

# 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: 2066**  
**Tuesday 14th April 2026**

## Committee Meetings

### Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Peter Murton**  
**Grant Price**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Ian Roberts**

**Chairperson: Barbara**  
**Wheatcroft**

**Guest Speaker intro: N/A**

**Joker Draw: Kevin Mullins**

**Apologies & Guests: Please advise**

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Guest Speaker Monina  
Gilbey from Green Gecko  
Studios, with Rotarian Rob  
Stocker

This presentation explores the surprising and important role that golf courses can play in supporting biodiversity, particularly within urban environments like Adelaide. Using heat-mapping data from the Resilient Adelaide project, the speaker highlights how golf courses often appear as significantly cooler “blue zones” compared to surrounding built-up areas. This cooling effect is largely due to established tree canopies and green space, which are increasingly scarce as urban density rises.

Golf courses, often perceived as purely recreational spaces, can also act as valuable ecological refuges. The speaker explains how areas of maintained turf—particularly “rough” sections—are being replaced with native vegetation. These plantings include rare and endangered species, helping to restore local flora. In some cases, golf courses are protecting the last remaining populations of certain plants, such as the Sandhill Greenhood Orchid on the Adelaide Plains at the Grange Golf Club.

The controlled and privately managed nature of golf courses allows them to function as conservation zones. Initiatives in partnership with

organisations like Green Adelaide and conservation groups have enabled the relocation and propagation of endangered plant species, as well as the reintroduction of native fauna such as the Olive Perchlet fish. Long-term bird surveys at clubs like Glenelg have recorded over 95 species, demonstrating the richness of habitat these spaces can support.

The presentation also highlights research into insect and microbat populations, revealing hundreds of species thriving within golf course environments. These ecosystems benefit from water availability, vegetation diversity, and reduced disturbance compared to urban surroundings. Features such as wetlands, nest boxes, and naturalised areas further enhance biodiversity.

Beyond golf courses, the speaker encourages individuals to apply similar principles at home. Creating layered gardens with native plants, reducing chemical use, providing water sources, and installing habitat features like nest boxes can significantly support local wildlife. Understanding and appreciating insects and caterpillars is also key, as many play essential roles in pollination and pest control.

Ultimately, the talk challenges assumptions about land use, showing that golf courses can contribute meaningfully to conservation. By integrating ecological practices, these landscapes can serve as important sanctuaries for biodiversity while also benefiting the broader community through cooling, habitat provision, and environmental stewardship.

# Club News:

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



## 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.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

Regards

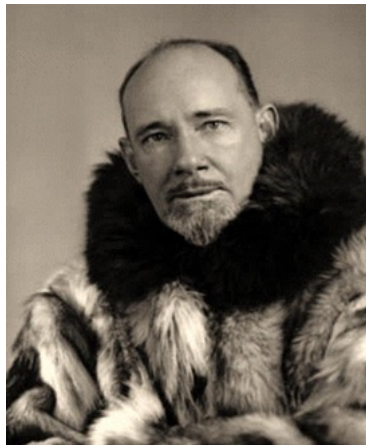
Warren Hobbs

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>**

## Fellowship Outing to the Murray River

The fellowship committee organised a trip to Murray Bridge, which included a cruise on the paddle steamer \*Captain Proud\*. We enjoyed a delicious lunch while cruising along the Murray River. The weather was unsettled, with heavy rain and thunderstorms moving through the area, however it was cozy inside the Captain Proud.

After disembarking from the paddle steamer, we visited Aussie Apricots to learn how their fruit is grown, dried, and made into a range of products. Following a generous tasting, many Rotarians took the opportunity to stock up on favourites like chocolate-coated apricots, chutneys, and other treats.

A big thank you to Chris Branson and his committee for organising a thoroughly enjoyable day.



## Visit to Lot 101

Photo of the group from WBR that visited Lot 101 project at West Beach on 7 April. Alan young hosted our visit and showed us all about the project re-establishing the dunes. WBR has contributed \$1500, the proceeds from one of our Bunnings BBQ to contribute towards signage for the project.



WBR intrepid  
explorers



Alan Young explaining  
the project Lot 101

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.

## 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:

Janet Johnson 18th April

Rosalie Willington 18th April

#### Partner's Birthdays:

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

Peter & June Brown 20th April

#### Membership Anniversaries

# Club News:

## Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

Sunday 17th May



APRIL DESIGNATION IS

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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

*"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable."*

1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr



## The Joker Draw

Janet Johnson was the winner this week but did not draw the Joker

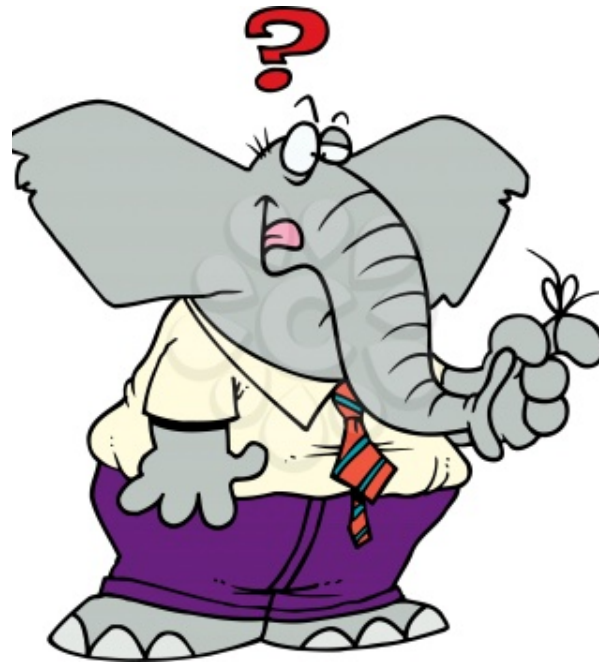
The JACKPOT is \$795



It was business as usual.



THE CONSTANT BATTLE TO FIT UNDER BEDS



## **Fellowship Events**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Put them in your Diary**



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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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**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**

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# 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**

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  
24th June Tom Bunnik

## **Friday Roster**

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  
26th June Jenny Harris

*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

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

5th May

**Furniture**  
Tom Bunnik  
Kel Burke

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Peter Brown

**Chairperson**  
Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro

**Joker Draw**  
Peter Farquhar

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# BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
<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	Jenny Clarke
<b>Monday</b>	13th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Frensch
<b>Thursday</b>	16th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino
<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
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	21st Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
<b>Thursday</b>	23rd Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch
<b>Saturday</b>	25th 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>	27th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
<b>Tuesday</b>	28th Apr	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
<b>Thursday</b>	30th April	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick

# 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>			