

# 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: 2067**

**Tuesday 21st April 2026**

**Guest Speaker: Carolyn Spooner**

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

**Meeting Duties**

**Furniture: Rob Stocker  
Paul Denley**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Engagement  
Committee**

**Chairperson: Rob Hughes**

**Guest Speaker intro: Ed King**

**Joker Draw: N/A**

**Apologies & Guests: Please advise**

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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.

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

Regards

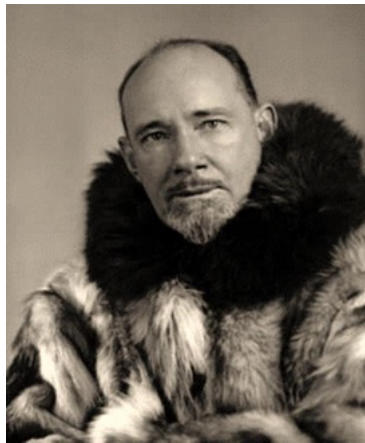
Warren Hobbs

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>**

# Club News:

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



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Winemakers from 1936



West Beach Parks  
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## Committee Meetings Points of Interest

### Fellowship

- \* Excellent day had by all on the Captain Proud cruise followed by the visit to Aussie Apricots
- \* Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: \$30 each, hosts required. Round Robin will be circulated for your indication of attendance

### International

- \* Shipping container bound for Tanna, maybe 75%, loaded last Saturday. Should finish loading, Saturday 18th.

### Community

- \* Look to approach West Beach Primary and Henley High Schools to see if we can be of any assistance

### Vocational

- \* We have been notified that there is a person wishing to apply for a Rotary Peace Scholarship in our District. For this to happen, the applicant needs to be attached to a Rotary Club. Our Vocational Committee will interview the applicant as the next step of the process

### Administration

- \* A WBR Survey to be undertaken. Survey to be issued within the week

## Removal of Playground at Seaton



Rotarians hard at work dismantling the playground.

2 loads in the above trailer were taken to the RARE Rotary facility at Edinburgh.

And the whole playground is reduced to the stack at left.

Brilliant work by all those involved



## Container Loading at RARE



## We need for Tanna - Sewing Machines

“In addition to all the goods we are sending to Tanna, Vanuatu in our container, I received an eleventh hour request for a couple of sewing machines and/or overlockers.

If any of our members still have one sitting in a cupboard and not ever being used anymore I have a great second life opportunity.

The People of Tanna will be very grateful if someone likes to part with a working one.”

Please let Tom Bunnik know on 0413-548298

Thank you so much.

Tom.



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## Welcome everyone to our latest edition of 'Community Talk' Newsletter for 2026!!

Community Bank West Beach is celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year! That's 25 years of supporting our local community and we remain just as passionate as when we first opened our doors in March 2001.

There are so many amazing community stories in this edition, that we are extremely proud to share with you – yet again, we couldn't do it without your help, hard work and efforts to bring these all to life!

We would love you to share our 'Community Talk' newsletter (attached) with your staff, volunteers, members, family & friends – to help spread the message that banking local, really does make a BIG impact in our community!

Let's keep celebrating these achievements together!

Many thanks

Robyn 😊

From the magazine "Community Talk"

## Connecting with Friends of Rotary

We were grateful to the West Beach Rotary Club for inviting us to their recent 'Friends of Rotary' event. West Beach Rotary is all about making a difference - while having a bit of fun along the way. Bringing together passionate community leaders, they work to turn ideas into action, support local initiatives, and create meaningful impact both locally and globally. With a strong focus on collaboration, appreciation of volunteers, and lasting change, Rotary continues to play a vital role in strengthening communities and helping others thrive. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Chair, Rae Lawson, to connect with other community clubs and local businesses and to hear the inspiring presentation by Stephen Pallaras KC on the connection between laws and their impact on our communities.

It was a brilliant evening and we look forward to attending many more events in the future.

## 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:

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

[Brian & Margaret Tucker 25th April](#)

Membership Anniversaries

[Chris Branson 27th April](#)

[Ann Branson 27th April](#)

# 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."*

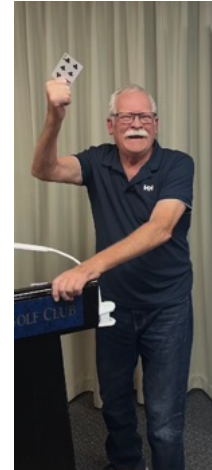
*1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr*



## The Joker Draw

Rob Chambers was the winner this week but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT is \$828



"Actually, in this house, DIY means, 'destroy it yourself.'"



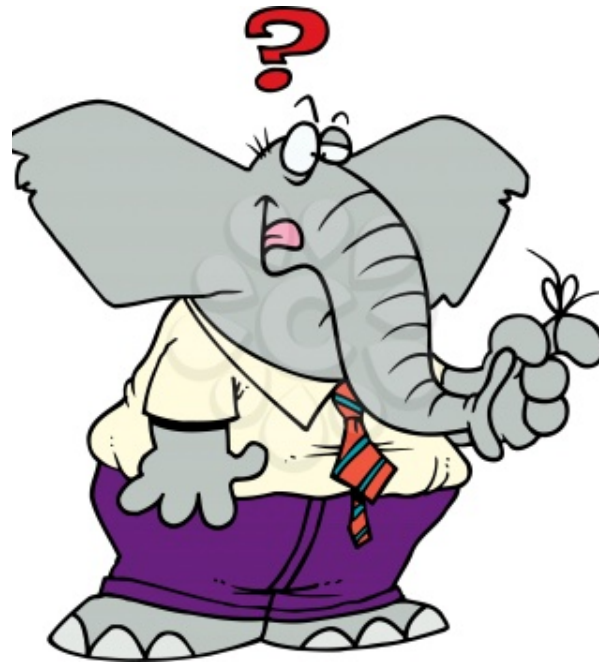
"Good heavens! Pablo got an 'F' in art! ... Well, I'm just going to go down to that school myself and meet this teacher face to face!"



"I know you don't like messing around with a lot of little buttons."



"I know I'm not supposed to interfere, but how's the dog going to climb through that?"



## **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 18th April**

**Loading shipping Container at RARE Edinburgh**

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Tuesday 21st April

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

**Topic: The Remarkable Sir Hubert Wilkins. A  
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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**

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**

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

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

12th May

**Furniture**  
Wayne Comley  
Karen Feind

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Jenny Harris

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
Intro

**Joker Draw**  
Stuart Ghent

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# BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
<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		
<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  Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
<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	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
<b>Saturday</b>	2nd May	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>	4th May	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>	5th May	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
<b>Thursday</b>	7th May	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>			