



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Collie Rotary



2025-2026

Collie Motel

<p><b>Meeting Date:</b> 14/04/26</p>	<p><b>Present:</b> Kathrine Hall, Peter Hall, Peter Reuben, John Vlasich, Janine Bylund, Doug Gulvin, John Bylund, Harry Wiggers, Keith Hopkins, Jim Henderson, Peter Blurton, Bernie Rochester, Tom Pearson, Kalon Gibson, Norm Wiese, Jakob.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Terry Hunter, Yolanda Cool.</p> <p><b>Late Apologies:</b></p>	<p><b>Make Up:</b></p> <p><b>Leave of Absence:</b></p>	<p><b>Guests:</b> Sam Halse, David Siddall</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kathrine Hall</b> advised that Michael was now in the USA setting up an apartment in NY and establishing himself in the IT jobs environment.</li> <li><b>John B.</b> advised the Jakob has now moved to his last host family Christin Thompson &amp; Clint Dawon and is enjoying school holidays.</li> <li><b>President Peter</b> advised that 1. Our last year's RYLA Awardee Sophie Telfer got married over the weekend. Peter and Kathrine will be representing our Rotary Club on the Traditional ANZAC Day march and invites members to join him.</li> <li><b>Peter Blurton</b> - reminded us of our 2009 "homeless sleep out night" and suggested that the Club should run it again on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Funds to be distributed amongst the community's homelessness support groups. (Proposal received support).</li> </ol>			

<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b> David Siddal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SWIM VIETNAM</b></p> <p>David began his presentation with a bit of geographic background. Vietnam has over 300 kilometres of coast and thousands of rivers. There is frequent flooding up to first floor level, therefore drowning is a major problem. Because there is no national basic swimming program for children and both parents work there is little child supervision during school holidays. Statistically 10 children die per day in Vietnam.</p> 
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Western Australian Rotarians saw a need to do something about this and so the Swim Vietnam Charity was developed to teach children and trainers and to promote swimming and water safety. They taught 300+ children in the first year and thirty later entered triathlons. This is despite a lack of swimming pools. Swim Australian built a pool in 2009 and have since the built 9 others. Most of these pools are collapsible and are put away or the winter. The pools are not heated!!

The program sends trainers to Vietnam, and the program is linked into school time in the more remote areas. The program is supported by the Vietnamese government, but it costs Swim Vietnam Trustees about \$80K a year to run. Participation is voluntary and it costs \$45 for 15 lessons with an 85% success rate.



<https://swimvietnam.com/>



David's presentation was very informative and very interesting and David was warmly thanked by President-Elect Kalon, who presented David with a Club pen.





<b>Cards</b>	<b>Tom P - Win \$460 Tom has chosen to donate this to the forthcoming July Homeless sleep out night fundraising as a Collie Motel donation to the cause.</b>
<b>Wheel</b>	<b>1. Janine B - No Luck 2. Kathrine H - No Luck</b>
<b>Program</b>	April 21st 6.30pm Colloe Motel – Narrowboats in UK – Harley Johnston April 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Collie Motel May 5 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Collie Motel TBA
<b>Reminders</b>	<b>ANZAC Service in Collie Soldier Park Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am March from Coles carpark followed by 11am Wreath laying at Soldiers Park.</b> <b>Rotary International Convention 2026- Taipei, Taiwan – 13-17 June 2026</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance to: President Peter Hall. RSVP before 6pm Fridays</b>

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