

# The Rotary Club of West Beach Bulletin

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



Club Number: 22406

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## Year 2025/26



# UNITE FOR GOOD



**Meeting No: 2065**  
**Tuesday 7th April 2026**

**Guest Speaker: Monina  
Gilbey**

**Topic: Green Gecko  
Studios, Her specialisation  
is in Green Space  
diversity.**

## Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Bob Hudson  
Janet Johnson**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Chris Hughes**

**Chairperson: Rob Hughes**

**Guest Speaker intro:**

**Joker Draw: Dale Kentish**

**Apologies & Guests: Please advise**

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Guest Speaker Helen Stagg, author of the book *Harnessing the River Murray, Stories of the people who built the locks 1 to 9, 1915 - 1935*, with Rotarian Warren Hobbs.

Helen Stagg's presentation offers a compelling and deeply human insight into one of South Australia's most significant yet under appreciated engineering achievements—the construction of locks and weirs along the River Murray between 1915 and 1935. Drawing on years of meticulous research, including archival records, oral histories, letters, and photographs, Helen brings to life the experiences of the hundreds of men, women, and children who lived and worked in the temporary construction camps along the river.

The locking of the River Murray was a transformative national project, designed to regulate water flow, support irrigation, and enable reliable navigation. South Australia played a leading role, constructing Locks 1 to 9, a feat that required immense manual labour, ingenuity, and resilience. Through vivid storytelling, Helen highlights not only the technical scale of the undertaking but also the social fabric of the communities that formed around each site.

Life in the lock camps was often hard and isolated. Families lived in basic, temporary housing made from timber, corrugated iron, or even stitched flour bags. Despite these hardships, strong, vibrant communities emerged. Schools, sporting teams, social events, and mutual support systems helped sustain morale. Women played a

crucial yet often overlooked role, managing households under difficult conditions and contributing to community cohesion.

The presentation also reveals the dangers faced by workers, with frequent accidents, illness shaping daily life. Floods regularly disrupted construction and livelihoods, while limited access to medical care heightened risks. Yet, stories of courage, sacrifice, and solidarity—such as rescue attempts, community fundraising, and shared hardship—underscore the resilience of these communities.

Helen's use of personal narratives, particularly from her own family and interviewees like Max Pearson, adds emotional depth and authenticity. These firsthand accounts, alongside children's letters and rare photographs, create a rich tapestry of life on the Murray during this period.

Ultimately, the talk emphasises that while the locks and weirs remain as enduring physical infrastructure, it is the human stories behind their construction that deserve recognition. Helen's work ensures that the contributions of these "unsung" individuals are preserved and honoured as a vital part of South Australia's history.

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## Hi Friends of Rotary and Visitors

**Attached is our Invite for Tues 21st April for our special Guest speaker Carolyn Spooner (long time Community Engagement role for our State Library) who will lead us through the life and amazing achievements of Sir Hubert Wilkins, born and bred near Burra SA, and who was a highly revered explorer mainly overseas.**

**All the info that you need is on our attached Invitation.** The only cost is the meal at \$27 ....see Trybooking Link below and attached.

If there is a special friend or colleague that you wish to invite, then you are welcome to do so.

**Our local Support Speaker is Rae Lawson, Chair of Community Bank West Beach (Bendigo Bank).** They are a key local community partner.

Can you please RSVP at the latest by 16th April so we can advise numbers & dietary to our Venue.

This event will go till 8.15pm and will **be strongly attended.**

We look forward to welcoming you on 21st April. Thankyou in advance for your ongoing support of our Try Booking arrangements.

# Club News:

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



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Regards  
Warren Hobbs  
For Engagement Committee West Beach Rotary

**INVITATION to “FRIENDS OF ROTARY” Event**  
**Tuesday 21st April Westward Ho G.C., Military Road, West Beach.**  
**6.00 for 6.15pm Concludes 8.15, \$27 meal (alternate drop), buy your own drinks.**  
**Special Guest Speaker: Carolyn Spooner**



**Sir Hubert Wilkins**

Carolyn Spooner retired two years ago after 45 years at the State Library of South Australia, serving as Community Engagement Librarian and enjoying using technology to connect South Australians with their stories for public access.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, a little-known South Australian polymath, was born on a remote farm near Burra. He learned self-sufficiency, bushcraft, and weather science, fostering connections with local Indigenous people. Driven by curiosity about polar climates, to prepared for polar exploration. His diverse roles included World War One photographer, 1919 Air Race navigator, naturalist in Australia’s Top End, and polar explorer by air, land, sea, and underwater. Wilkins spent his later years in the United States.

Carolyn wrote the introduction for a 2023 reprint of Sir Hubert’s *Under the North Pole*. She continues her research in retirement, focusing on South Australian topics. Her first book, published last year, was creative writing about Australian Rules Football, and she is now working on a biography of mapmaker WH Edmunds.

We will also hear from a Support Speaker, Rae Lawson, Chair of Community Bank West Beach (Bendigo Bank)

**Don’t miss this opportunity to meet some new people, have a chat, share stories, and hear from Special Guest Speaker, Carolyn Spooner and support speaker Rae Lawson, Chair of Community Bank West Beach (Bendigo Bank)**

**Secure your seat by email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: - Please Respond by 16th April, \$27 Make Payment <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>**

You're Invited to this special open meeting  
with guest speaker



## Bridget Hallam

Bridget delivers a compelling, story-driven presentation that will inspire you to make courageous decisions that create real momentum – even when the path ahead isn't clear. You will leave feeling motivated, focused and ready to take bold steps towards goals that are meaningful to you personally and professionally.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**6:30pm**

The Tea Tree (formerly Sfera's)  
191 Reservoir Road,  
Modbury 5092

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\$25 per person (includes dinner)

Bar facilities available (card only –  
no cash)

Bookings essential and seats are limited

Bookings close 23/04/2026. No walk-ins  
permitted.

## 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.*

## 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:

[Karen Feind 7th April](#)

[Paul Denley 13th April](#)

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries

# 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



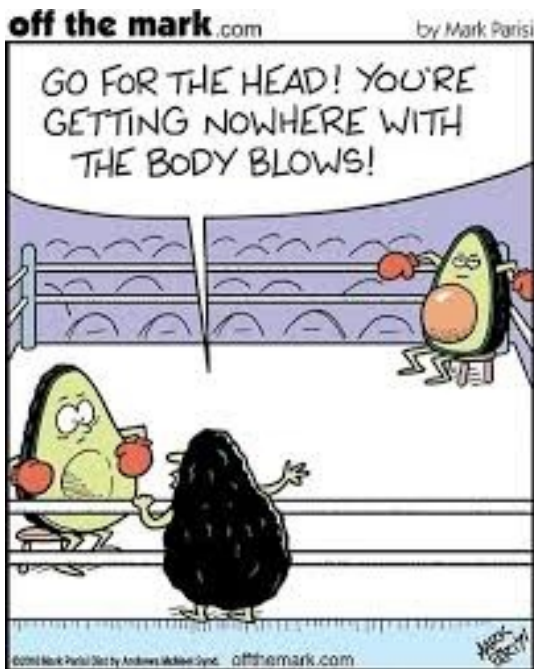


## The Joker Draw

David Simpson was the winner this week but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT is \$835??

I think above figure is too high, will check



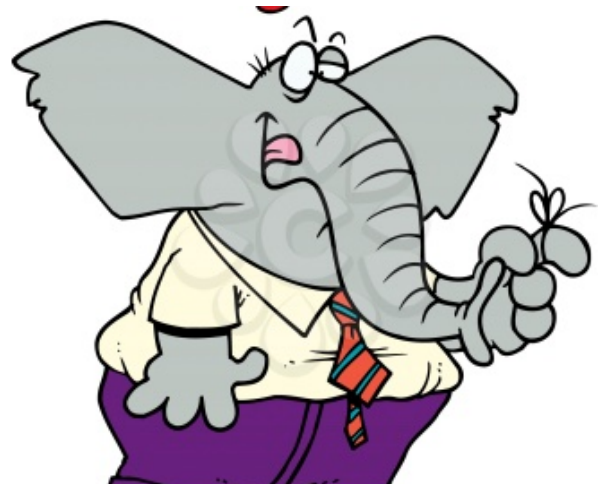
"Smell the roses, but keep working."



## 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 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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**Saturday 11th April**

**Loading shipping Container at RARE Edinburgh**

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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**

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  
17th June David Simpson

## **Friday Roster**

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  
19th June Ann Branson

*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

7th April

**Furniture**  
Bob Hudson  
Janet Johnson

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Chris Hughes

**Chairperson**  
Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro

**Joker Draw**  
Dale Kentish

14th April

**Furniture**  
Peter Murton  
Grant Price

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Ian Roberts

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro  
NA

**Joker Draw**  
Kevin Mullins

21st April

**Furniture**  
Paul Denley  
Rob Stocker

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Engagement Com.

**Chairperson**  
Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro  
Ed King

**Joker Draw**  
N/A

28th April

**Furniture**  
Rose Willington  
Chris Weyland

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Shirley Roberts

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro

**Joker Draw**  
Steve Redden

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# BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
<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>	Closed Easter	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds  Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
<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  Jenny Clarke
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
<b>Monday</b>	13th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds  Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
		12:30 - 03:00		
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick  Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
<b>Thursday</b>	16th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	Christine Iovino
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	
<b>Saturday</b>	18th Apr	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>	20th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds  Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
		12:30 - 03:00		
<b>Tuesday</b>	21st Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar  Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	
<b>Thursday</b>	23rd Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick  Don & Lee McCulloch
		12:30 - 03:00		

# 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>			