

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: 2091
Tuesday 13th October
2026

Committees

Meeting Duties

Furniture: Ron Harris

Stuart Ghent

Attendance: John Christo

Welcome: Karen Feind

Chairperson: Ed King

Guest Speaker Intro:
Committees

Joker Draw: Peter Farquhar

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

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Guest Speaker, Olympian,
Chris McHugh and Rotarian
David Taylor

Chris McHugh gave an engaging and humorous presentation about his journey from growing up in country New South Wales to becoming an elite beach volleyball player, Olympian, Commonwealth Games medallist and, more recently, an advocate for young people and athletes.

Chris grew up in Pambula on the NSW South Coast before moving to Adelaide, where he attended Torrensville Primary School and St Michael's College. His sporting journey was not an obvious one. As a child, he tried music, AFL and other sports without success. His parents encouraged him to learn the clarinet, but Chris much preferred playing volleyball with his friends. He eventually discovered that volleyball suited him, and his commitment and work ethic became the foundation of his sporting career.

Chris made his volleyball debut in 2006 and went on to represent Australia at two Commonwealth Games, winning medals at the Gold Coast in 2018 and Birmingham in 2022. His greatest achievement was qualifying for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021 after years of training and sacrifice. He subsequently attempted to qualify for the Paris Olympics but suffered an injury just six weeks before the Games, ending his hopes. Although disappointing, Chris said the experience reinforced an important lesson: sport, like life, can sometimes be brutal and unfair, and you simply have to move forward.

Chris retired after Paris and is now concentrating on life beyond elite sport. He is married with three young children and lives in West Beach. He is passionate about youth health and the role sport can play in developing resilience, teamwork, discipline and the ability to cope with both success and failure. He is also involved in campaigns promoting responsible behaviour by parents around children's sport.

He now works with elite athletes at the University of Adelaide, helping them balance university study with high-level sporting commitments and prepare for life after their sporting careers. Chris stressed the importance of developing an identity beyond sport because athletic careers are relatively short and sporting success can disappear quickly from public attention.

Chris also spoke about his recent experience at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where he served as an Athlete Liaison Officer. With only nine sports included and no traditional athletes' village, the Games were very different from previous Commonwealth Games. Chris helped induct Australia's 425 athletes and staff, promoting teamwork, kindness and a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves.

He particularly enjoyed seeing Australian athletes compete and succeed across many sports. He highlighted the importance of supporting teammates, maintaining focus under pressure and enjoying the opportunity to represent Australia.

Reflecting on his career, Chris said his greatest pride was not necessarily his medals but the friendships, experiences and lessons gained along the way. He encouraged everyone, particularly young people, to pursue their dreams, work hard, remain resilient and avoid defining themselves solely by their occupation or achievements.

Chris concluded by emphasising that Australia provides wonderful opportunities for people to succeed, but also the support to recover when things do not go according to plan.

Club News:



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ROTARY CLUB of WEST BEACH

COME & JOIN US



GAWLER & BAROSSA JOCKEY CLUB

Wednesday November 18th 2026

Gates open at 10.30am

Cost: \$40 per person
(this includes free entry, lunch and a race book).

Travel by train or drive yourself.
The train station is approx a 20 minute walk from the station.

Bookings are required by 30th October.
Payment can be made direct to the club bank account.
BSB: 633-000 Account No: 152107249

For further information contact Barbara – Mob: 0413 511 243, or
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 13th December 2026

12.30pm

**The Colley Room at the
Colley Hotel, Glenelg
2-course lunch (alternate drop)**

Cost: \$65 per person

Bookings are required by 6th December.
Payment can be made direct to the club bank account.
BSB: 633-000 Account No: 152107249

Or by using the Try Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>

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Put these dates in your diary





YOU'RE
INVITED

Community Bank - West Beach

FREE Community Family Fun Day

Come together and celebrate our **25th Birthday** with our wonderful community at our FREE family fun day!

Discover and support many of our local clubs, organisations and small businesses while enjoying fun activities for the whole family, live entertainment, market stalls, delicious food and drinks and plenty of opportunities to connect with the community.

Everyone is welcome!

When Saturday 21 November 2026

Time 9.30am - 1pm

Where Apex Park, West Beach

Phone 8235 0208 for more information.

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Bookmart Update

The school holiday book sale finishes this Saturday. We had a really good day last Thursday with sales reaching over \$500.

Last Saturday we received a donation of 34 boxes of Science Fiction books. They are being sold for \$2 each and please do not throw any away that are boxed in the shed as they are a mixture of old and new books.

We are having a helpers thank you lunch at the Watermark on Friday, 20 November. The cost is free to our Community volunteers and any Rotarians are welcome to join us. I will be putting up a sheet at Bookmart for people to write their names if they are coming. The Watermark has been closed for renovations so it will be interesting to see what has changed when they reopen.

Regards

Karen Feind

INVITATION to “FRIENDS OF ROTARY” Event

**Tuesday 20th October 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: Ken KG Cunningham OA



Sporting career

Media career

Ken had a first-class cricket career 1960/61 to 73/74 seasons with SA Cricket Team in the Sheffield Shield. A left-hand batsman he was part of the sides that won the Shield in 1963/64 and 1968/69 and went on to play 97 first-class matches in a solid career, averaging 37 with the bat. He was the SA team captain in 7 matches from 1971 to 1973. He toured New Zealand in 1966/67 with the Australian team captained by Les Favell.

He was a highly rated football umpire, officiating in four SANFL grand finals three interstate games during his 130 games in seven years (1961–1967) at the top level.

Following his sport career, he became a TV and radio sports presenter. During the 1980s, KG hosted a 30-minute football wrap-up show on Channel 9 Adelaide called **KG's Footy Show**. The show was run on Saturdays during the football season and ran in the 5:30–6pm time slot. KG and guests who included players usually from the day's winning teams in the SANFL, would give their comments and show highlights of the games. KG was also the weekend sports presenter for Channel 9 news in Adelaide for over 20 years until he joined Channel 7 in 2005. For his long TV service to football, the SANFL inducted him into their Hall of Fame in 2012.

He also co-hosted the FIVEaa Sports Show from the mid-1980s until 2008, firstly with former South Australian cricket captain David Hookes and later with former SANFL player and Adelaide Crows (AFL) coach Graham Cornes. The radio show, **KG and Cornesy**, was among Adelaide's most popular drive time shows.

In the 1990 Australian Day Honours Ken was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "service to the media, particularly as a sporting broadcaster".

He is frequently very opinionated and pro-South Australian and passionate of any South Australian sporting Team, Player, Coach and anyone associated with Sport

Don't miss this opportunity to meet some new people, have a chat, share stories, and hear from Special Guest Speaker, The Passionate, Ken KG Cunningham.

Our support speaker will be Alan Young, West Beach Coastal Newsletter, updating us on quality of dredged sand, Bird Flu and Algal Bloom.

**Secure your seat, email; - to Warren Hobbs (Engagement Chair) or Try Booking: -
Please Respond by 15th Oct, \$27 Payment <https://www.trybooking.com/DIARP>**

Time to get excited about our next FoR Event on Tuesday 20th October.

Our Friend Denny Hodgson who is a paid-up FoR together with his wife Elizabeth, has arranged for his pal Ken Cunningham to be an "On the Couch" Speaker next month. Denny also happens to be a member of Adelaide Rotary Club but also likes what we do at WBR.

The attached Flyer has been prepared by our Kevin Tiggemann. (Thanks Kevin....he does that each month plus various other FoR roles.)

KG Cunningham is a legend in Cricket, Footy Umpiring(when one Umpire did it all) and a popular media Commentator for over 40 years.

And he is western suburbs and South Australian to the core.

Also be aware that our Support Speaker is Alan Young who is passionate about the health of our beaches and marine life.

Alan will have 10 min to share his thoughts on current key beach issues eg dredging of sand from where for replenishment(and what quality sand!!). and updates on Algal Bloom and what he has observed about Bird Flu. Each of these are key issues for our Beaches and hence for all of our local Clubs who attend our FoR events. See you there. It will be a bumper crowd!!

Cheers

Warren Hobbs

For the WBR Engagement Committee

Club News:

Bunnings BBQ

For your diaries:

18th October

28th October

Trial Bunnings BBQ on Thursday

1st October from 11am - 2pm

netted WBR \$406 profit.

School holidays may have boosted the result. Some more thought required as to any ongoing BBQs during the week.



OCTOBER IS

**ECONOMIC
AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."

Loshini Naidoo





The Joker Draw

Rob Stocker won the draw,
but did not draw the Joker

The JACKPOT
is \$1,437 approx.



LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK



"Okay, you got me. There's no such thing as
organic free range vegetarian spheres.
They're peas."

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK



Rick tried to go on after the fire ...

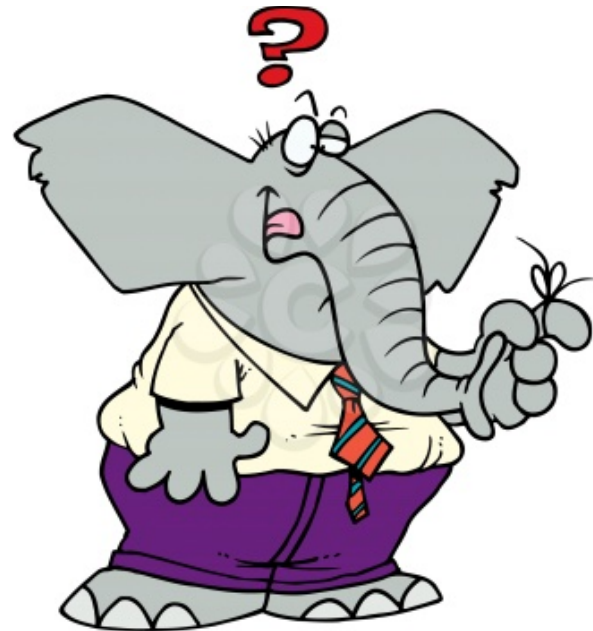
Club News:



Fellowship Events

SAVE THE DATES

Put them in your Diary



18th November - Gawler Barossa Jockey Club race day - See Flyer above

13th December - Christmas Lunch - The Colley Hotel

12th January - President's BBQ - David Simpson's house

Feb/March - Arts outing - Regal Theatre

March 2027 - Warrawong Sanctuary

Apr/May - guess Who's Coming to Lunch

Member's Birthdays:

Jenny Harris 16th October

Chris Branson 17th October

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

13th October

Committees

20th October

FoR Event

Speaker: Ken “KG” Cunningham

Topic: SA Sport and Radio

Also Alan Young will be a supplementary speaker

27th October

Speaker: District Governor Tim Lee

3rd November

No Meeting - Melbourne Cup

10th November

AGM

17th

FoR

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

14th October - Peter Brown

21st October - Peter Murton

28th October - Tom Bunnik

4th November - Karen Feind

11th November - Frank Bunnik

18th November - Ed King

25th November - Rob Chambers

Friday Roster

16th October- Ron Harris

23rd October - Jenny Harris

30th October - Rose Willington

6th November - Paul Denley

13th November - Brian Tucker

20th November - Chris Hughes

27th November - Robert Ryan

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

13th October	20th October	27th October	3rd November
Furniture Ron Harris Stuart Ghent	Furniture Rob Hughes Peter Johnson	Furniture Ian Roberts Grant Price	Furniture
Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance John Christo	Attendance
Welcome Karen Feind	Welcome Engagement Com	Welcome Carolyn Palmer	No Meeting
Chairperson Ed King	Chairperson David Simpson	Chairperson Ed King	Chairperson
Guest Speaker Intro Committees	Guest Speaker Intro Denny Hodgson	Guest Speaker Intro Ed King	Guest Speaker Intro
Joker Draw Peter Farquhar	Joker Draw N/A	Joker Draw Peter Murton	Joker Draw

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BookMart Roster:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
Monday	12th October	10:00 - 12:30	Grant Price	Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Chris Frensch, Alison Harris
Tuesday	13th October	10:00 - 12:30		Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner, Shane Roberts, Lorraine Panazzolo
		12:30 - 03:00	Steve Redden, Rob Stocker	
Thursday	15th October	10:00 - 12:30	Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland	
		12:30 - 03:00	Paul Denley	Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick
Saturday	17th October	10:00 - 12:30	Liz Foote, Megan Kerr	Darlene Green, Lily Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00	Janet Johnson	Jenny Clarke, John Wilson
Monday	19th October	10:00 - 12:30	Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson	Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Anne Nagy, Anne Fowler, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	20th October	10:00 - 12:30	Chris Hughes, Paul Denley	Barbara Kendrick, Shane Roberts
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft	Vicki Hardstaff
Thursday	22nd October	10:00 - 12:30	Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown	
		12:30 - 03:00	Warren Hobbs	Christine Iovino, Ros Jones, Sheryl Ciavarello starting 1/10/26
Saturday	24th October	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	26th October	10:00 - 12:30	Steve Redden	Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds
		12:30 - 03:00		Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Chris Frensch
Tuesday	27th October	10:00 - 12:30	Rob Hughes	Renuka Kumar, Shane Roberts
		12:30 - 03:00	John Jackson	Clive Turner, Alison Duggan
Thursday	29th October	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	1st Nov.	10:00 - 12:30	Karen Feind, Kel Burke	Darlene Green
		12:30 - 03:00	Rose Willington	Lorraine Paroissien, John Wilson

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			