

# 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: 2069**  
**Tuesday 5th May 2026**

**Guest Speaker: Don Loffler**

**Topic: Cars we Used to Drive**

## Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Kel Burke**  
**Tom Bunnik**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Peter Brown**

**Chairperson: Rob Hughes**

**Guest Speaker intro: David Simpson**

**Joker Draw: Peter Farquhar**

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Co-President Rob Hughes  
with Rotarian Janet  
Johnson and Guest  
Speaker Melanie Tate from  
Puddle Jumpers with  
coworker Bailee Phillips

The talk, delivered by Melanie Tate from Puddle Jumpers, provided a powerful and deeply personal insight into the lives of vulnerable children in out-of-home care and the community-driven efforts to support them.

Melanie began by sharing her own background, growing up in a transient military family without a stable home environment. This early experience shaped her lifelong commitment to creating spaces where children feel a sense of belonging, safety, and connection—especially those who lack consistent parental care. She highlights the stark reality that over 5,000 children in South Australia live away from their birth families, and *“one in 10 children is known to the Department of Child Protection before they can learn to walk or talk.”* with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children significantly overrepresented in this group.

At the heart of Puddle Jumpers’ work are its camp programs, which provide vulnerable children with a rare opportunity to experience stability, joy, and connection. These camps are carefully designed to create positive childhood memories—complete with prepared beds, personal items, and a welcoming environment that fosters belonging. For many children who experience multiple placement changes (on average seven), these camps become a consistent and safe

“family” space. They also allow separated siblings to reconnect and build meaningful relationships, often for the first time.

The organisation extends its support to young mothers, kinship carers (such as grandparents raising grandchildren), and foster families. Melanie shares moving examples, including teenage mothers gaining confidence through camps and grandparents making enormous sacrifices to care for children. Her own experience as a foster mother provides further insight into the emotional complexities of the system, reinforcing her belief that a more compassionate, child-centred approach—one that includes collaboration with birth families—is both possible and necessary.

Beyond camps, Puddle Jumpers addresses the root causes of family instability through practical community support. Their food relief programs, operating across Adelaide, provide not only essential supplies but also social connection for individuals facing hardship, including those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence. Emergency assistance is available for families in crisis, demonstrating the organisation’s responsiveness and flexibility in critical situations. Sustainability is also a focus, with rescued food redistributed to families and waste minimised through partnerships with farmers.

Additional initiatives include mobile shower services, children’s activity programs, Christmas events for disadvantaged families, and distribution of donated goods such as clothing and bedding. These services aim to preserve dignity while meeting basic needs and preventing family breakdown where possible.

Advocacy and education form another key pillar of the organisation’s work. Puddle Jumpers amplifies the voices of young people with lived experience, hosting events like National Child Protection Week breakfasts and producing short films to raise awareness. Programs in schools and even women’s prisons aim to break intergenerational cycles of disadvantage by fostering understanding, resilience, and hope.

Despite its wide reach, the organisation operates with minimal funding and relies heavily on over 700 volunteers. Melanie outlines a vision for long-term sustainability, including transforming a former hospital into a dedicated campsite to reduce costs and create future employment opportunities.

# Club News:

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



Overall, the talk highlights both the scale of child vulnerability in Australia and the profound impact of community-led, compassionate support in changing young

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## Vocational Service

Steve Redden said that WBR now has 40 Shelter Bags, 40 Eiderdowns and 18 Double Sleeping Bags ready to deliver to the appropriate groups to distribute to those in need.

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## Friends of Rotary coming Speakers for 19th May and 16th June

We welcome Joseph Romeo from the Romeo Retail Group as Guest Speaker on 19th May. The Romeo family are household names in South Australia. This is a wonderful story of a modest family from Torrensville and its evolution into a major business operation.

**Read the attached Flyer/Invitation.** This is our Western Suburbs community at its most amazing.

We will also hear how the Romeo family is ongoing putting back into the Community that gave it the start and the ongoing momentum.

Our **Support Speaker** role for 19th May will have a brief overview of some interesting WBR Community projects....our highly successful Bookmart and an International Project that provides a Shipping Container full of Medical and Hospital goods and key resources to the Village of Tanna in Vanuatu. You may be interested to share the journey with us.

**At FoR on 16th June, we have a very different evening. The Guest Speaker is Marc Ryan aka The Beautiful Bogan.**

Marc is a Stand-up Comedian based in Adelaide and he is a Fringe regular over the past 10 years.

It is "A Comedy Show about Hope". Marc has extensive experience in the Mental Health space and brings a unique perspective with his lived experience.

His show is specifically designed to help initiate conversations about mental health issues.

Marc has been the key Speaker at the past Rotary District Conference at Horsham and left a lasting impact.

We will all learn a lot about this difficult topic....and have a few laughs along the way.

## INVITATION to “FRIENDS OF ROTARY” Event

Tuesday 19th May 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: Joseph Romeo



#### History of the Romeo Retail Group

The Romeo family entered the supermarket industry in 1987 with a small convenience store and have since expanded into a leading independent retailer. Their business has received state, national, and international recognition, including International Retailer of the Year twice, selected from over 4,400 stores across 72 countries.

They currently operate 27 supermarkets in South Australia and 11 in NSW.

Deeply involved in the SA community, the Romeos support Rotary, service clubs, churches, aged care, Foodbank, and local cooking groups. Antonio Romeo, the father, is a Rotary member, Order of Australia recipient, and IGA Hall of Fame inductee. The Romeo Parents still reside in Torrensville.

Joseph Romeo, the youngest son and founding president of Adelaide EDGE Rotary Club, lives in Glenelg and frequently travels to oversee their NSW stores.

In connecting with the local Community, every April for the past several years, the Romeo family and sponsors host the "Dream Ride Experience," an event featuring prestige cars and family activities that supports and honours individuals with special needs and intellectual disabilities in the community.

**Don't miss this opportunity to meet some new people, have a chat, share stories, and hear from Special Guest Speaker, Joseph Romeo.**

**Our Support Speaker will talk briefly about Rotary Bookmart and the Shipping Container/s of Life Saving contents shipped to Tanna in Vanuatu.**

**Secure your seat, email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: - Please Respond by 14th May, \$27 Payment <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>**

Date: 21st May 2025

Notice of **Special General Meeting**  
of the Rotary Club of West Beach  
to be held on **Tuesday 12th May 2026** at 6.30 pm

**Items for discussion / resolution:**

•Election of Board Member Positions for 2026-2027

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- International Committee Director
- Vocational Committee Director
- Community Committee Director
- Engagement Committee Director
- Fellowship Committee Director

•Elect Club representative to attend the District Assembly (President Elect Training Day) on 31<sup>st</sup> May at St Michael's College.

•Determine Club's position on proposed changes to Rotary's Council on Legislation which would include a "Conflict of Interest" clause in the Recommended Rotary Club ByLaws

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On behalf of Co-Presidents Barbara Wheatcroft & Rob Hughes

## 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:

[Ron Harris 12th May](#)

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries

[Stuart Ghent 6th May](#)

# Club News:

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## Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

Sunday 17th May



**MAY IS**  
**YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

*"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99*

Rotary  **YOUTH** SERVICE

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## The Joker Draw

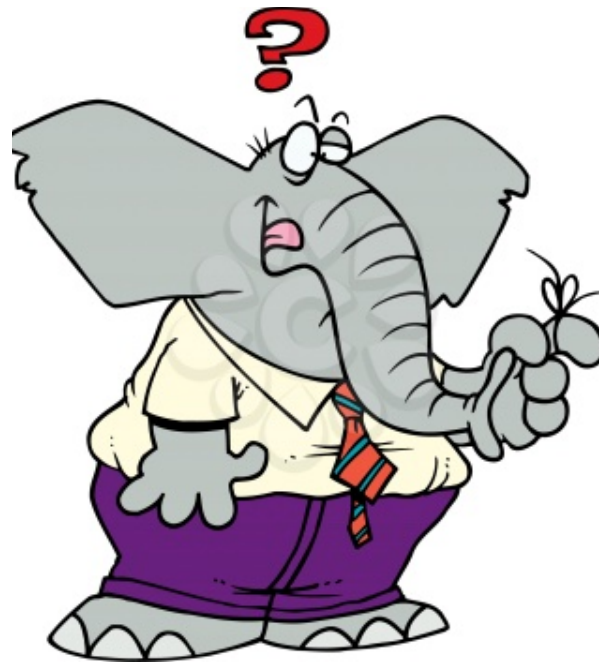
Liz Foote grew the card but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT is \$862



"I've crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It's time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car."





## **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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5th May

Guest Speaker: Don Loffler

Topic: Cars we used to drive

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12th May

### Special General Meeting

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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"

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26th May

Guest Speaker: Rod McClennan

Topic: Coast FM

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16th June

FoR Meeting

Guest Speaker: Marc Ryan aka The Beautiful Bogan

Topic: A Comedy Show about Hope

# 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

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

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

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 Tiggeamnn

**Joker Draw**  
Chris Hughes

26th May

**Furniture**  
Steve Redden  
Peter Murton

**Attendance**  
John Christo

**Welcome**  
Janet Johnson

**Chairperson**  
Barbara Wheatcroft

**Guest Speaker**  
**Intro**  
David Simpson

**Joker Draw**  
Dale Kentish

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# BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Saturday</b>	2nd May	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>	4th May	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>	5th May	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Frensch
		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	
<b>Saturday</b>	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	
<b>Monday</b>	11th May	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>	12th May	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
<b>Thursday</b>	14th May	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch
<b>Saturday</b>	16th May	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>	18th May	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
<b>Tuesday</b>	19th May	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
<b>Thursday</b>	21st May	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	

# 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>			