

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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UNITE FOR GOOD



Meeting No: 2073
Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Guest Speaker:

Dr John Crowhurst
Eminent Anaesthesiologist

Topic:

The Legacy of the thiopentone anaesthesia "events" at Pearl Harbor in December 1941

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Paul Denley
Rob Stocker

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Rose Willington

Chairperson:
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker intro:
David Simpson

Joker Draw: Brian Tucker

West Beach Rotary Board Decisions & Notifications

At the Club's Board Meeting on 28th May, the Board approved the following: -

- a **\$200.00** donation for the purchase of clothing to support William Byer's "kindness project".

Project details in brief below

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.*

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- a **\$250.00** donation to The Salvation Army as per Steve Redden's family request following the recent passing of their daughter Erin, that In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

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- **Shelterbags & Sleeping Bags** The Club purchased and has taken delivery of 40 Shelterbags and also has Sleeping Bags for distribution. The Board accepted Steve Redden's suggestion that the twenty (20) Shelterbags and Sleeping bags be donated each to: -

- Northwest Homelessness Alliance
- Puddle Jumpers #

Steve and the Board were very impressed by the recent presentation by Melanie Tate (CEO & Founder) and the work done by Puddle Jumpers supporting children and families doing it tough.

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- Colin Anderson / Westward Ho Golf Club has advised the Westward Ho Clubrooms will be being renovated from mid July to mid August and we will need to find another venue for the period of renovations.

The Board is investigating alternative venues and will advise members ASAP



Rob McLennan

Guest Speaker 26th May Topic: Coast FM - Community Radio

Rob provided an interesting insight into the origins of community radio and revealing: -

- There are approximately 450 Community radio stations in Australia
- There are 30 in South Australia and 7 primary not for profit community radio stations that serve the greater Adelaide metropolitan area.
- Coast FM (88.7FM) serves the southern and western metropolitan areas and is heavily focused on local news, lifestyle and classic hits.
- Coast FM live broadcasting studios (2) are located in the heritage listed Naldera building at the Glandore Community Centre and transmits its signal from a transmission tower located at O'Halloran Hill.
- FM signals don't like the hills and whilst Coast FM's signal can reach well down the Fleurieu peninsular, across the gulf and up to Gawler it struggles to get past Stirling.
- Coast FM broadcasts live 24 / 7 , which is rare in Adelaide as most other radio stations either revert to interstate or pre- recorded transmission late at night or very early morning.

Rob hosts Wednesday Coast Magazine every Wednesday morning from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

His show features a mix of songs, primarily from the 60's and 70's and interviews with musicians predominantly from the era. The list was something of a who's who of the era.

Rob mentioned the target audience was unashamedly the Baby Boomers (e.g. The attendees at our meeting) and asked how many had heard of Coast FM.

Whilst most had very few have actually listened to it and Rob conceded he had some work to do.

Staying or leaving ?

We hope you're staying a member of West Beach Rotary.

The responses from the recent member survey # indicated that members were generally satisfied with their club experience, but there were several changes or improvements that members suggested. e.g.

- Committees Meetings bi-monthly instead of monthly.
- Improve communication of Board decisions to members.
- Consider trial of fortnightly meetings.
- Respond to member feedback.
- Check on welfare of members who have missed successive meetings.

The survey results indicated members significant support for:-

- The Friends of Rotary meetings, which have consistently had attendances between 55-70 and a great way for West Beach Rotary to engage with the local community.
- Bookmart

The incoming Board will commit to improving the Member experience and maintain West Beach Rotary as a thriving Rotary Club.

Clubs are required to notify Rotary International (R.I.) of the Club members names as at 30th June each year. **Note:** Rotary International invoices the Club based on the membership as at 30th June.

For the past few years the R.I. fee per member has been significantly more than the amount the Club has invoiced Members for their Annual membership subscription.
i.e. The Club has subsidised the member's R.I. fees

It's important that the Club has accurate membership numbers so we are not out of pocket for R.I. fees if a member decides not to continue but doesn't advise the Club before 30th June.

We hope you're staying a member of West Beach Rotary.

If you're unsure about continuing your membership please advise Secretary Wayne Comley.

We can delete your name from the members list before 30th June and add it back after 30th June if you realise the benefits of membership outweigh any matters that made you unsure.

Wayne Comley
Secretary
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of 19 Survey Responses
Satisfied - 11
Somewhat Satisfied -7
Neither satisfied or Dissatisfied -1

INVITATION to “FRIENDS OF ROTARY” Event

Tuesday 16th June 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: Marc Ryan



Marc Ryan, *The Beautiful Bogan*, is a comedian and mental health advocate who's toured more than 70 shows across the Eyre Peninsula in the past five years. Blending raw honesty with big laughs, his recent shows *What Would Gary Do?*

He has also featured on The ABC show 'You Can't Ask That?' "And The channel 10 show "Start Me Up"

Marc's not scared of the tough topics, he enjoys tackling them with humour and heart, making him one of Australia's most unique and powerful comedic voices.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet some new people, have a chat, share stories, and hear from Special Guest Speaker, Marc Ryan
We will also have a support speaker, Donna Evans giving a brief overview of Adelaide Sailing Club.

Secure your seat, email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: -
Please Respond by 11th June, \$27 Payment <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

Try Bookings will now be closing at **5.00pm on the Sunday prior to the next meeting**".
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

Club News:

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



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

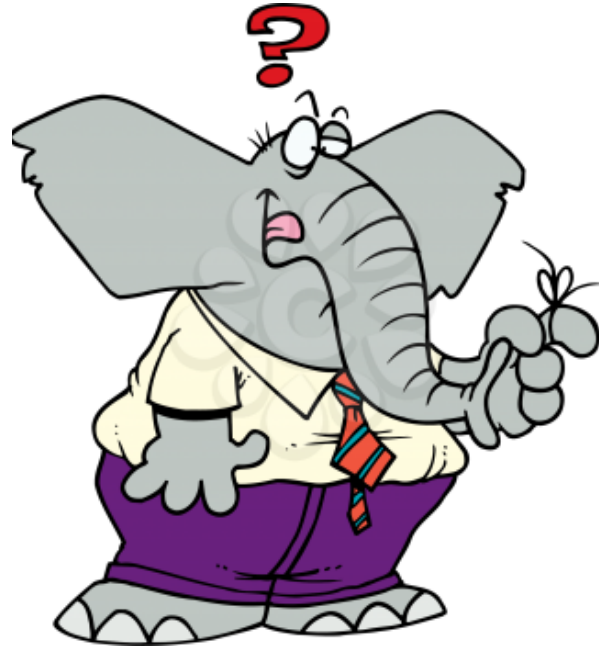
Rotary
Club of Somerton Park 



Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Event: Guess Who's Coming for Lunch

When: Sunday 7th June Please note the **Change of the Event Date**

Time: 12:30pm

Cost: \$30 per head NB: payment due by 1st June

Payment by Try Booking using our normal Club link

Member's Birthdays:

None

Partner's Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

Tom & Annelies Bunnik - 5th June

Membership Anniversaries

Robert Ryan - 1st June 1991

Mario McDonagh - 4th June 2019

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?

For your diaries:

Bunnings BBQ

18th July



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)

Note:

Secretary / Administration Committee: Wayne Comley was elected at the Club's AGM



The Joker Draw

Ann Branson had the winning ticket but did not select the Joker card

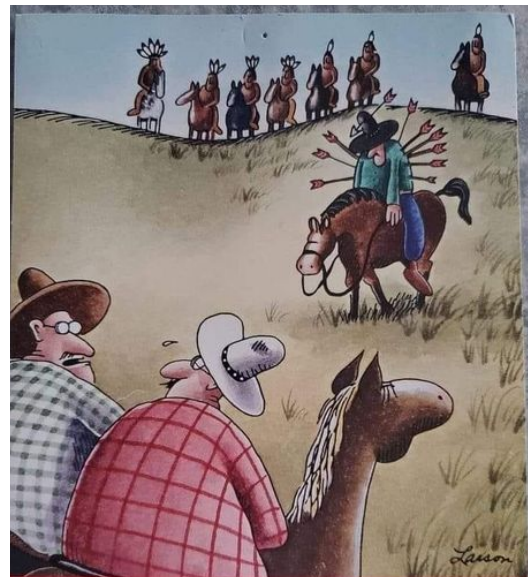
The JACKPOT is now \$968.00



“She changed her mind.”



“Do you feel well enough to cook?”



Now stay calm ... let's hear what they said to Bill

Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

2nd June :

Guest Speaker: Dr John Crowhurst
Eminent Anaesthesiologist

Topic:

The Legacy of the thiopentone anaesthesia “events” at Pearl Harbor in December 1941

9th June : Committees Meetings

16th June : **Friends of Rotary Meeting**

Guest Speaker: Marc Ryan aka The Beautiful Bogan

Topic: A Comedy Show about Hope

23rd June :

Guest Speaker: Tarn McIntosh

Topic: Fantastic fun with 20 Weber BBQ's at home

30th June :

Changeover

Details to be provided soon

Meeting Duty Roster

2nd June

Furniture
Paul Denley
Rob Stocker

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Rose Willington

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
David Simpson

Joker Draw
Brian Tucker

9th June

Furniture
Tom Bunnik
Kel Burke

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Peter Brown

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
N/A

Joker Draw
Chris Hughes

16th June

Furniture
Stuart Ghent
Peter Johnson

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Rob Stocker

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
Robert Ryan

Joker Draw
N/A

23rd June

Furniture
Bob Hudson
Steve Redden

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Ian Roberts

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
Warren Hobbs

Joker Draw
Grant Price

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 - other than to advise you have swapped with someone. It is not the Bulletin Editor's job to find a replacement.

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 Roster

3rd June - Ed King

10th June - Stuart Ghent

17th June - David Simpson

24th June - Tom Bunnik

1st July - Karen Feind

8th July - Frank Bunnik

15th July - Peter Brown

22nd July - Rob Chambers

29th July - Ed King

Friday Roster

5th June - Rose Willington

12th June - Brian Tucker

19th June - Ann Branson

26th June - Jenny Harris

3rd July - Paul Denley

10th July - Robert Ryan

17th July - Ron Harris

24th July - Richard Daly

31st July - Chris Hughes

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 particular, our good work.

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.