

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: 2071
Tuesday 19th May 2026

**Guest Speaker: Joseph
Romeo**

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

Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Peter Johnson
Ian Roberts**

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Engagement Com.

Chairperson: Rob Hughes

**Guest Speaker intro: Kevin
Tiggemann**

Joker Draw: N/A

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Update: Election of Directors / Club Board members for 2026/2027

The following members were elected at the Special General meeting held on 12th May 2026

Co-Presidents: David Simpson
Ed King

Treasurer: John Christo

**Directors: -
Engagement Committee:** Warren Hobbs

International Committee: Tom Bunnik

Fellowship Committee: Chris Branson

Community Committee: Rob Hughes

Vocational / Youth Committee: Steve Redden (Subject to Steve's acceptance)

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**".

From Rose Willington: We can see where our donated books from Bookmark do make a difference.

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NEWSLETTER No. 41, MARCH 2026

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY – It was 44.7°C at the time the Mitcham Over 50’s Exercise Group met to celebrate Australia Day

Over many years this group has met to celebrate Australia Day under the shade of the large trees in Mitcham Memorial Gardens while enjoying a shared meal. Donations to B4L have been the focus of the event for several years. With such hot weather, how many would turn up? Ultimately, the Mitcham Council rented the nearby community centre for the event so the heat was tolerable. Lots of people turned up, shared the meal with lots of talk and donated \$415 to B4L. ~~Typical text~~ Think that’s a great result. Thank you.

FINANCES: DONATE NOW!

B4L is \$12,733 (48%) short of achieving the budget for 2025/26 with only 3 months to the end of the financial year. We need your help:



CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

Hare&Forbes Machinery House – lifting equipment - <https://www.machineryhouse.com.au>

The Machine Whisperers – for technical advice - machinewhisperers.com.au

Preschem Pty Ltd - Support with cartons we use for shipping books – www.preschem.com

Jurlique - Pallets for shipping – www.jurlique.com.au

Three Sun Possums – childrens clothing - for significant financial contributions: www.threesunpossums.com.au

Cleanaway Waste Management Limited – for cardboard recycling - www.cleanaway.com.au

Great businesses that help cover our costs. Thank you.

WHAT GOOD DOES YOUR DONATION YIELD

Here is a Facebook post (04 Feb 2026) from one of the B4L partners in Lesotho, the Rotary Club of Maluti:



“United for Good, Impact in Action

Working in collaboration with Books for Lesotho, we proudly donated books at Ants Pre-school; because when we unite and share resources, we change lives.

Every contribution creates opportunity, every effort leaves a lasting impact.

Join us as we continue to touch lives and raise funds for good. 🤝💙”

DIGITAL DAWN IN THE HIGHLANDS

Report by “Public Eye” online news – used with permission from News Editor, Ntate Teboho Khatebe Molefi

- *T Connect impact launches at Soofia School, bringing Starlink-powered future to Butha-Buthe*
- *New initiative bridges connectivity gap, empowering education and healthcare in remote Lesotho*

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
holiday · sport · community





Reporter: Keiso Mohloboli

In the quiet highlands of Butha-Buthe, a quiet revolution began on Wednesday, 15 January, 2025, as T-Connect Lesotho officially launched its social impact initiative, T-Connect Impact, at Soofia International School.

The event marked a pivotal step in Lesotho's digital transformation, aiming to deliver measurable social, educational, and economic progress through reliable, high-speed internet and energy solutions.

The launch introduced the T Connect Impact Account, powered by Starlink Priority Connectivity solutions, designed specifically

for schools, clinics, and community centres. This service promises to bring stable, high-speed satellite internet to regions long neglected by conventional infrastructure, enabling access to digital education, telehealth, e-administration, and innovation.

“This is not just about providing internet – it is about creating opportunity,” said Advocate Phelane Phomane, Managing Director of T-Connect Lesotho, during the connectivity handover.

“When we connect a school, we are connecting minds, dreams, and futures. Through T Connect Impact, Basotho learners can access global knowledge systems and stand shoulder to shoulder with students anywhere in the world.”

The launch venue itself symbolises the fusion of education and technology. Soofia International School, nestled in Botha-Bothe, has grown into a leading educational institution with approximately 1 400 students across Early Years, Primary, and Post-Primary levels. Its Post-Primary stream follows the prestigious Cambridge curriculum, including Lower Secondary, IGCSE, and Advanced Levels (AS and A Levels).

The school employs 60 teachers, operates three computer labs with 120 computers, and runs a dedicated robotics hub. It offers over 20 academic and enrichment courses and has maintained a 100 percent pass rate, reflecting its deep commitment to excellence.

“Reliable, high-speed satellite connectivity changes everything for us,” said Jayant Vijayakumar, Academic Advisor at Soofia.

“Starlink enables uninterrupted access to digital learning platforms, virtual labs, online assessments, and global resources. Teachers can plan smarter lessons, and students learn beyond textbooks. Parents also benefit through reduced printing costs and digital library access. It's a sustainable, cost-effective leap into the future.”

T-Connect Lesotho has emerged as a key player in the nation's ICT sector, focusing on bridging the digital divide through innovative and affordable connectivity solutions. The company's new T Connect Impact wing is specifically tailored to serve the social sector – schools, clinics, and community centres – with subsidised, high-impact connectivity packages.

The initiative is built on the understanding that internet access is not a luxury but a foundational service that underpins education, healthcare, and economic participation. By prioritising underserved and remote areas, T-Connect aims to foster local development and integrate Lesotho more fully into the global digital economy.

The technological backbone of T-Connect Impact is Starlink, the satellite internet constellation operated by SpaceX. In Lesotho, where rugged terrain and sparse infrastructure have historically limited reliable internet access, Starlink's low-earth orbit satellites offer a transformative solution.

They deliver high-speed, low-latency broadband capable of supporting video conferencing, e-learning, real-time collaboration, and cloud-based services – even in the most isolated communities.

This partnership represents one of the first structured efforts to deploy Starlink for public service institutions in Lesotho, setting a precedent for scalable, future-ready connectivity.

T-Connect Impact is more than a technical rollout; it is a catalyst for systemic change. By equipping schools like Soofia with robust digital tools, the initiative enhances pedagogical innovation, expands curricular horizons, and prepares students for a competitive global landscape.

Clinics will gain access to telemedicine, digital health records, and remote specialist consultations, improving healthcare delivery in rural areas.

“Internet access, when delivered with purpose, becomes a catalyst for social change,” Advocate Phomane reiterated.

“We are not merely connecting devices – we are connecting Lesotho to its potential.”

With this launch, classrooms, clinics, and communities in Botha-Bothe and beyond are no longer side-lined by geography. They are actively stepping into a digital future full of opportunity, proving that even from the highlands of Lesotho, the world is within reach.

Editor’s note: I have included the above report to indicate how modern opportunities are spreading through Lesotho.

NEW LOGO FOR B4L

Recently, the B4L Board adopted a new logo designed by Alice McCleary – thank you Alice. Thank you also to Rudi Botha (an expert tour guide in South Africa) for allowing B4L to use your image of the snow-clad mountains in Lesotho as the B4L “logo” for almost 10 years.

DELIVERIES - Who has delivered books from late in 2025 till now

Lions Club of Angaston and District Book Shed, Glenside Lions Club Bookmart, Rotary Club of West Beach (was Kidman Park) Book Mart, Treasure Boxes, Mitcham Motors, Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre, Mitcham Library Service, Adelaide Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Woodend Primary School, Westbourne Park Primary School and several private donations.

We thank you ALL including those who facilitated the donations! (I’m sorry if I missed some!)

The most recent shipment of books was sent to the Transformation Resource Centre in Maseru and is scheduled to arrive during April 2026 ready for distribution. With this shipment, B4L has delivered over **383,000 books** to our 3 partners in Lesotho at a shipping **cost of \$167,367** (currently costing about 50c/book) – **all raised through your donations.**



David Linn
Foundation Director and Past-Chairman
Books for Lesotho Inc.



TO DONATE

There are three ways to donate – each one will produce a receipt for Australian tax purposes.

1. The easy way for you and B4L is to donate through GiveNow.
This is a secure online donation service: [CLICK here](#)



2. Another easy way for both parties is through PayPal:
[Click HERE to visit our PayPal Giving Fund page](#)
A PayPal account is not required to use this service.

3. Send a donation directly to our bank account:
Account Name: BOOKS FOR LESOTHO INCORPORATED
BSB: 035-044 Account No: 228285

If you donate directly, and want a receipt, you **MUST** send an email to B4L with your details, the date and amount deposited.

Hi Rotarians: Warren Hobbs has shared the following message: If you are able to participate, your support would be greatly appreciated. This is a very worthy cause. Closing date 29/5/26

My name is William Byers, I am currently in year 11 at Sacred Heart College and a member of Westward Ho Golf Club for over 6 years. As part of my Stage 2 subject Spirituality's Religion and Meaning we have an assessment called the "kindness project". For this project I have chosen to support Kick Start for Kids.

Kick Start for Kids is a local South Australian charity "founded on the belief that every child, regardless of their social or economic background, should have an equal chance to succeed. They facilitate this belief by running school breakfast and lunch programs, mentoring programs and providing basic clothing and healthcare support in South Australian schools."

I will be setting up a donation point in the Westward Ho members lounge (near the office) where you can either make a cash donation or a donation of **new** clothing items. Kick Start for Kids run a pop-up shop where kids can go through for free and pick out items that they love just like they are shopping normally as a lot of them have never received **new** clothes. Please see below list of items that they are currently in need of.

Please also see the links below to find more about the great work that Kick Start for Kids are doing to support SA children's access to education and to donate directly via their website. Please leave a comment of Westward Ho Golf Club if you donate online, so they will know how you heard about them!

<https://kickstartforkids.com.au/>

Link to Donate

<https://kickstartforkids.com.au/donate/>

Clothing items:

Shoes Sizes 1 to 8

Socks All sizes

Girls Undies All sizes, including larger ones for Size 16

Boys Undies - only larger ones to fit size 16.

T shirts - Boys. Only Size 16 or Small Men's

Girls. Size 10 to 16

Long sleeve t-shirts Boys and girls. All sizes.

Sleepwear: Girls Sizes 5 to 16

Boys Sizes 8 to 16

Track pants Sizes 5,7,9,12,14,16

Leggings Sizes 7 to 16

Windcheaters Boys Sizes 5,9,10,12,14,16

Girls Sizes 7 to 16

Swimwear Boys and Girls. All sizes.

Jackets and Vests Boys and Girls. All sizes.

Caps and beanies

Tickets
ONLY \$15

Purchase at the door or online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1559483>
for further information contact Frank White: 0414 239 423

Part Proceeds go to:



Saturday 20th June 2:00-4:30pm
at Brighton Concert Hall

FEATURING:

Symphony Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra
Sinfonia
Stimson Wind Quintet

Rotary Solo Competition
winners

Brighton Secondary School
in association with the Rotary Club of Somerton Park

presents:

SYMPHONY BY THE SEA

Rotary
Club of Somerton Park 



Club News:

Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

18th July



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

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The Joker Draw

Karen Feind drew the card
but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT
is \$936



"How can I tell if the meat is done?"



"He must be crawling with fleas."

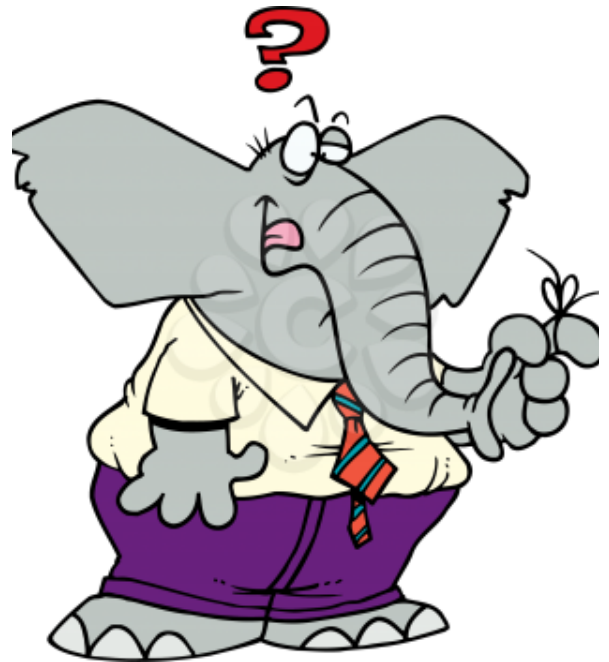


"You've finally achieved a V-shaped back.
An inverted one."

Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Please note the Change of the Event Date

Event: Guess Who's Coming for Lunch

When: Sunday 7th June

Time: 12:30pm

Cost: \$30 per head

Member's Birthdays:

Mario McDonagh 26th May

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries

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?

Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

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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"

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

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

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

19th May

Furniture
Peter Johnson
Ian Roberts

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Engagement Com.

Chairperson
Rob Hughes

Guest Speaker
Intro
Kevin Tiggeamnn

Joker Draw
N/A

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

9th June

Furniture
Tom Bunnik
Kel Burke

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Peter Brown

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro

Joker Draw
Chris Hughes

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
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 Frensch
		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 Frensch
		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	
Saturday	30th 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	1st June	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	2nd June	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	
Thursday	4th June	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			