

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: 2070
Tuesday 12th May 2026

Special General Meeting

Committee Meetings

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Wayne Comley
Karen Feind

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Jenny Harris

Chairperson: Barbara
Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker intro: N/A

Joker Draw: Stuart Ghent

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Guest Speaker Don Loffler with Rotarian, David Simpson

John treated the audience to a nostalgic and highly entertaining journey through the cars Australians drove in the years following World War II, focusing on the late 1940s through to the 1960s. Speaking with warmth, humour and remarkable detail, he used photographs, advertisements and personal memories to bring the era vividly to life.

Beginning in 1946–47, John described the modest yet much-loved vehicles that families aspired to own after the war. He showcased the little Ford Anglia tourers, Vauxhalls, Plymouths and Chevrolets, explaining how advertising of the day portrayed even the simplest cars as glamorous symbols of freedom and prosperity. Personal stories about friends and family vehicles added colour throughout the presentation, including tales of dusty country roads, caravanning holidays and treasured first cars.

John spoke in detail about several iconic models, including the Standard Vanguard, Morris Oxford and the first Holden released in 1948. He explained how some advertisements exaggerated wildly, particularly those promoting the Vanguard as “the

most talked about car ever built.” While Holden enthusiasts often dismissed the Vanguard, John pointed out that it actually outsold Holden in 1949, proving how popular it truly was.

The arrival of the Holden generated enormous excitement, and John reflected on its modern styling and significance in Australian motoring history. He also highlighted changing automotive fashions during the late 1940s and early 1950s, including the emergence of American-inspired designs such as Studebakers, Nashes and Ford Customlines.

Much of the talk centred on John’s own family experiences. He recalled his family finally purchasing a Holden in 1953 through hire purchase finance, something his mother insisted remain a secret from their farming relatives who believed everything should be paid for in cash. Humorous stories included his brother allowing an old car to drive itself around the yard before it crashed into a shed, smashing both headlights.

John’s lifelong enthusiasm for Volkswagen Beetles featured prominently. He described them as reliable, indestructible little cars and contrasted them with less dependable vehicles he later owned. He also spoke fondly of unusual and beautiful vehicles he encountered over the years, including Pontiac Parisienne, EH Holden Premier wagons and the magnificent Mercedes-Benz 600.

The presentation sparked a lively audience discussion, with many members sharing memories of their own first cars, family vehicles and motoring adventures. Stories ranged from Austin A40s delivered in crates to MG's, Vanguards, Morris Minors and FX and FJ Holdens. The shared memories created a wonderful atmosphere of nostalgia and camaraderie.

John concluded by displaying several of his books, including *Cars We Used to Drive*, which formed the basis of the talk. The evening was both informative and thoroughly enjoyable, reminding everyone how deeply motor cars are woven into Australian family and social history. John treated the audience to a nostalgic and highly entertaining journey through the cars Australians drove in the years following World War II, focusing on the late 1940s through to the 1960s. Speaking with warmth, humour and remarkable detail, he used photographs, advertisements and personal memories to bring the era vividly to life.

Club News:

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



Try Booking

"Bookings will now be closing at **5.00pm on the Sunday prior to the next meeting**".

This will assist with names & numbers for the Golf club meals.

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.

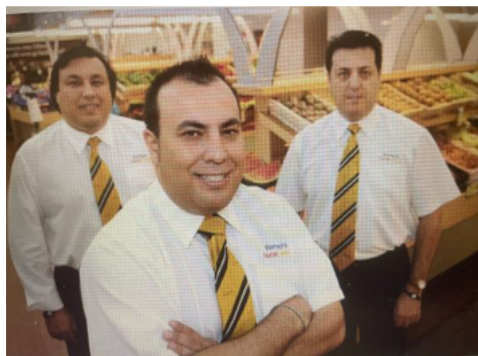
The Engagement Committee
West Beach Rotary

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>

Try Bookings will now be closing at **5.00pm on the Sunday prior to the next meeting**".

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 31st May at St Michael's College.

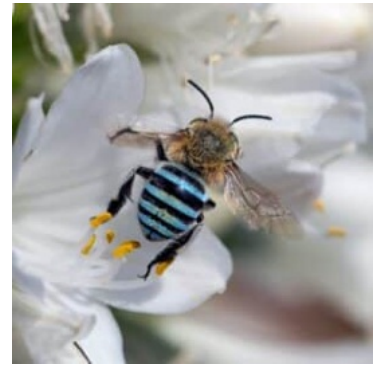
•Determine Club's position on proposed changes to Rotary's Council on Legislation which would include a "Conflict of Interest" clause in the Recommended Rotary Club ByLaws

Notice provided by: Wayne Comley
Secretary
The Rotary Club of West Beach
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On behalf of Co-Presidents Barbara Wheatcroft & Rob Hughes

Unknown or Hidden Talents of Rotarians

Our own Wayne Comley makes beautiful Birdhouses of all shapes and sizes and in the bottom left corner photo, a Bee Hotel. First class workmanship. Did you know that Metropolitan Adelaide is home to around 200 native bee species, including the striking blue-banded bee, teddy bear bee, and leaf cutter bee. These solitary, non-aggressive bees are crucial for local pollination, with many specialising in buzz-pollinating native flowers and tomatoes. Most nest in the ground or in small wood cavities. I'm in for a Bee Hotel! See Wayne if you are interested.



Blue-banded Bee



Decorative Birdhouses, Bee hotel & Dovecote

Made by Wayne Comley



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:

Peter Kentish 15th May

Joy Stocker 15th May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Dale & Peter Kentish 15th May

Membership Anniversaries


Brian Tucker 18th May

Club News:

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



The Joker Draw

Peter Johnson drew the card but did not draw the Joker

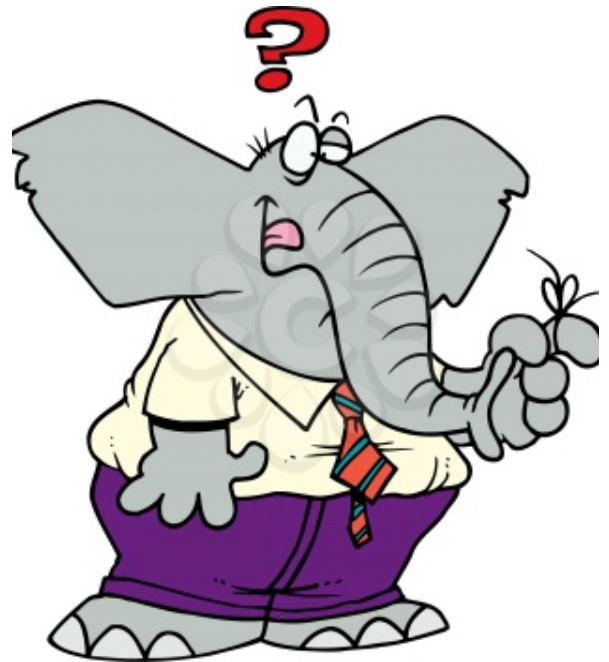
The JACKPOT is \$899



"I know how you feel! I missed a 2-inch putt once."



"I don't like the pin placement."



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

12th May

Special General Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd June

Furniture
Paul Denley
Rob Stocker

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Rose Willington

Chairperson
Rob Hughes

Guest Speaker
Intro

Joker Draw
Brian Tucker

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
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		
Saturday	16th May	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	18th May	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	19th May	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	21st May	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
Saturday	23rd May	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds Jenny Clarke
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
Monday	25th May	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	26th May	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
Thursday	28th 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	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			