

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: 2074
Tuesday 9th June 2026

Committee Meetings

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Tom Bunnik
Kel Burke

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Peter Brown

Chairperson: Barbara
Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker intro: N/A

Joker Draw: Chris Hughes

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Guest Speaker,
Dr John Crowhurst and
Rotarian, David
Simpson

The Legacy of Pearl Harbour and the Evolution of Modern Anaesthesia

Dr. John's presentation explored the profound impact that the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour had on the development of modern anaesthesia. Drawing on personal research conducted in Hawaii, he examined how a wartime medical crisis highlighted serious deficiencies in anaesthetic practice and ultimately transformed the profession worldwide.

Anaesthesia is one of medicine's greatest achievements, making modern surgery and intensive care possible. It involves pain relief, amnesia, unconsciousness, muscle relaxation, and the careful control of bodily functions. Although anaesthetic techniques began developing in the mid-19th century, the specialty was still relatively immature by the time of World War II.

At Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941, Japanese forces launched a devastating surprise attack on the American naval base in Hawaii. Within two hours, more than 2,400 people were killed and nearly 1,200 seriously wounded. Hospitals were overwhelmed, and many casualties required urgent surgery.

At that time, ether was the most commonly used anaesthetic. It was relatively safe because it maintained blood pressure and breathing, but it was highly flammable and supplies were quickly depleted during the attack. A newer intravenous drug, sodium pentothal (thiopentone), was available and was

increasingly being used in surgery. However, unlike ether, pentothal could significantly depress blood pressure and respiration, particularly in patients suffering from severe blood loss and shock.

Many of the doctors treating casualties at Pearl Harbour had little formal training in anaesthesia. As pentothal was administered to wounded patients, reports emerged that numerous deaths were associated with its use. While exact figures remain uncertain, stories circulated that hundreds, perhaps even a thousand, fatalities may have been linked to inappropriate administration of the drug. Later investigations suggested the problem was not the drug itself but the lack of adequately trained anaesthetists capable of managing critically injured patients.

The lessons from Pearl Harbour led to major changes. The U.S. military rapidly expanded anaesthesia training programs and returned to using ether in battlefield situations. Specialist education grew dramatically, and professional organisations strengthened standards and qualifications. After the war, the number of trained anaesthetists increased enormously in both the United States and other countries, including Australia and Britain.

The post-war years saw remarkable advances in anaesthesia, including new drugs, epidural techniques, ventilators, improved monitoring, and specialised training programs. In Australia, formal specialist training began in the 1950s, helping establish anaesthesia as a recognised medical specialty.

Dr. Tom concluded that the events at Pearl Harbour served as a catalyst for change. The tragedy demonstrated the critical importance of skilled anaesthetic care and helped shape the highly trained, technologically advanced specialty that safeguards patients undergoing surgery today.

Club News:

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.

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>

Our numbers involved in WBR

Our WBR Engagement Committee at our Friends of Rotary(FoR) event last Tuesday invited our FoR attendees to consider involvement as a full member of WBR. A number have indicated that they will be happy to do so.

The member Induction will likely be held on Tuesday 14th July at a future FoR event.

We have advised that this is at the choice of each Individual. While we will be delighted that some individuals will choose to join our WBR as members, we also understand that some FoR attendees will wish to retain ongoing the same FoR involvement that they have enjoyed over the past 12 months.

It is interesting to reflect on the numbers ongoing involved with WBR. Our WBR currently embraces four levels of involvement which include a significant number of people and clubs that collectively comprise what is West Beach Rotary.

Our FoR local Clubs and organisations often have multiple attendees, very often from their Club leadership group and the attending faces can change monthly. The Clubs are all ongoing busy in running their own Club activities.

The aggregation of numbers involved with WBR is

Full WBR Members.....	39
Friends of Rotary (Individuals and Couples).....	25
FoR (Clubs, Community Groups, Sponsors).....	11
Volunteers with Service(mainly Bookmart).....	28

Total Individuals and Clubs involved.....**103**

It is interesting that the attendees for FoR events over the past year regularly range from 55 to 70.

And our Venue and the WWHo team consistently do a great job with the hospitality in hosting the FoR events.

The Engagement Committee
West Beach Rotary

Club News:



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



West Beach Rotary Levels of Involvement

You choose your level of Involvement for 26/27 from the below categories

A) Full Membership as a Rotarian (from FoR)

Initial year \$100 for 26/27, then \$200 for 27/28, Total

Involvement as a full member of the Club, includes attendance (when you are able), insurance, service and fellowship. We currently have 39 full members.

Member Induction date is Tues 14th July at FoR Event.

B) Friends of Rotary(Individuals, couples).....attend monthly events each third Tues evening, ongoing Bulletin is received, communications....Cost 26/27 for Individual \$50, per couple \$80, ongoing service opportunities with Ins cover, fellowship events. Current FoR Members are 25.

C) Friends of Rotary(Clubs, Community Groups, Sponsors)....No Cost, fellowship and Service opportunities if desired. Current number of Clubs, Community Groups and Sponsors is 11.

D) Volunteer with service....No cost....eg Bookmart, BBQ, Meals on Wheels, Ins cover for all activities. Current Volunteers (mainly Bookmart) are 25 individuals.

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****Please complete below**

Name/s.....

Email address

Mobile

Your choice of your Level of Involvement. Please circle A B C or D

Let's Talk about YOU becoming the BACKYARD HERO!!

**Tarn McIntosh is our special Speaker on 23rd June.
Alert your Partner as they will likely also want to come along.**

Bio from Tarn is below

"Tarn is a self described workaholic, keen cook who loves Australian road trips, collecting bbqs and friends along the way.

Let's talk about 70 years of outdoor cooking experiences - paying tribute to past, present, and future BBQ innovations.

How a father of 12 dreamed to cook the perfect steak transformed into an iconic grill that now sells in 78 countries.

How an Adelaide accountant's vision saw Australia become Weber-Stephen's biggest export market in just 14 years.

How Australians were won over to the Weber way of cooking.

Plus my own cooking experiences, from Kettles to Qs and everything in between.

Let me get you grilling the perfect steak, cracking the crunchiest crackling, and roasting the easiest pumpkin soup.

Let's talk about YOU becoming a BACKYARD HERO."

You may want to put the date on your calendar now....

Refurb for our Westward Ho Golf Club Venue

It will be exciting to see the impact of the refurbishment of the interior of the Westward Ho (Members area) of

Clubrooms, featuring a modern and upgraded look.

This will be taking place from 21st July to 11th August

As a result, the Board has arranged the following Venues for our Meetings and Events during that period.

Tues 21st July, 28th July and 11th August will be held at SA Sea Rescue Squadron.

We have used this Venue twice last year and it is an excellent back up Venue for us. We are grateful for our Friends of Rotary links with SA Sea Rescue that has enabled this arrangement for no hire fee.

We have in the past supported SA Sea Rescue with contributions to their cost of First Aid Courses and protective clothing and uniforms for sea rescue roles. SA Sea Rescue are regular attendees (in numbers) at our monthly FoR and our ongoing relationship with them is excellent. As in the past, we will arrange a Pizza or Subway meal.

The other date for which we need to consider is the first Tues for August being 4th. Our members are aware that West Torrens Rotary Club have been coming to our meetings for the past few months on the first Tues of the month.

This resulted from a discussion by our Co-Pres Rob Hughes with WTRC Pres Andrew Davis.

This arrangement enables WTRC to share in our Speaker on the night and facilitates fellowship with our club members.

By choice, 2 of their members sit at each of our tables so this assists us all in getting to know one another.

There have been 8 or 9 from WTRC attending which is strong attendance by them. It also enables WTRC members to have a round table meeting of their Club soon after our meeting. The arrangement seems to be working well from the perspective of both clubs.

Their members pay via Try Booking, so we are aware of the numbers attending for our WWHo catering needs.

So on Tues 4th August our WBR club will be hosted by WTCC at their Venue in the Meeting Room at the Rex Hotel which is 172 Richmond Rd, Marleston.

We have agreed for the Speaker role that two members from each Club will reference the history of their club over the years.

Meals will be handled by the Rex Hotel. That date is two months away so more precise detail will be given later,

Pres Andrew Davis has said his Club is looking forward to the hosting arrangement and also to their club continuing to visit WBR monthly on the first Tues of the month

.An update by WBR Board

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST BEACH

would like to extend an invitation to you

to attend the Changeover Dinner for David Simpson & Ed King

on

Tuesday 30th June 2026

at Westwood Ho Golf Club,
Military Rd, West Beach

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

R.S.V.P: Wayne Comley (secretary)

Email: waynecomley@icloud.com

Payment may be made using the Try Booking link below –

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

Please advise any dietary requirements: _____



Hi Friends of Rotary

You will likely remember our Speaker Carolyn Spooner who spoke about the amazing deeds of SA explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins on 21st April..

Sir Hubert was the 13th child of a family of 13 children that were born and raised at Mount Bryan East which is 10km north of Burra in the mid North.

Four attendees from that FoR evening had the opportunity to visit the Wilkins family homestead on Sunday 24th May....including the interior.

It was an Open House of Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage....up and back same day in unusual pelting rain. .

We were able to peruse the memorabilia and architecture and landscape of Sir Hubert's family home....and see the interior..

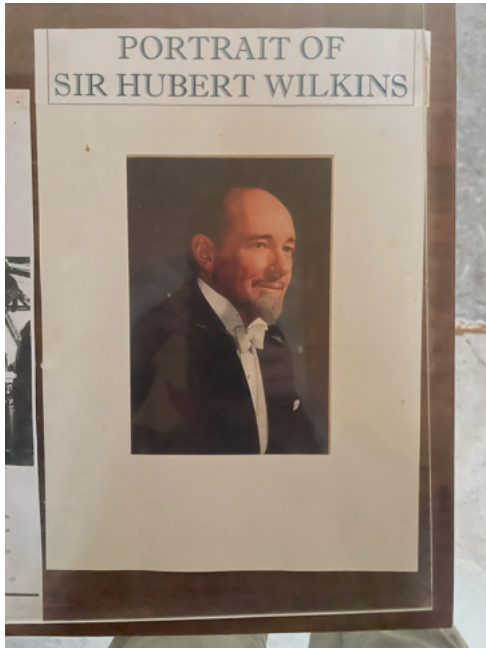
A great experience of Open House and afternoon tea. The restoration has been made possible by the financial contribution by Dick Smith and the hard work of many friends and neighbours of the property. It is above the Goyder line and hence harsh environs.

The Wilkins siblings daily did the 6 km walk to a single building School house....half the interior was for teaching of the 10 students the other half was the residence for the sole teacher at the school. This schoolhouse was also open for us to visit. It is now used for shelter overnight for walkers of the Heysen Trail.

A great and memorable day....some photos attached.



Club News:



Club News:

Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

18th July



JUNE IS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkiens, The Fellowship of the Ring



The Joker Draw

Chris Weyland drew the
card but did not draw the
Joker

The JACKPOT
is \$1,004



"I said, hamburger with fries."



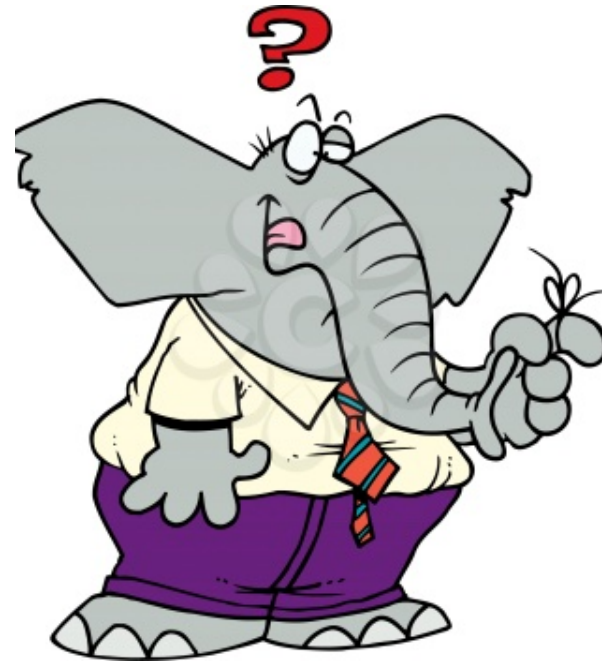
"Caveat emptor? It means 'buyer beware.'
Take this parakeet you bought online, for
example."

Club News:

Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



WBR Changeover

Tuesday 30th June at Westwood Ho GC - see add above

Member's Birthdays:

Kevin Mullins 15th June

Partner's Birthdays:

June Brown 16th June

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

9th June : Committees Meetings

16th June

FoR Meeting

Guest Speaker: Marc Ryan aka The Beautiful Bogan

Topic: A Comedy Show about Hope

Support Speaker: Commodore Donna Evans from the
Adelaide Sailing Club

23rd June :

Guest Speaker: Tarn McIntosh

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

30th June :

Changeover

Details to be provided soon

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

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

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*

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

9th June

Furniture
Tom Bunnik
Kel Burke

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Peter Brown

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro

Joker Draw
Chris Hughes

16th June

Furniture
Stuart Ghent
Peter Johnson

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Engagement Com.

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

30th June

Furnituware
Paul Denley
Steve Redden

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Rob Stocker

Chairperson
Barbara Wheatcroft

Guest Speaker
Intro
N/A

Joker Draw
Peter Farquhar

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	6th June	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	8th June	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	9th June	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	11th June	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
Saturday	13th June	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds Jenny Clarke
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
Monday	15th June	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	16th June	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Fensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
Thursday	18th June	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown	Christine Iovino
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	
Saturday	20th June	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	22nd June	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	23rd June	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	
Thursday	25th June	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick Don & Lee McCulloch
		12:30 - 03:00		

Members Committee allocation 2024 - 2025

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			