The Rotary Club of West Beach Bulletin

Meetings: 6.30 pm each Tuesday at Westward Ho Golf Club, Military Road, West Beach

Rotary West Beach

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Year 2026/27



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Rotary

Meeting No: 2083

Tuesday18th August 2026

Guest Speaker: Marc Ryan

Topic: Comedian & Mental Health Advocate

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Rob Stocker
Brian Tucker
Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Engagement Com.

Chairperson: David Simpson

Guest Speaker: Kevin Tiggemann

Joker Draw: N/A

Apologies & Guests: Please advise **John Christo**
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Club News:

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Vale Norm Lewis

It is with sadness that we advise the passing of **Norm Lewis**, in his 110th year.

Norm, as the Special Governor's Representative, was instrumental in the establishment of our Rotary Club almost exactly 42 years ago.

His wise counsel and his relaxed yet highly organised approach were key reasons our Club became the success it is today.

Norm was a long-standing member of the Henley Beach Rotary Club and an honorary member of our Club.

In his professional life, he served as an executive within the Woods and Forests Department and authored more than 30 technical publications.

It is sad to say goodbye to our friend and mentor.

Presidents David Simpson & Ed King

Below is a publication of the article on Norm Lewis in the Jan/Feb 2026 Rotary Down Under, written by Mandy Carter from the Rotary Club of Henley Beach.

109 years young:

Celebrating the extraordinary life of Norm Lewis

A pillar of Rotary and Australian forestry, 109-year-old Norm Lewis continues to inspire with a lifetime of service, resilience, humour and unwavering dedication to community.

WORDS PAST PRESIDENT MANDY CARTER. ROTARY CLUB OF HENLEY BEACH, SA





ABOVE: HENLEY BEACH ROTARY MEMBER NORM LEWIS AT HIS 108TH BIRTHDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2024, WEST BEACH, ADELAIDE.

LEFT: FROM HIS DAUGHTER'S ARCHIVES, NORM WEARING AN OVERSIZED ROTARY TIE.

BORN in 1916, Norm B Lewis is considered one of Australia's oldest Rotarians and a lifelong servant to community and plantation forestry. Overcoming early hardships, he worked odd jobs to fund studies at the University of Adelaide, earning a scholarship in forestry before serving in the military during World War II.

Norm's career in South Australia's plantation forestry, spanned international assignments, earning him an Imperial Service Order.

His marriage to Mavis lasted 53 years, marked by devotion through her illness.

Joining Rotary in the 1960s, initially with the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier, SA, and later the Rotary Club of Henley Beach, SA, he has held leadership roles and was the Rotary District 9510 Governor's Special Representative when founding the Rotary Club of Kidman Park (now the Rotary Club of West Beach). He's been honoured with a Paul Harris Fellow and Sapphire Pin.

Norm celebrated his 109th birthday with members from both Kidman Park and Henley Beach. He's visited Antarctica several times, once on a Russian merchant ship and later when he was over 90 years old. Remarkably living independently at 105, he attended Rotary meetings, once wearing a moon boot due to a lawn-mowing mishap! He is appreciated for his Rotary wisdom such as "get the fellowship right". Also, his enduring humour and zest for life, which are encapsulated in his secret to longevity: "Keep breathing". RDU

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Fellowship

Key Points

- **September speakers:** Three speakers are confirmed and organised.
- **Fellowship activities:** Committee focusing on social activities and bringing members together.
- **President's BBQ:** Fellowship Committee will assist as usual.
- **Christmas lunch:** Committee will again help organise/support the event.
- **Melbourne Cup:** Possible train trip to Melbourne being considered.
- **Barossa:** Possible golf/fellowship weekend discussed.
- **Arts outing:** Considering an alternative cultural outing during the Festival of Arts period.
- **Regal Theatre:** Possible group visit to the Regal Theatre at Kensington Gardens for a live show in March/April.
- **Australian Rotary Health (ARH):** Movie fundraiser being organised as part of the District ARH initiative.
  - Movie: New Bill Nighy film, with screening on Sunday, 13 September.
  - Cost: **$25 per person**.
  - Attendance: Members are encouraged to invite friends and others to attend.
  - After the movie: Possible early dinner/drinks at a nearby venue, including options around Marion or the Robin Hood on Portrush Road.

Community Service

Key Points

- **Puddle Jumpers:** Continue the club's support for Puddle Jumpers.
- **District Grant:** Investigating a potential District Grant to provide equipment/materials to help Puddle Jumpers develop their facility at the Black Hotel.
- **Mobile Shower Facility:** Puddle Jumpers are also seeking funding towards a new **mobile shower facility**, replacing their previous one.
- **Bendigo Bank Community Bank Event:** Club committed to supporting the event on **Sunday, 26 November at Apex Park, West Beach**. Bendigo Bank will supply sausages etc. for a BBQ and WBR will sell and keep the profits.

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- **Pink & Blue Swim:** Rotary has committed to sponsoring the **Pink & Blue Swim on 14 February 2027**.
  - Anne Cameron will investigate ways for Rotary to have a stronger presence at the event, rather than simply providing sponsorship.
  - Ideas include helping with the barbecue and marshalling the walking event.
- **Christmas Residential Care Project:** Chris is taking responsibility for continuing this project.
- **Donation Drive:** Last year's donation drive was very successful.
- **2026 Christmas plans:** The club hopes to support several residential care facilities again this year.

Bookmart

Key Points

- **Technology:** Moving forward with a **WhatsApp group for committee members** so everyone receives updates and information at the same time.
- **Roster:** Reviewing whether additional Bookmart volunteers should be included in the WhatsApp group.
- **Roster gaps:** Most gaps have now been filled.
- **Thursday volunteers:** Don and Lee are retiring after many years of service dating back to the Westlake days. Their contribution was acknowledged and appreciated.
- **Tuesday roster:** Remaining major gaps are on **Tuesday mornings and afternoons**.
- **Volunteers needed:** Members are encouraged to suggest anyone who may be willing to fill the Tuesday shifts.
- **Bookmart posters:** Janet is reviewing the old Rotary posters displayed around Bookmart.
- **Poster replacement:** Outdated posters and references to people/projects no longer relevant will be replaced with current information.
- **Book culling:** Current book culling is underway, focusing on the **I–K section**.
- **Important reminder:** Do **not** discard books simply because they are older than 12 months. Books should be assessed for their **quality, condition and ongoing appeal**.
- **Re-use of books:** Good-quality books should be retained where possible so they can have a further life rather than being unnecessarily discarded.

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- **Air-conditioning:** Volunteers must remember to **turn off the air-conditioner when leaving Bookmart**. It was accidentally left running recently.
- **New Bookmart shirts:** A new shirt design is being developed and samples are being tested.
- **Shirt design:** The latest version has a more practical colour combination and a **raglan sleeve**.
- **Logos:** The **Bookmart logo is on the sleeve**, with the **Rotary wheel on the other side** rather than across the back.
- **Back design:** Includes **West Beach Road around the collar** and the updated Bookmart imagery.
- **Material:** A softer, more comfortable fabric is being considered compared with the current shirts.
- **Next step:** Further samples will be produced and tried on before the final shirt design is approved.

Vocational Service

Key Points

- **25th August speaker:** Rob Denton from **Off Camera Stories** is confirmed.
  - **Off Camera Stories:** Provides oral-history services by interviewing people, recording family or organisational histories, taking photographs and producing audio/video presentations.
- **Norm Lewis:** Fond memories were shared of Norm's long involvement with the club.
  - Norm's achievements: He was a remarkable speaker who, at about **104–105 years old**, spoke about travelling to Antarctica with **Sir Douglas Mawson**.
- **Future speakers:** Members are encouraged to suggest good speakers for **late January and February**.
- **Book recycling:** Approximately **7 tonnes of books** were recently taken to a recycling facility.
- **Fundraising:** The recycled books are expected to raise approximately **$300** for the club.
- **Council recognition:** The council was impressed by the club's charitable recycling effort and photographed the vehicle and trailer.

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International

Key Points

- An update was mentioned regarding a project in **Stanford, South Africa**, but further details are still unclear.
- **Cambodia water wells:** The club has previously supported water-well projects in Cambodia.
- **New proposal:** Ed has contacted Barry, who works extensively on Rotary projects in Cambodia, about sponsoring several additional water wells.
- **Cost:** Water wells are approximately **$700 each**.
- **Alternative project:** A different Cambodian water project has now been identified which is considered **more substantial and exciting**, but would require significantly more funding.
- **Funding decision:** The committee is considering whether to proceed with the new project instead of the individual water wells.
- **Board approval:** The larger project is believed to require **Board consideration/ approval** because of the amount of money involved.
- **Next steps:** A discussion with **Ed and David** was proposed before the Board meeting.
- **Deadline:** If the club wishes to proceed, the proposal needs to be finalised by approximately **29 August**.

Engagement Committee

Key Points

- **Friends of Rotary:** Members were asked to refer to the latest bulletin for updates.
- **Welcome:** Tan McIntosh was welcomed to the committee.
- **Weber barbecue:** Tan has access to a **Weber barbecue** that may be donated for auction.
- **Fundraising:** Proceeds from the auction could potentially be allocated to a **specific charity or community project**.
- **Inductions:** Tan and David Wilson will be formally inducted next Tuesday evening.

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Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

18th August

Speaker: Marc Ryan (Beautiful Bogan) **FoR &**

Topic: Comedian & Mental Health Advocate

25th August

Speaker: Rob Denton … Story Companion

Topic: Oral Histories

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Hi Friends of Rotary, Visitors and Rotarians,

Attached is our Invite for Tuesday 18th August event featuring our special Guest Speaker Marc Ryan, who will lead us into an evening of difference. Blending raw honesty and big laughs while probing into the major community issue of mental health. Probably some colourful language.....
Marc has spoken previously at a major regional Rotary District Conference resulting in rave reviews. Don't miss this event.
We missed out on Marc Ryan as Speaker in June due to the passing of a close friend... so now is our chance.

All the info that you need is on our attached Invitation. The only cost is the meal at $27.....see Trybooking Link below and attached.
If there is a special friend or colleague that you wish to invite, then you are welcome to do so.

We are also delighted to welcome West Beach Parks (Vincent Mifsud & Abby Howard) as our local Support Speaker/s.
WBP is a major driver for the West Beach precinct, hence highly relevant to all of us.

Can you please RSVP at the latest by Thursday 13th August so we can advise numbers & dietary to our Venue.
This event will go till 8.15pm and will likely be strongly attended.

We look forward to welcoming you on 18th August. Thankyou in advance for your ongoing support of our Try Booking arrangements.
https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

Regards
Warren Hobbs
For Engagement Committee West Beach Rotary

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INVITATION to "FRIENDS OF ROTARY" Event

Tuesday 18th August 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 hear from our support speakers, Vincent Mifsud and Abby Howard from West Beach Parks

Secure your seat, email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: - Please Respond by 13th August, $27 Payment https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP

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

City of Charles Sturt

Bunnik Tours
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Winemakers from 1936

BUNNINGS

West Beach Parks
holiday·sport·community

West Beach SLSC

Westward Ho G.C.

S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron

Friends of Lot 101
Adelaide Sailing Club

Pink & Blue Swim/Walk

Tasty Bakehouse

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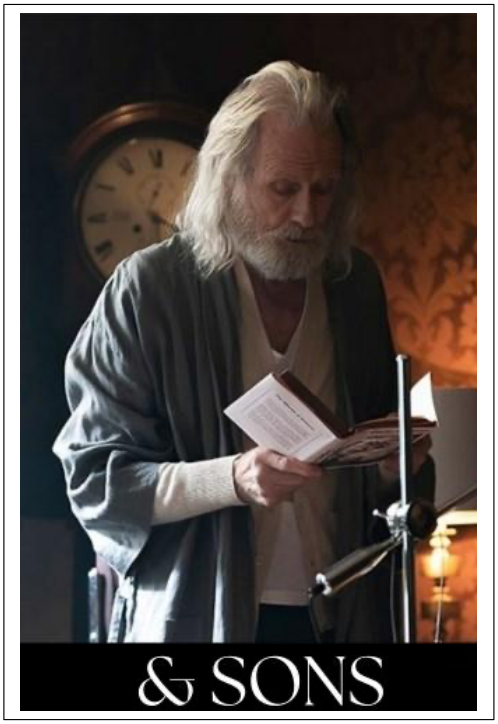
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Australian Rotary Health *movie fundraiser*

Sunday 13th September 2026

The Regal Cinema, Kensington Road
Kensington Park

Arrive 1.30pm for movie at 2.00pm



& Sons is a sweeping yet deeply intimate portrait of family, inheritance, and the fragile ties that shape identity. When world-renowned but reclusive novelist Andrew Dyer (Bill Nighy) summons his estranged children to New York, the reunion sparks a collision of grief, memory, and long-buried secrets. As the brothers navigate their father's towering shadow, questions of legacy, love, and belonging rise to the surface with piercing urgency. Anchored by Nighy's elegant and layered performance, the film is elevated by a remarkable ensemble: George MacKay, Noah Jupe, and Johnny Flynn embody the fractured sons with unflinching vulnerability, capturing the raw ache of rivalry and reconciliation. Imelda Staunton brings depth and warmth as Isabel Platt, a figure who threads together past and present, while Dominic West delivers a quietly riveting turn that hints at hidden truths within the Dyer family. With luminous cinematography and a score that resonates long after the final frame, & Sons is a stirring meditation on the stories we inherit—and the ones we choose to write anew.

Tickets $25 person

https://www.trybooking.com/DOBJQ

Each ticket will include a glass of bubbles or orange juice and snacks on arrival

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

All funds raised will be donated to *Australian Rotary Health* mental health research

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Bunnings BBQ



For your diaries:

30th August

3rd September Father's Day Family Night

18th October



Around the Club

*** District Grant Applications need to be in by 29th August 2026**

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The Joker Draw

Rose Willington won the draw, but did not draw the Jackpot

The JACKPOT is $1,206





"Okay, we've put on our exercise clothes. Now what?"



"Do you know how unsanitary double-dipping is?"



"The capital of Holland is 'H.'"



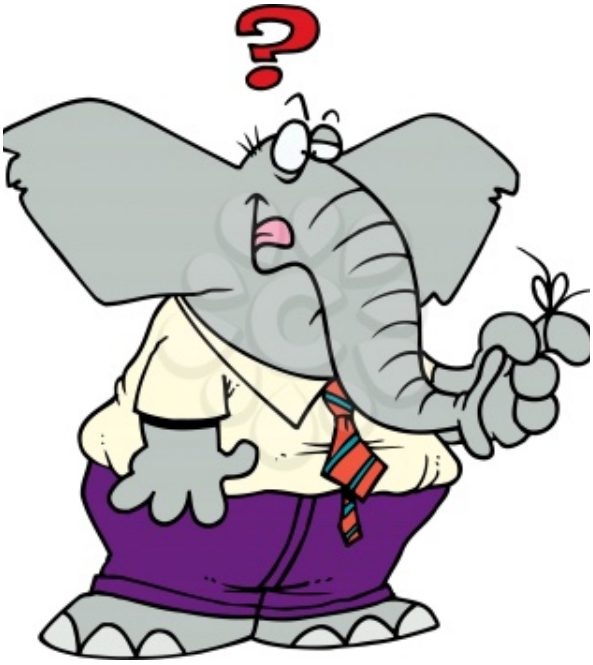
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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Member's Birthdays:

Partner's Birthdays:
Sandra Ghent 20th August

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries



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Meals On Wheels Roster:

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Meals on Wheels Contact
Naomi Barrett
Mobile:

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

19th August - Frank Bunnik

26th August - Peter Murton

2nd September - Peter Brown

9th September - Karen Feind

16th September - Rob Chambers

23rd September - Ed King

30th September - Stuart Ghent

7th October - Tom Bunnik

Friday Roster

21st August - Jenny Harris

28th August - Brian Tucker

4th September - Ron Harris

11th September - Paul Denley

18th September - Robert Ryan

25th September - Chris Hughes

2nd October - Richard Daley

9th October - Rose Willington

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

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delivering
Meals on Wheels

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.
- Paul Denley is co-ordinating the Meals on Wheels Roster
- 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

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18th August	25th August	1st September	8th September
Furniture Rob Stocker Brian Tucker	Furniture Kel Burke Wayne Comley	Furniture Stuart Ghent Paul Denley	Furniture Ron Harris Rob Hughes
Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo
Welcome Engagement Com.	Welcome Ann Branson	Welcome Karen Feind	Welcome Jenny Harris
Chairperson David Simpson	Chairperson Ed King	Chairperson David Simpson	Chairperson Ed King
Guest Speaker Intro Kevin Tiggemann	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro	Guest Speaker Intro
Joker Draw N/A	Joker Draw Barbara Wheatcroft	Joker Draw Peter Brown	Joker Draw Chris Hughes

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BookMart Roster:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	15th August	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke
Monday	17th August	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
Tuesday	18th August	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Chris Frensch
Thursday	20th August	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino
Saturday	22nd August	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	24th August	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	25th August	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	27th August	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Lynn Allpress, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch
Saturday	29th August	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green, Michell N, Nishok Kannan
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Dale Kentish	
Monday	31st August	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	1st Sept	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	3rd Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick

Members Committee Allocation:

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Members Committee allocation 2026 - 2027

Name		Committee		Name		Committee
Wayne	**Comley**	**Admin Chair**		Barbara	**Wheatcroft**	**Director Fellowship**
David	**Simpson**	**Administration**		Chris	**Branson**	**Fellowship**
Ed	**King**	**Administration**		Kel	**Burke**	**Fellowship**
Peter	**Murton**	**Administration**		Rob	**Chambers**	**Fellowship**
John	**Christo**	**Administration**		Peter	**Farquhar**	**Fellowship**
				Carolyn	**Palmer**	**Fellowship**
Rob	**Hughes**	**Dir. Community**		Warren	**Hobbs**	**Dir. Engagement**
Peter	**Brown**	**Community**		Ron	**Harris**	**Engagement**
Chris	**Hughes**	**Community**		Kevin	**Tiggemann**	**Engagement**
Kevin	**Mullins**	**Community**		Robert	**Ryan**	**Engagement**
Karuna	**Veerapen**	**Community**				
David	**Taylor**	**Community**				
Tom	**Bunnik**	**Dir. International**		Steve	**Redden**	**Director Vocational**
Paul	**Denley**	**International**		Bob	**Hudson**	**Vocational/Youth**
Stuart	**Ghent**	**International**		Grant	**Price**	**Vocational/Youth**
Peter	**Johnson**	**International**		Rob	**Stocker**	**Vocational/Youth**
Ian	**Roberts**	**International**		Ann	**Branson**	**Vocational/Youth**
Brian	**Tucker**	**International**				
Karen	**Feind**	**Dir. Bookmark**				
Liz	**Foote**	**Bookmart**				
Jenny	**Harris**	**Bookmart**				
Rose	**Willington**	**Bookmart**				