

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 2026/27



CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Meeting No: 2085

**Tuesday 1st September
2026**

**Guest Speaker: Robert Vinci
(Hear More Audiologist)**

Topic: Advances in Audiology

Meeting Duties

**Furniture: Stuart Ghent
Paul Denley**

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Karen Feind

Chairperson: David Simpson

Guest Speaker: Kel Burke

Joker Draw: Peter Brown

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

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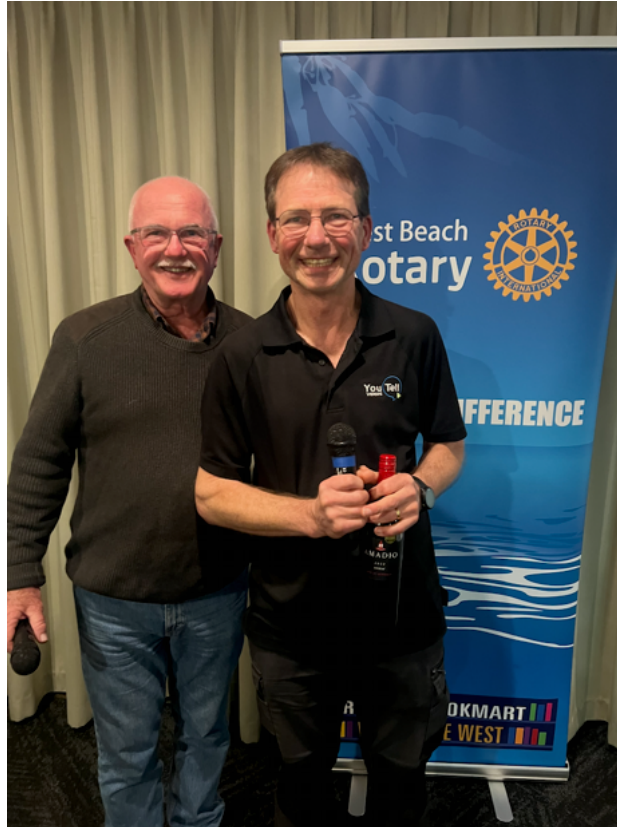
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Rotarian Steve Redden and guest speaker Rob Denton

Rob Denton - a Story Companion

Rob Denton's presentation is a personal journey about the power of listening to, capturing and sharing people's stories. It begins with his grandfather, Joe Denton, who lived in Farrell Flat and was a pioneer of early radio in South Australia. As a young man, Joe built his own radio transmitters and receivers, despite locals believing he was "hearing voices in the air." He demonstrated the technology by transmitting across the Farrell Flat oval and later helped establish 5DN, South Australia's first radio station. The speaker treasures an old recording of his grandfather describing these experiences, illustrating how powerful recorded stories can become across generations.

Rob's interest in stories developed further when he volunteered with St John to help people document their life histories. One person he worked with was Michael, who has cerebral palsy and communicates with significant physical limitations. After helping Michael write his story, the speaker suggested filming him telling it himself. Seeing Michael's joy at being able to express his experiences in his own words transformed the speaker's direction. He moved from writing stories to creating video stories, learning filmmaking skills and eventually producing professional recordings.

Rob speaker then began recording the stories of everyday people. He discovered that everyone has fascinating experiences, but that people often struggle when asked directly to tell their entire life story. Through conversation, however, memories and anecdotes naturally emerge. His recordings focus not simply on facts, but on personality, humour, emotions, voice and character.

A particularly powerful example is Keith, a war veteran living in a nursing home while caring for his wife with dementia. Keith described the brutality of war, including the bombing of his unit and the suffering of fellow soldiers. He also recalled showing compassion towards a young enemy soldier who surrendered. Recording these memories gave Keith an opportunity to reflect on his life and feel that his experiences were valued. After Keith later suffered a serious stroke and died, the recording became an important legacy for his family.

Rob also realised that people find it difficult to tell their own life stories. He discovered that talking about a passion, hobby or career is much easier and can naturally reveal the person behind the story. This led to his current approach, called “Off Camera Stories.” Rather than placing someone under the pressure of cameras and formal questioning, he first has a relaxed conversation with them. He then records them naturally undertaking familiar activities and combines the conversation with those images.

Rob now describes himself as a “story companion” rather than simply a videographer. His priority is the person and the meaning they gain from being heard. Recording is secondary. His central message is that storytelling is not merely about preserving memories for future generations; being genuinely listened to can itself give people meaning, dignity and a sense of being valued. He concludes by thanking the audience for listening and, in doing so, making him feel heard as well.

Rob was an excellent guest speaker and I feel it is worthy of giving his contact details:

Rob Denton - Story Companion

Off- camera stories

Last Tuesday many of our Rotarians attended the funeral of Norm Lewis. Co-President David Simpson was privileged to present one of the eulogies at the funeral. The following is his eulogy:

“Forty-two years ago, Norm Lewis changed my life. I remember the moment clearly: I was at home when Norm rang to tell me Rotary had sent me a letter about an interest meeting for a new club at Kidman Park — and that I hadn’t responded. He didn’t scold, he didn’t push; he simply reached out, as Norm always did, with quiet encouragement. Slightly embarrassed, I agreed to go.

That first meeting was excellent — full of energy, full of possibility. Afterwards I said to my wife, “I might go one more time, but I probably won’t join.” But week after week I kept turning up, drawn in by the people, the purpose, and, without question, by Norm’s steady influence. About three weeks later I came home and said, “I’ve decided to join — and I’m the first president.”

We held our induction meeting in August 1984, almost to this exact date. It was a wonderful night, and forty-two years later the club is still thriving. We began as Kidman Park, and recently changed our name to West Beach to reflect where we now meet — but the spirit of those early days remains.

Rotary then was a very different organisation. It was men-only, there were no mobile phones, no internet, no emails, and our newsletters arrived by next-day post. It was a slower world, a more personal world — and Norm guided us through it with remarkable calm and kindness.

As the District Governor’s Special Representative, Norm didn’t just lead; he nurtured. His advice was simple and wise: get the fellowship right and the service will follow. He was absolutely right. The club he helped establish remains one of his proudest achievements, and one of mine as well.

Norm was 25 years older than our average age but we did not notice any generation difference. Norm had his fun side and Mavis made him a Rotary tie that he wore to our special functions. The tie was eight inches wide.

Norm also reminded us that Rotary’s strict rules on attendance and vocation were a guide — they could be bent, but not broken. And I must admit, we didn’t always stay perfectly within the lines.

Norm taught us that common sense mattered more than rigid rule-keeping. And in time, Rotary changed those rules, so we no longer had to bend them.

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But beyond all of that — beyond the leadership, the guidance, the rules and the stories — Norm was simply a good man. A genuinely good man. To me, he was a friend, a mentor, and a steady presence who showed us, quietly and consistently, what it means to serve with humility, warmth, and purpose.

When Norm was in his early hundreds, he still attended our meetings. His commitment never faded. But when Covid struck, the aged-care home didn't want him leaving and risking infection, so members visited him instead.

Even as his eyesight and hearing declined, Norm remained sharp. He could always greet me by name, just from hearing my voice. Those visits — those gentle conversations, those shared memories — are moments I will always treasure.

As we say goodbye, we do so with sadness, but also with deep gratitude. Gratitude for his life, his friendship, his guidance, and the legacy he leaves behind. Norm helped build something that will endure long after all of us: a club grounded in fellowship, service, and integrity.

We honour him today, and we will remember him always.

Thank you, Norm — and goodbye.”

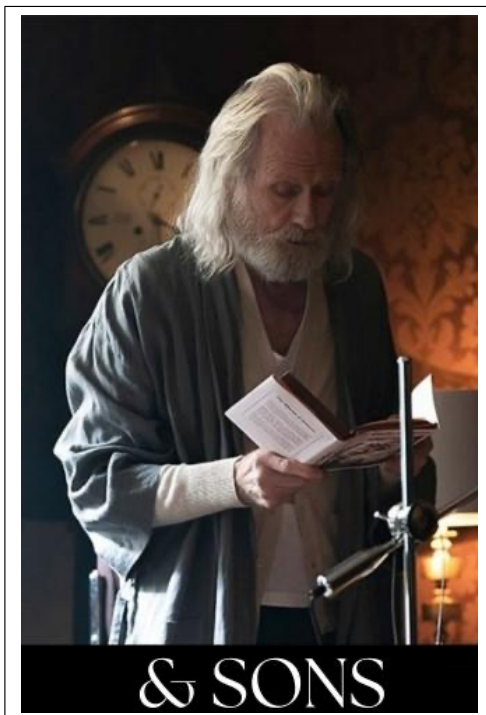


Australian Rotary Health movie fundraiser

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



INVITATION to “FRIENDS OF ROTARY” Event

Tuesday 15th Sept 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: Professor James Charles



Professor James Charles (BPod, MthSci (Pod), PhD) is a very proud Kaurna man for the Adelaide Plains. Currently Dean of Indigenous Research and Innovation, Adelaide University. He's previously worked at Griffith University, Deakin University, University of Newcastle, and Charles Sturt University.

He was one of the first Aboriginal podiatrists in Australia, and received a Master of Podiatry, and a PhD (Aboriginal foot health).

Dr Charles has volunteered his time at many Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, boards, and committees around Australia.

He has provided clinical podiatry services to Aboriginal communities all over Australia, in urban, rural and remote places.

Dr Charles was very honoured to receive the national NAIDOC “Scholar of the Year” award in 2017 for his teaching, research and work in the Aboriginal community. James also received the prestigious Alumni Accolade Award from the University of South Australia in 2018, and the outstanding Alumni Achiever Award from the University of Newcastle 2019.

Professor Charles has received a UNESCO achievement award for scientific education in 2019. He has conducted many research projects and published many research papers on Aboriginal health in peer-reviewed journals and several book chapters.

The support speakers from Harbour Town Adelaide are Kylie Crossing (Centre Manager) and Anna Delgiacco (Duty Manager)

It will be interesting to hear about Harbour Town's history and behind the scenes. Harbour Town is very much a part of our West Beach Community.

Secure your seat, email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: - Please Respond by 10th Sept, \$27 Payment <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

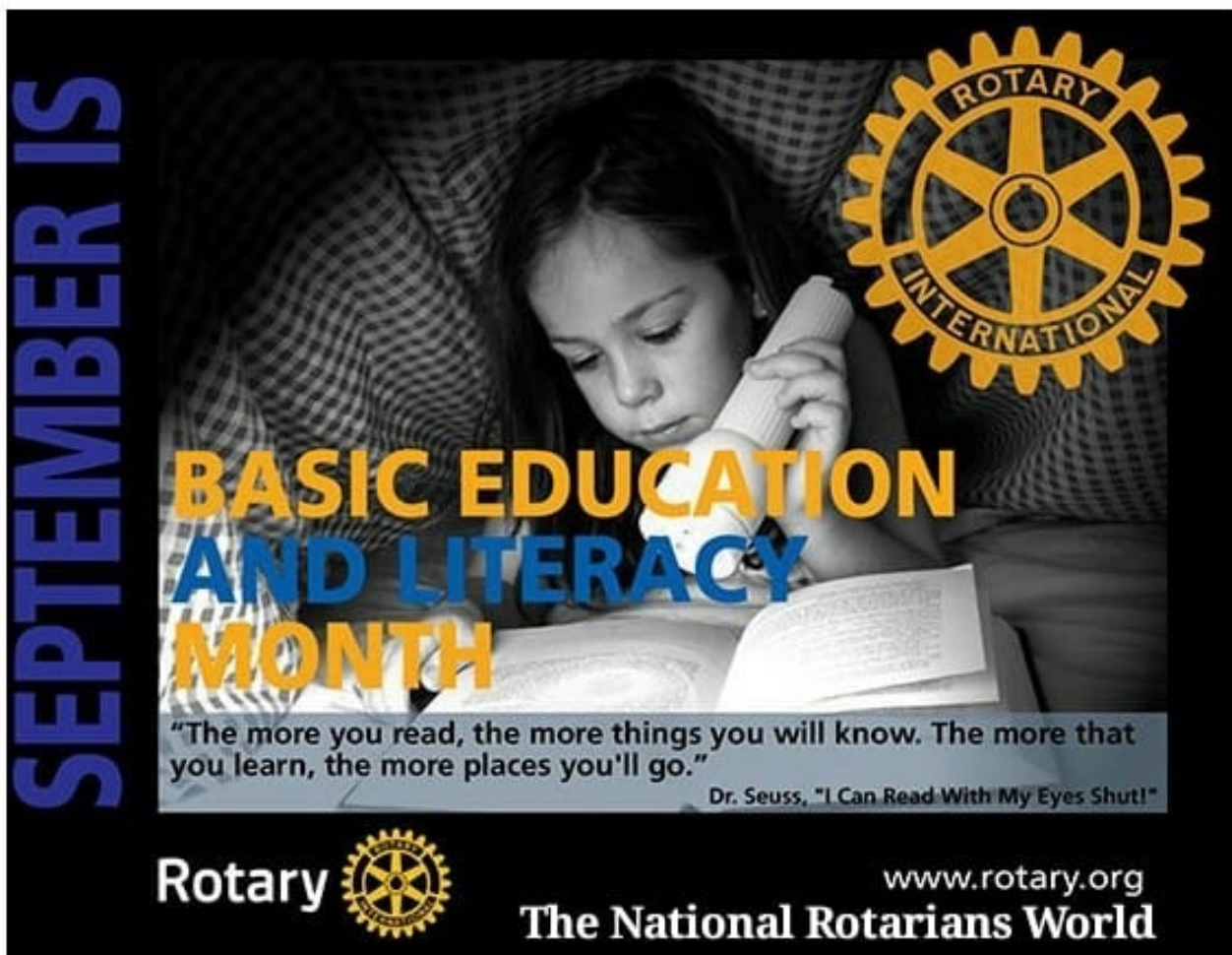
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Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

3rd September Father's Day Family Night

18th October



SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

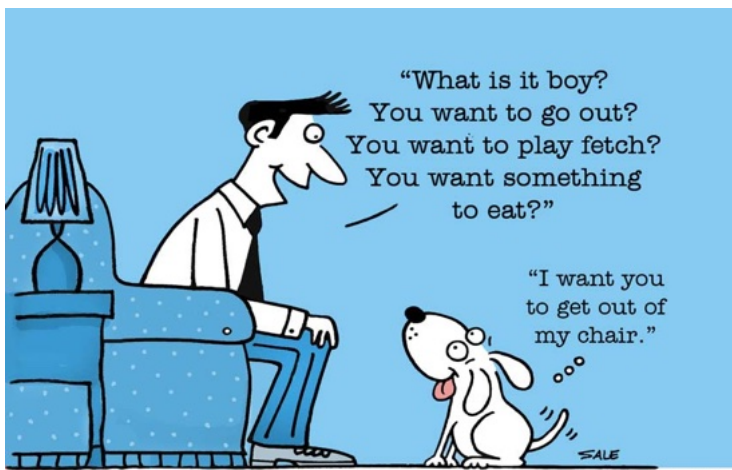
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The Joker Draw

Liz Foote won the draw, but
did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT
is \$1,241



"So you feel like you are constantly being followed?"

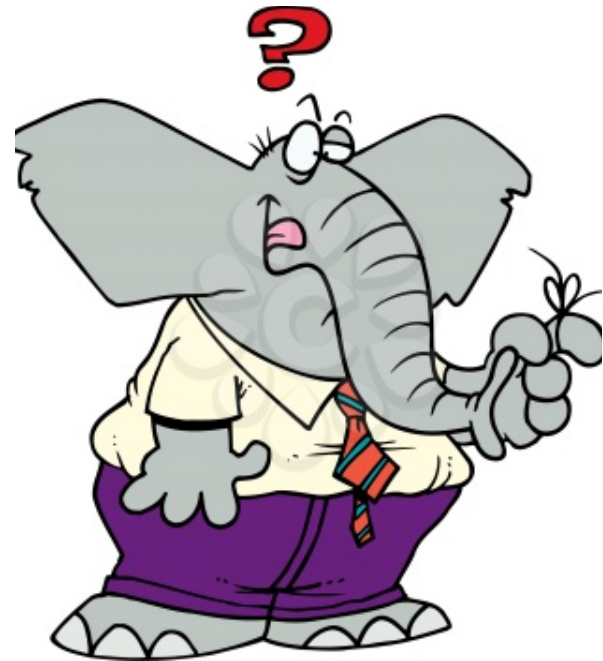
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Fellowship Events

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Put them in your Diary



Member's Birthdays:

Kevin Tiggemann 5th Sept.

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

1st September

Speaker: Robert Vinci (Hearing More Audiologist)

Topic: Advances in Audiology

8th September

Committees

15th September

FoR Meeting

Speaker: Prof. James Charles

Topic: Dean of Indigenous Research and Innovation

22nd September

Speaker: Henry Cowell (Ambulance SA)

Topic: Using a Defibrillator

29th September

Speaker: Dr Rajeev Kamineni

Topic: The Two Loves of My Life

Meals On Wheels Roster:

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

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

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

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

1st September

Furniture
Stuart Ghent
Paul Denley

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Karen Feind

Chairperson
David Simpson

Guest Speaker
Intro
Kel Burke

Joker Draw
Peter Brown

8th September

Furniture
Ron Harris
Rob Hughes

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Jenny Harris

Chairperson
Ed King

Guest Speaker
Intro
N/A

Joker Draw
Chris Hughes

15th September

Furniture
Peter Johnson
Peter Murton

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Engagement Com.

Chairperson
David Simpson

Guest Speaker
Intro
Tarn McIntosh

Joker Draw
N/A

22nd September

Furniture
Steve Redden
Grant Price

Attendance
John Christo

Welcome
Ian Roberts

Chairperson
Ed King

Guest Speaker
Intro
Carolyn Palmer

Joker Draw
Kevin Mullins

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
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 Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Chris Frensch
		12:30 - 03:00		
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	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	
Saturday	5th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lily Reynolds Jenny Clarke
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	
Monday	7th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds Anne Nagy, Ros Jones, Anne Fowler
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	8th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Chris Frensch
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
Thursday	10th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown	Christine Iovino
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	
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 Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
		12:30 - 03:00		
Tuesday	25th August	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Leonie Brunckhorst, Renuka Kumar Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	
Thursday	27th August	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 2026 - 2027

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	Tarn	McIntosh	Engagement
David	Taylor	Community			
David	Wilson	Community			
			Steve	Redden	Director Vocational
Tom	Bunnik	Dir. International	Bob	Hudson	Vocational/Youth
Paul	Denley	International	Grant	Price	Vocational/Youth
Stuart	Ghent	International	Rob	Stocker	Vocational/Youth
Peter	Johnson	International	Ann	Branson	Vocational/Youth
Ian	Roberts	International			
Brian	Tucker	International			
Karen	Feind	Dir. Bookmark			
Liz	Foote	Bookmart			
Jenny	Harris	Bookmart			
Rose	Willington	Bookmart			