# 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: 2093**
**Tuesday 27th October 2026**

**Guest Speaker: District Governor Tim Mee**

**Meeting Duties**

**Furniture: Ian Roberts**
**Grant Price**

**Attendance: John Christo**

**Welcome: Carolyn Palmer**

**Chairperson: Ed King**

**Guest Speaker Intro: David Simpson**

**Joker Draw: Paul Denley**

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# Club News:

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Guest Speaker

The Legendary

Ken "KG" Cunningham

**Ken "KG" Cunningham – A Life in Sport and Broadcasting**

Ken "KG" Cunningham, one of South Australia's best-known sporting personalities, entertained members with a memorable presentation reflecting on his life in cricket, football umpiring and radio broadcasting. Born in Adelaide in 1939 and raised in the West End, KG shared stories of sporting achievements, family, friendship and the people who shaped his life.

**Early life and sporting career**

KG grew up in a family with little money but plenty of love and encouragement. His parents supported his sporting ambitions, with his father making him a cricket bat from timber taken from their backyard fence. His father also coached him in cricket and football and regularly drove him to training before and after long working days.

KG fulfilled his dream of playing cricket for South Australia, although he admitted he had never considered himself particularly talented as a youngster. He recalled the privilege of playing alongside greats such as Ian Chappell, Les Favell and Barry Richards. One unforgettable moment came in 1962 when he found himself batting with the legendary Sir Garfield Sobers. KG recalled wondering what he was doing on the same cricket field as such an extraordinary player.

He also recounted colourful stories from his years as a football umpire, including clashes with Neil Kerley and reporting his childhood hero, West Adelaide player Ken Eustice. The

latter incident led to a memorable tribunal hearing, where evidence of the player's injuries helped explain the circumstances surrounding the incident. These stories demonstrated KG's humour and commitment to doing his job, even when it involved difficult decisions.

**A remarkable broadcasting career**

KG's broadcasting career began in 1977 after he was approached by 5DN to introduce a new sports talkback format to Australian radio. At the time, he was considering an offer to captain South Australia in cricket. His wife, Sandra, strongly encouraged him to accept the radio opportunity rather than return to cricket.

That decision launched a career approaching 50 years in broadcasting. His partnership with Graham "Cornesy" Cornes became a major feature of South Australian sports radio, lasting approximately 35 years. Although the pair sometimes disagreed, KG spoke warmly of their friendship and mutual respect. He also praised Cornes for the generosity and compassion he had shown to people who needed help behind the scenes.

**Love, family and gratitude**

One of the most moving parts of KG's presentation concerned Sandra, whom he met on a blind date. Their relationship began unexpectedly, and they married on 27 March 1965. KG credited her with playing an enormous role in his personal and professional success.

Reflecting on his life, he expressed one significant regret: that his work in radio and television had sometimes taken priority over being the husband he wished he had been. He encouraged others to appreciate their partners and family while they have the opportunity.

KG also spoke affectionately about his parents, particularly his mother's warmth and his father's dedication. He recalled how his father's employer continued paying his wages for 18 months after his death, providing vital support to the family.

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

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Bunnik Tours
Family-run since forever

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Bendigo Bank

AMADIO
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

**Questions and final reflections**

During questions, KG shared further memories of cricket and football, including his friendship with the late David Hookes. He finished with a typically passionate plea for the Adelaide Crows to improve their performances.

The key message: KG's stories celebrated a remarkable sporting and broadcasting career, but his greatest gratitude was reserved for his family, especially Sandra. His reflections reminded members that success is meaningful, but love, loyalty and time spent with those closest to us matter most

"If any of our readers have any photos relating to the presentation by KG then can you please email those to" dennysho@allouts.com









KG with interviewer, James Packham

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## West Beach Coastal News – Beach Erosion and Sand Replenishment

Our Support Speaker, **Alan Young** is a passionate protector of our local beaches. He established the West Beach Coastal News several years ago in response to community concerns about local beach issues. The newsletter now reaches approximately 1,000 people monthly and aims to provide information and investigate stories that may not receive wider media coverage. With a background in education, Alan believes that informing the community is essential to understanding local environmental challenges.

The presentation focused on ongoing erosion along West Beach and the government's efforts to replenish the sand. The coastline reportedly loses approximately 90,000 cubic metres of sand annually. Previous approaches, including transporting sand by truck, have not provided a lasting solution.

The current program involves dredging sand from an area near the entrance to North Haven Marina and transporting it south by barge. The barge carries approximately 750 cubic metres per load and releases the sand close to shore. The speaker estimated that around 50,000 cubic metres had been delivered by late September, although an official figure was unavailable.

While placing the sand closer to the beach may help reduce erosion, the speaker raised concerns about the quality of the dredged material. Sand from North Haven may contain fine sediments and sulphides, which can become suspended in the water when disturbed. The resulting discolouration and unpleasant odours have raised questions about water quality, marine organisms and the potential effects on fish breeding grounds and seagrass habitats.

Another concern is the apparent shift from what was understood to be a trial project to a longer-term commitment.

The presentation also highlighted local birdlife as a possible indicator of environmental health. Hooded plovers, an endangered species, have experienced breeding difficulties near the outlet, while fewer red-capped plovers have been observed than in previous seasons. It was stressed that adequate ecological studies and baseline data are needed to assess the consequences of the coastal works.

In conclusion, the speaker acknowledged the importance of protecting West Beach and Henley Beach from erosion but called for greater transparency, independent environmental monitoring and community consultation before committing to a long-term solution. Residents were encouraged to subscribe to the West Beach Coastal News to follow developments and learn more about the beach, its wildlife and restoration efforts, and also to provide their own input.

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### Harbour Town Premium Outlets Adelaide

Ann Branson was lucky enough to win a $100 voucher donated to WBR by Harbour Town Premium Outlets on Tuesday night. Maybe third time lucky with a Cross Lotto ticket?

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## WBR will be at the Bunnings Airport Store



# Nomination Form Election of Officers

for West Beach Rotary Club Board **2027-2028**

Please complete all sections of this form to nominate a candidate (including self-nomination) for election to the Rotary Club Board. All nominations must be submitted by the specified closing date. Incomplete forms may not be accepted.

## Section 1: Nominee Details

| | |
|---|---|
| **Full Name of Nominee** | |
| **Contact Number - Mobile** | |
| **Contact Number – Home / Work** | |
| **Email Address** | |

## Section 2: Position Nominated For

Please tick (✓) the position for which the nominee is standing:

( ) President 2027-20278
( ) President Elect (President 2028-2029)
( ) Treasurer
( ) Secretary
( ) Community Committee Chair
( ) Engagement Committee Chair
( ) Fellowship Committee Chair
( ) International Committee Chair
( ) Vocational / Youth Committee Chair
( ) Public Officer

## Section 3: Nominator Details

If self-nomination, please repeat your details below.

| | |
|---|---|
| **Full Name of Nominator** | |
| **Signature** | Date: / / |

## Section 4: Seconder Details

A seconder is required for all nominations.

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|---|---|
| **Full Name of Seconder** | |
| **Signature** | Date: / / |

## Section 5: Nominee Consent

I, the undersigned, accept this nomination and confirm my willingness to serve on the Rotary Club Board if elected.

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|---|---|
| **Nominee's Signature** | Date: / / |

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## Submission Instructions

• Return the completed form to the Club Secretary Wayne Comley
by email: - waynecomley@icloud.com
or in person by 17th November 2026

• For any queries, please contact the Club Secretary Wayne Comley
by email: - waynecomley@icloud.com
or: - Mobile 0419 846 557

Thank you for supporting the West Beach Rotary Club Board election process.

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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
E: barbarawheatcroft@gmail.com

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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***

EST The 1869 COLLEY HOTEL GLENELG / S.A.

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

For further information contact Barbara – Mob: 0413 511 243, or
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***Put these dates in your diary***

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The event may appeal to Club members and Friends of Rotary, and there is discounted price for Rotary.

*Note from Kate Villano - "Members can book, pay and select their preferred seats online, so there's no group booking or administration required from your organisation".*

Regards

Wayne

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## Bunnings BBQ



For your diaries:

**28th October Wednesday**

**22nd November Sunday**



# Club News:

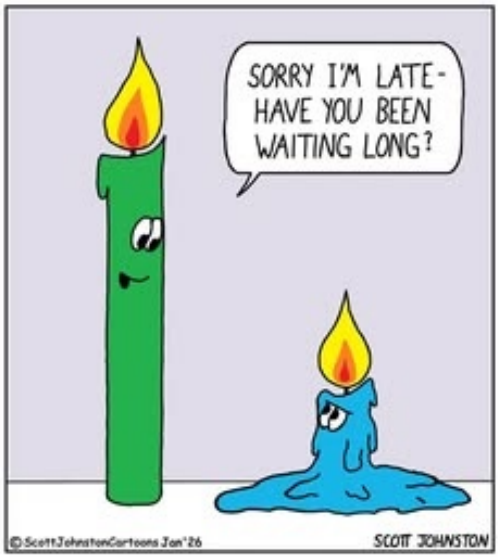
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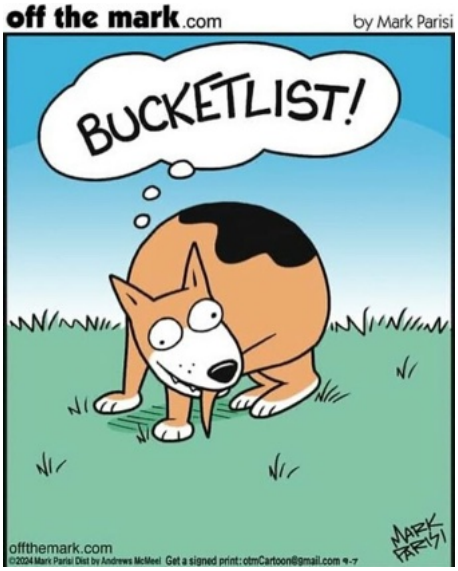



## The Joker Draw

**Ann Branson generously donated $200 to start the new Jackpot. Many thanks Ann, from all of us.**

**The JACKPOT**
**$200**










"Yes or no: have you been drinking out of my private reserve?"

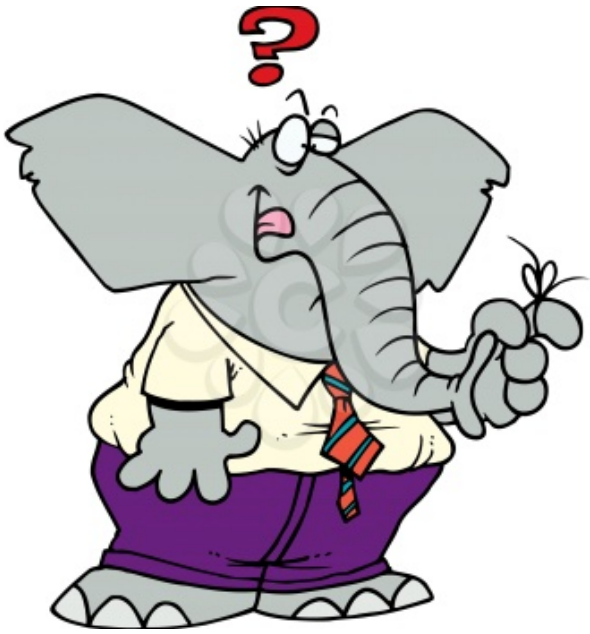
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## Fellowship Events

**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 '27 - By train to Belair Hotel for lunch**

**Mar '27 - Arts Theatre or Regal Theatre**

**Mar/Apr '27 - High tea at Waterfall Gully Restaurant**

Member's Birthdays:

Grant Price 3rd November

Partner's Birthdays:

Helen Hobbs 29th October

Sue Murton 30th October

Wedding Anniversaries:

Stuart & Sandra Ghent 1st Nov

Frank & Marion Bunnik 8th Nov

Membership Anniversaries

Rose Willington 27th October

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**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?

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## Upcoming Events & Guest Speaker

27th October

Speaker: District Governor Tim Mee

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3rd November

No Meeting - Melbourne Cup

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10th November

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17th November **FoR Night**

Speaker: Samuel Doering...Award winning Historian and Author

Topic: Germans and the Making of South Australia

Explore the rich history of South Australia's German community, and discover how German South Australians shaped the state's agricultural, cultural, religious, and architectural life, leaving an enduring legacy across the State.

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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

28th October - Tom Bunnik

4th November - Karen Feind

11th November - Frank Bunnik

18th November - Ed King

25th November - Rob Chambers

2nd December - Stuart Ghent

9th December - Peter Brown

16th December - David Simpson

## Friday Roster

30th October - Rose Willington

6th November - Paul Denley

13th November - Brian Tucker

20th November - Chris Hughes

27th November - Ron Harris

4th December - Jenny Harris

11th December - Richard Daley

18th December - Ann Branson

***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***

Rotary West Beach

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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| 27th October | 3rd November | 10th November | 17th November |
|---|---|---|---|
| Furniture<br>Ian Roberts<br>Grant Price | Furniture | Furniture<br>Steve Redden<br>Paul Denley | Furniture<br>David Taylor<br>Brian Tucker |
| Attendance<br>John Christo | Attendance | Attendance<br>John Christo | Attendance<br>John Christo |
| Welcome<br>Carolyn Palmer | No Meeting | Welcome<br>Bob Hudson | Welcome<br>Barbara Wheatcroft |
| Chairperson<br>Ed King | Chairperson | Chairperson<br>David Simpson | Chairperson<br>David Ed King |
| Guest Speaker Intro<br>Ed King | Guest Speaker Intro | Guest Speaker Intro | Guest Speaker Intro<br>Tarn McIntosh |
| Joker Draw<br>Paul Denley | Joker Draw | Joker Draw<br>Rob Stocker | Joker Draw<br>Rose Willington |

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# BookMart Roster:

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| DAY | DATE | TIME | MEMBERS | VOLUNTEERS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday** | 26th October | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Steve Redden | Chris Turner, Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds<br>Ann Nagy, Leah Roberts, Chris Frensch |
| **Tuesday** | 27th October | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Rob Hughes<br>John Jackson | Renuka Kumar, Shane Roberts<br>Clive Turner, Alison Duggan |
| **Thursday** | 29th October | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Jenny Harris | Ruth Shakes, Barbara Kendrick<br>Don & Lee McCulloch, Ros Jones, Sheryl Ciavarello starting 8/10/26 |
| **Saturday** | 31st October | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Karen Feind, Kel Burke<br>Rose Willington | Darlene Green<br>Lorraine Paroissien, John Wilson |
| **Monday** | 2nd Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Grant Price | Dawn Frank, Jeannie Reynolds<br>Anne Nagy, Chris Frensch, Alison Harris |
| **Tuesday** | 3rd Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Steve Redden, Rob Stocker | Don & Lee McCulloch, Clive Turner, Shane Roberts, Lorraine Panazzolo |
| **Thursday** | 5th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Robert Ryan, Kevin Mullins, Chris Weyland<br>Paul Denley | Christine Iovino, Barbara Kendrick |
| **Saturday** | 7th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Liz Foote, Megan Kerr<br>Janet Johnson | Darlene Green, Lily Reynolds<br>Jenny Clarke, John Wilson |
| **Monday** | 9th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Shirley Roberts, Ann Branson | Dawn Frank, Jeanie Reynolds<br>Anne Nagy, Anne Fowler, Chris Frensch |
| **Tuesday** | 10th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Chris Hughes, Paul Denley<br>Rose Willington, Barbara Wheatcroft | Barbara Kendrick, Shane Roberts<br>Vicki Hardstaff |
| **Thursday** | 12th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Bob Hudson, David Simpson &/or Peter Brown<br>Warren Hobbs | Christine Iovino, Ros Jones, Sheryl Ciavarello starting 1/10/26 |
| **Saturday** | 14th Nov | 10:00 - 12:30<br>12:30 - 03:00 | Janet Johnson, Jenny Harris<br>Kevin Tiggemann, Ron Harris | Darlene Green, Michelle N, Lorraine Paroissien, Lily Reynolds<br>John Wilson |

# 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** | | 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** | | | | |
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| Karen | **Feind** | Dir. Bookmark | | | | |
| Liz | **Foote** | **Bookmart** | | | | |
| Jenny | **Harris** | **Bookmart** | | | | |
| Rose | **Willington** | **Bookmart** | | | | |