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Kevin Tiggemann, Ron Harris	
<b>Monday</b>	30th Mar	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	31st Mar	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
<b>Thursday</b>	2nd Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch
<b>Saturday</b>	4th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed Easter</b>	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Fensch
<b>Tuesday</b>	7th Apr	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
<b>Thursday</b>	9th April	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
<b>Saturday</b>	11th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
<b>Monday</b>	13th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Fensch
<b>Thursday</b>	16th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	Christine Iovino
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	

# Members Committee Allocation:

## Members Committee allocation 2024 - 2025

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