

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: 2086

**Tuesday 8th September
2026**

Committee Meetings

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Ron Harris

Rob Hughes

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Jenny Harris

Chairperson: Ed King

Guest Speaker: N/A

Joker Draw: Chris Hughes

Apologies & Guests: Please advise

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Guest speaker and
Audiologist, Robert Vinci, with
Rotarian Kel Burke

Robert Vinci, from Hear More, an independent audiologist with 17 years' experience, described his career from studying health science through to completing a Master's in Audiology at Flinders University. After initially working under experienced clinicians, he eventually established his own independent practice with three other clinicians. The business operates from several permanent sites across South Australia and also provides services in regional communities, requiring extensive equipment to be transported to clinics.

The presentation focused on hearing loss, its causes, risks, treatment and available services. Three main types of hearing loss were explained: sensorineural, which is generally permanent and results from damage to the inner ear or auditory nerve; conductive, usually involving the outer or middle ear and often treatable; and mixed, which combines both types.

Robert explained how hearing is assessed using audiometry, with results displayed on a graph showing the severity and frequency of hearing loss. Speech-recognition testing is also undertaken to determine how clearly a person can understand words and how likely hearing aids are to benefit them. Ear examinations and middle-ear pressure testing can identify problems such as wax, infection, fluid or perforations. Where necessary, patients are referred to GPs or ENT specialists.

A major emphasis was placed on noise-induced hearing loss. Exposure to very loud sounds—including jet engines, chainsaws, machinery and amplified music—can cause

permanent damage, particularly when ear protection is not used. Employers are required to provide appropriate hearing protection in noisy workplaces, although individuals must choose to use it. The speaker also expressed concern about younger people regularly listening to music through earbuds at excessive volumes.

Robert highlighted the broader consequences of untreated hearing loss, including communication difficulties, social isolation, mental fatigue, reduced quality of life, employment and income impacts, and an increased risk of falls. Hearing loss has also been associated with cognitive decline and dementia, although the speaker explained that this is a relationship involving increased risk rather than a simple direct cause.

Different hearing-aid styles were demonstrated, ranging from larger behind-the-ear devices to very small completely-in-the-canal and invisible-in-the-canal models. Modern hearing aids can include Bluetooth connectivity, rechargeable batteries, smartphone apps, artificial intelligence, motion sensors, fall detection, health tracking and even language translation. However, smaller devices generally require compromises in battery life and functionality.

Government hearing-service subsidies may cover eligible Australians, while private health insurance can provide additional assistance. For people without subsidies, hearing aids can range from roughly \$2,000 to \$9,000, depending on technology and features.

The speaker also discussed tinnitus, explaining that it commonly accompanies hearing loss. While there is no simple cure, hearing aids can provide relief for many people, and background sounds such as fans, radio or television can help distract from tinnitus.

Finally, the audiologist explained the importance of earwax management, generally favouring micro-suction rather than traditional water syringing. In response to questions, he stressed the advantage of using an independent audiology practice, because it is not tied to a particular manufacturer and can recommend different brands according to individual needs. He identified Oticon as currently being among the leading premium manufacturers, while acknowledging that hearing-aid technology is developing rapidly.

Good hearing is priceless, if your's isn't, try and get it fixed. Your "deaf" Ed.

National First Responders Day, Wednesday 28th October

Bunnings Sa/NT are working with Rotary to hold a state-wide fundraising event on Wednesday 28th October, being a National First Responders Day. The fundraiser is for the First Responder Mobile App.

Bunnings will supply all meat, onion, bread, sauces, drinks and ice for the day. All Rotary clubs need to do is cook, serve and handle money.

100% of BBQ sales, raffles, and donations will go directly to the First Responders Mobile App. Project.

In addition to the BBQ, the following activities may be organised by the Bunnings Activities Organiser at the store:

- Emergency service vehicles and personnel meet & greet
- Colouring-in activity, to encourage after-school visits
- In-store scavenger hunt
- In-store raffles and more

About the Project

Every day, firefighters, paramedics, police, and rescue crews attend incidents involving injured or distressed animals, often facing fear, uncertainty, and significant physical and psychological risk. Many leave these scenes carrying trauma long after the incident is over. The Rotary First Responder App. Project has been developed to change that.

This innovative initiative will provide frontline emergency personnel with practical, evidence-based guidance to support safer decision-making, dynamic risk assessment, species-specific hazard awareness, and access to specialist support services during animal-related emergencies.

Club News:



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By helping responders better manage these complex incidents, the project aims to reduce injury, emotional strain, and longterm trauma while improving community safety and animal welfare outcomes.

Please volunteer for the BBQ on Wednesday 28th October.



Meals on Wheels Criminal History Check Document

A JP, from our club, will sign off on your completed documents at Rotary on the next few Tuesday nights. These are legal documents and the JP has to attend to them legally, as are his requirements listed below.

Justice of the Peace

I have sighted the required original identification documents provided by the applicant, and confirm that the applicant's details and signature on this form match those documents.

Print name

Signature

Date

Please be aware of this requirement and be prepared to present the documents to the JP. ie please bring your license, passport, etc.

It may seem pedantic, but that's how our society rolls these days.

Thanking you in anticipation

Paul

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>

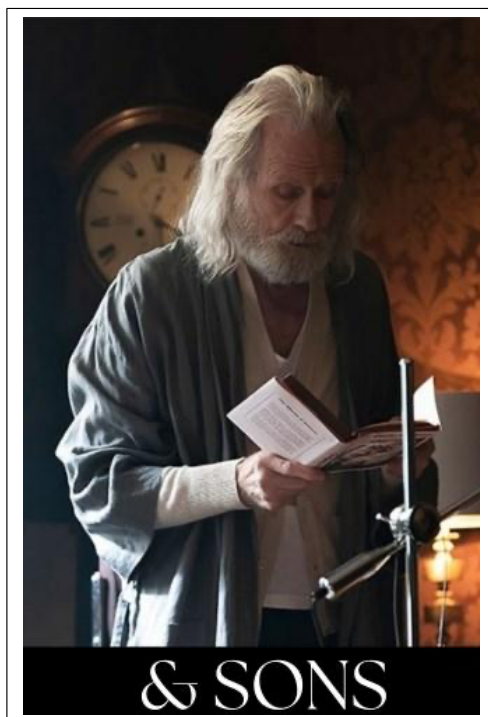


Australian Rotary Health movie fundraiser

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



Club News:

Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

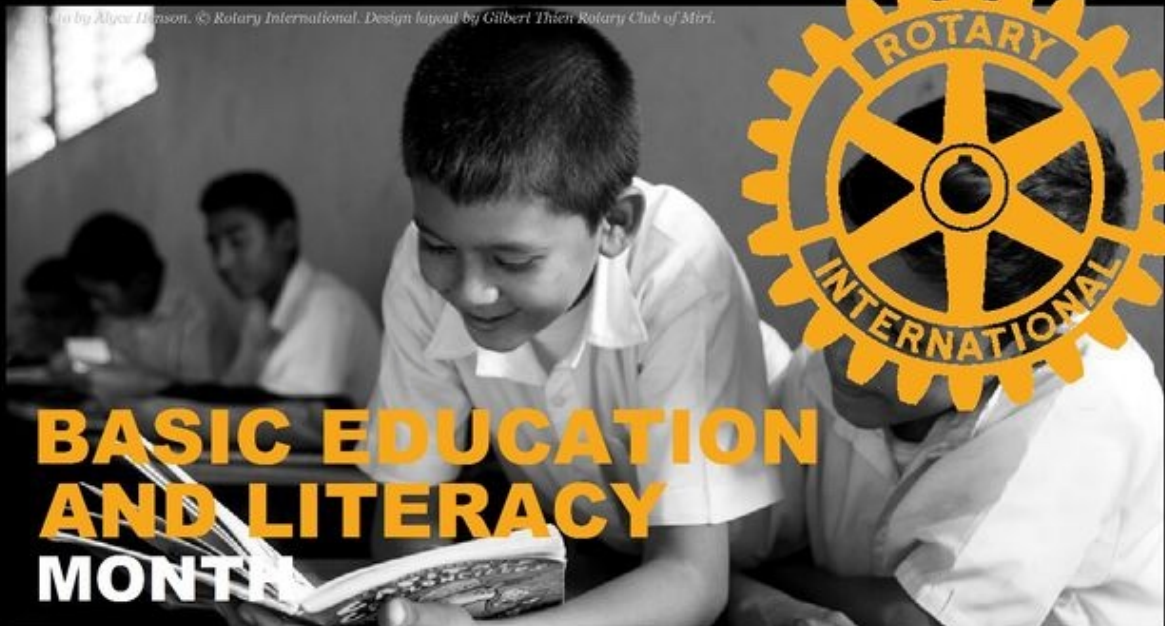
3rd September Father's Day Family Night

18th October

28th October



SEPTEMBER IS



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey





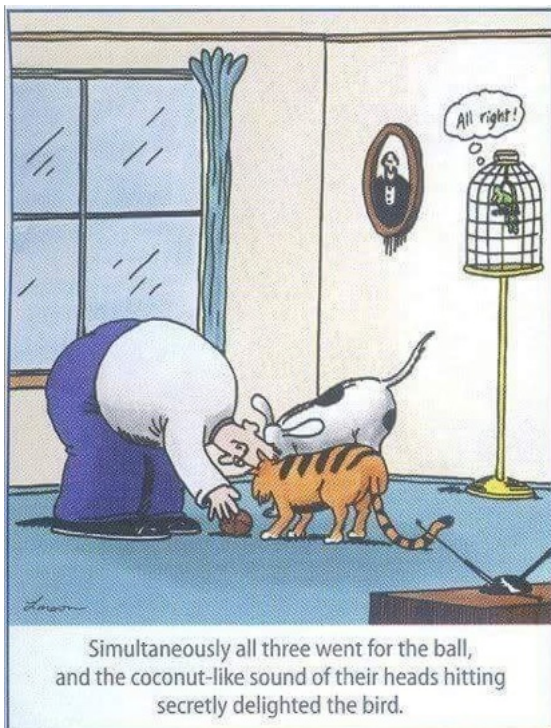
The Joker Draw

Ian Roberts won the draw, but
did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT
is \$1,275



"I'm sure it's a false alarm - my husband
must have the leak fixed by now."



Simultaneously all three went for the ball,
and the coconut-like sound of their heads hitting
secretly delighted the bird.



"You'd think they'd list that under
potential side effects."

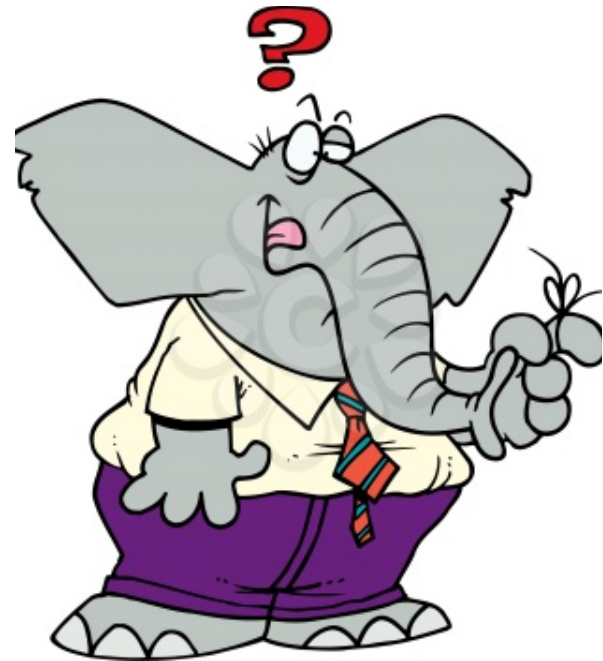
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Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



Member's Birthdays:

Peter Murton 10th Sept

Rob Stocker 10th Sept

Bob Hudson 12th Sept

Rob Chambers 14th Sept

Partner's Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Membership Anniversaries

Ron Harris 13th Sept

Warren Hobbs 15th Sept

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

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

9th September - Karen Feind

16th September - Rob Chambers

23rd September - Ed King

30th September - Stuart Ghent

7th October - Tom Bunnik

Friday Roster

11th September - Brian Tucker

18th September - Paul Denley

25th September - Chris Hughes

2nd October - Richard Daley

9th October - Ron 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.
- 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

8th September	15th September	22nd September	29th September
Furniture Ron Harris Rob Hughes	Furniture Peter Johnson Peter Murton	Furniture Steve Redden Grant Price	Furniture Rob Stocker David Taylor
Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo
Welcome Jenny Harris	Welcome Engagement Com.	Welcome Ian Roberts	Welcome Brian Tucker
Chairperson Ed King	Chairperson David Simpson	Chairperson Ed King	Chairperson David Simpson
Guest Speaker Intro N/A	Guest Speaker Intro Tarn McIntosh	Guest Speaker Intro Carolyn Palmer	Guest Speaker Intro Barbara Wheatcroft
Joker Draw Chris Hughes	Joker Draw N/A	Joker Draw Kevin Mullins	Joker Draw Rose Willington

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Saturday	5th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke, John Wilson
Monday	7th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Anne Fowler, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	8th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	
Thursday	10th Sept.	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown	Christine Iovino, Ros Jones, Sheryl Ciavarello starting 1/10/26
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	
Saturday	12th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Janet Johnson, Jenny Harris	Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lorraine Paroissien, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Kevin Tiggemann, Ron Harris	John Wilson
Monday	14th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Ros Jones
Tuesday	15th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Renuka Kumar
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	17th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Jenny Harris	Ruth Shakes, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00		Don & Lee McCulloch, Ros Jones, Sheryl Ciavarello starting 8/10/26
Saturday	19th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington	Lorraine Paroissien, John Wilson
Monday	21st Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Chris Frensch, Alison Harris
Tuesday	22nd Sept	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	24th Sept	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	

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
Frank	Bunnik	International	Grant	Price	Vocational/Youth
Paul	Denley	International	Rob	Stocker	Vocational/Youth
Stuart	Ghent	International	Ann	Branson	Vocational/Youth
Peter	Johnson	International			
Ian	Roberts	International			
Brian	Tucker	International			
Karen	Feind	Dir. Bookmark			
Liz	Foote	Bookmart			
Jenny	Harris	Bookmart			
Rose	Willington	Bookmart			