

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: 2068

Tuesday 28th April 2026

**Guest Speaker: Melanie
Tate**

Topic: Puddle Jumpers

Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Rose Willington
Chris Weyland**

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Shirley Roberts

**Chairperson: Barbara
Wheatcroft**

**Guest Speaker intro: Janet
Johnson**

Joker Draw: Steve Redden

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Guest speaker Carolyn
Spooner with Rotarian
David Simpson

The Remarkable Life of Sir Hubert Wilkins

This presentation traces the remarkable life of Sir Hubert Wilkins, beginning with the deep history of the West Beach area, shaped for over 65,000 years by First Nations peoples. By the late 19th century, European settlement transformed the landscape, and it is within this broader historical context that Wilkins' story unfolds.

Wilkins' family history reflects resilience and adventure. His father, Harry Wilkins, was among early South Australian settlers, eventually farming at Mount Bryan East, an area challenged by drought due to its position beyond Goyder's Line. Born in 1888 as the thirteenth child, George Hubert Wilkins grew up in a dry harsh but formative environment, developing independence, bushcraft skills, and a fascination with nature and weather. By age 12, he had resolved to study meteorology, believing that understanding polar regions might improve weather prediction.

After moving to Adelaide as a teenager, Wilkins pursued engineering, science, and music, but was more interested in practical knowledge than formal qualifications. He became involved in emerging technologies such as photography and cinematography, which launched his global career. By 1912, he was working in London as a newsreel cameraman, travelling extensively and becoming one of the first to film combat during the Balkan War.

His career took a turn when he joined the Canadian Arctic Expedition in 1913. There, Wilkins proved extraordinarily capable, documenting wildlife, Indigenous cultures, and environmental conditions while mastering survival in extreme climates. His work ethic and scientific curiosity earned high praise.

During World War I, Wilkins served as an official war photographer. Despite being non-combatant, he displayed exceptional bravery, earning the Military Cross and Bar—the only war photographer to receive such honours. He was recognised by figures like Sir John Monash and Charles Bean for his courage and contribution.

After the war, Wilkins continued exploring, participating in Antarctic expeditions, including one with Ernest Shackleton. He conducted extensive scientific research and proposed early ideas for polar weather stations—well ahead of their time.

In the 1920s, Wilkins combined aviation and exploration. He made groundbreaking flights over the Arctic, proving the ocean beneath was deep rather than shallow, and in 1928 completed a historic trans-Arctic flight. For his contributions, he was knighted by King George V, becoming Sir Hubert Wilkins.

He later led Antarctic flights, discovering new land from the air, and pursued ambitious projects such as attempting to navigate a submarine under Arctic ice—an idea inspired by *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Though not fully successful, these ventures advanced scientific understanding.

Wilkins also led a major Australian expedition documenting endangered wildlife and ecosystems, demonstrating early environmental awareness and concern for Indigenous communities. Throughout his life, he combined exploration with scientific purpose rather than personal fame.

In later years, he undertook intelligence work during World War II and remained active in research and exploration. He died in 1958, with his ashes scattered at the North Pole—a fitting tribute to a life defined by polar exploration.

Sir Hubert Wilkins is remembered as an adventurer, scientist, and humanitarian. His legacy lies not only in his extraordinary achievements, but in his commitment to knowledge, respect for people and nature, and desire to use exploration for the betterment of humanity.

Club News:

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



AMADIO
Winemakers from 1936



West Beach Parks
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Club News:



Bendigo Bank, Chairperson of the Community Bank West Beach Rae Lawson with Rotarian, Kevin Tiggemann. Rae marked the West Beach branch's 25th anniversary with an informative presentation highlighting its achievements, including giving \$2.4 million back to the local community.

Loading Container Bound for Tanna, Vanuatu, at RARE Edinburgh





Nearly There



Loaded and Locked



Like the Dutch Golden Age painter, Rembrandt, Frank Bunnik showed his inherited skills by letting the world know who was sending this container.

Well Done to all involved!

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:
Paul & Victoria Denley 3rd May

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."

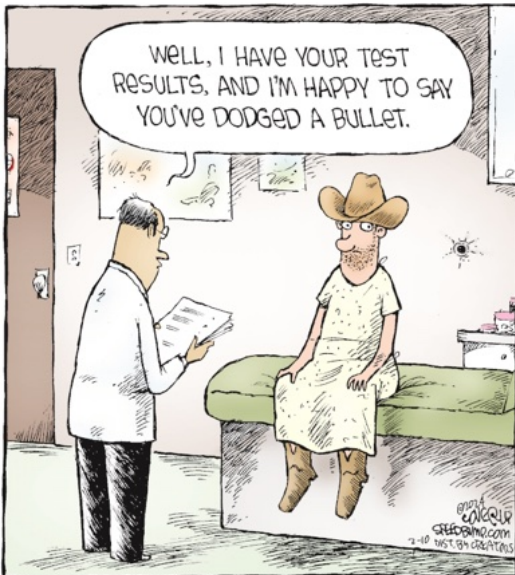
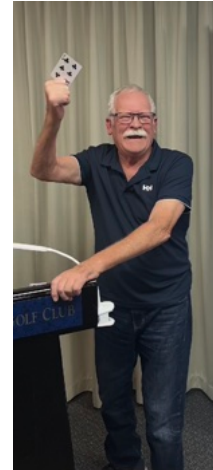
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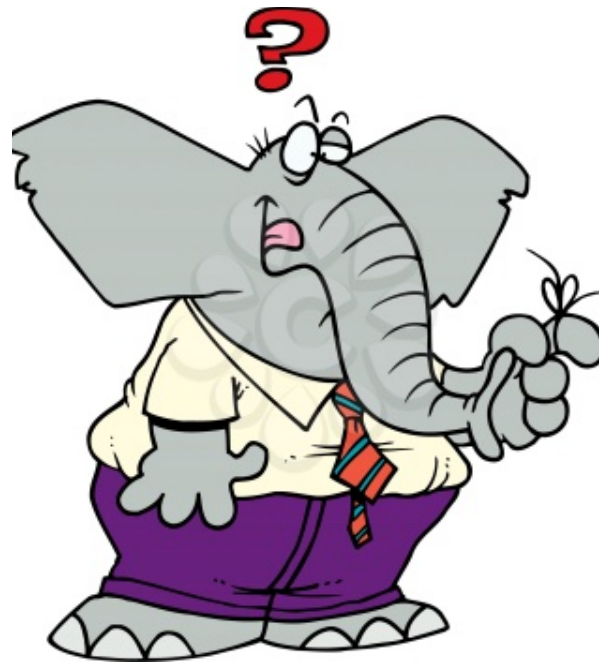


The Joker Draw

Rob Chambers was the last winner but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT is \$828





Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Event: **Guess Who's Coming for Lunch/Dinner**
When: **Saturday 30th May**

Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

28th April

Guest Speaker: Melanie Tate CEO of Puddle Jumpers

Topic: Puddle Jumpers

5th May

Guest Speaker: Don Loffler

Topic: Cars we used to drive

12th May

Committee Meetings

19th May

Guest Speaker: Joseph Romeo FoR meeting

Topic: Romeo family busy journey and a brief update on their
Romeo Charity of "Romeo Dream Ride Australia"

26th May

Guest Speaker: Rod McClennan

Topic: Coast FM

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

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

1st May Richard Daley

8th May Ann Branson

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

28th April

Furniture
Rose Willington
Chris Weyland

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Shirley Roberts

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
Janet Johnson

Joker Draw
Steve Redden

5th May

Furniture
Tom Bunnik
Kel Burke

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Peter Brown

Chairperson
Rob Hughes

Guest Speaker
Intro
David Simpson

Joker Draw
Peter Farquhar

12th May

Furniture
Wayne Comley
Karen Feind

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Jenny Harris

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
N/A

Joker Draw
Stuart Ghent

19th May

Furniture
Peter Johnson
Ian Roberts

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Engagement Com.

Chairperson
Rob Hughes

Guest Speaker
Intro
Kevin Tiggeamn

Joker Draw
Chris Hughes

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	25th Apr Closed	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	27th Apr	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	28th Apr	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	30th April	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
Saturday	2nd May	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds Jenny Clarke
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
Monday	4th May	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	5th May	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Frensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
Thursday	7th May	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Taylor	Christine Iovino
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	
Saturday	9th May	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	11th May	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	12th May	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	
Thursday	14th May	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	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
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			