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The Bulletin

Breakfast Meeting 22 May 2025

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker this week will be Ms Jenny Davis OAM, Playwright, who will talk about Theatre 180. In 2018 THEATRE 180 evolved from Agelink Theatre, founded in 1992 by Jenny. For more than 30 years Agelink has been the national leader in bespoke plays based on oral and recorded histories, mainly through interviews and reminiscence workshops with seniors. Are you sure you can't make it Thursday? Are you really sure?

Duty Roster

Duty Role	15 th May	One Week Look Ahead
Host	Ian Hutton (when available)	Kym MacCormac
Welcome	Kym MacCormac	Tony Pepper
Toast	Tony Pepper	Mally Rall
Thanks	Mally Rall	Geoff Simpson
Bulletin	Geoff Simpson	Ant Ulijn
2 Minute Noodles	Ant Ulijn	John Van Vliet

Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your duty

Breakfast Meeting 8 May 2025

(With thanks to Mally Rall)

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last week was adventurer and Everest conqueror, Margaret Watroba Electrical Engineer BHP Billiton. Margaret's Mt Everest adventures which she conquered twice as the 3rd attempt, weather prevented reaching top by 50m.

Margaret was born in Poland, the youngest of identical twins by 10 mins. As a 12 year old who loved geography and wished to explore other countries and cultures, Margaret discovered she could not realise her dreams in a communist country. It was then that she decided that she would one day live in a free country where the government could never deny her the freedom to travel. Guess where that was? Her passions growing up were sport and science, which both continue to this day.

Margaret studied electrical engineering at Poland's prestigious AGH University of Krakow. She graduated with a master's degree in science electrical engineering. While still studying,

she married Tad Watroba, now the executive director at Hancock Prospecting, and they had two daughters.

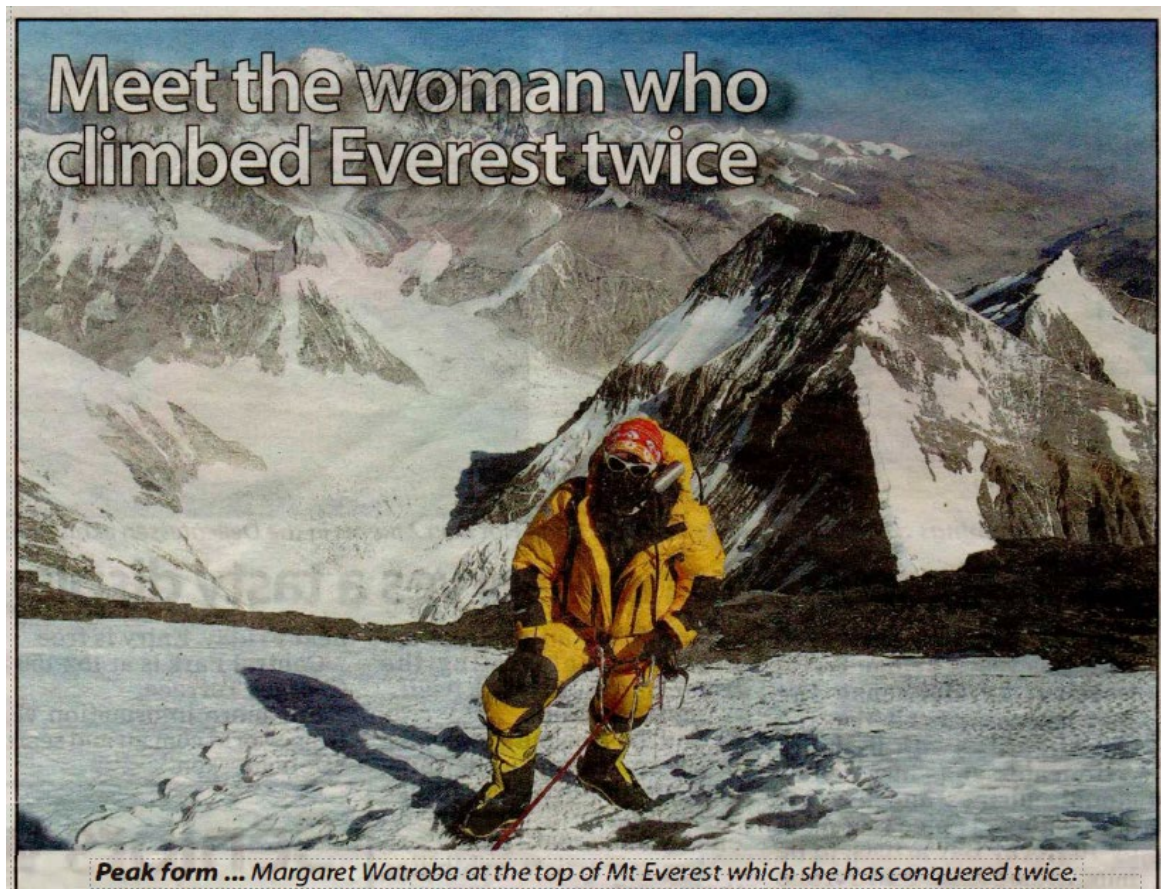
In 1980 Margaret and Tad fled communist Poland with their two young daughters Barbara and Anna (7 & 5) and two small suitcases. They arrived in Australia in July 1980, with no English, no money and no friends or family however, with the relief and excitement of having made it to a free country, their positive attitude and hard work saw them both achieve success. Margaret has succeeded in the still, male dominated engineering profession and is now a principal electrical engineer at Australia's biggest resources company BHP Billiton (Nickel West division).

Her passion for sport and travel and her drive and determination to achieve the goals she sets for herself are stronger than ever. She cycles at least 50km every day, runs, swims, participates in fun runs, marathons, cycling time trials and raises money for various charities in the process. Then after lunch... She began her mountain climbing adventures few year ago and has since conquered several mountain peaks of 6000m to 8000 m. These include, the Americas' highest peak, Aconcagua in the Andes (6962m), and Kilimanjaro in Africa. Margaret is also the first successful female in Australia to summit Manaslu in the Himalayas, the world's eighth highest mountain at 8163m, and Makalu 8463m, which is technically, a more difficult climb than Mt Everest.

But it was early 2011, that Margaret conquered her "unfinished business" on Mt Everest. After a gruelling climb in 2010, Margaret missed reaching the summit of Mt Everest by an agonising 50m, due to bad weather forecasts. She returned to Mt Everest in April 2011, and on 12 May she finally made it to the summit despite the weather deteriorating once again and forcing the other members of her team who were well behind her, to turn back. In minus 50 degrees and gale force winds which were increasing by the minute, Margaret stood at the summit of Mt Everest, the top of the world; an achievement which is testament not only to that gruelling climb, but of Margaret's character and personal life journey to date. She is no doubt destined for more adventures, redefining what a person is capable of achieving, no matter what barriers lie ahead.



Through ability and determination Margaret scaled the male dominated engineering profession and the highest mountain on earth. That high-achieving attitude of Margaret and Tad has flowed down to the daughters; Barbara a lawyer with 3 sons and a daughter, and Anya a film maker.



Margaret describes herself as *'determined, goal oriented and dedicated'* and always states: *'I came to Australia with nothing, but I always knew and believed that I can succeed if I put my mind into it '*

Margaret's conquering achievements:

- Summited Mt Everest second time on 22 May 2013 from China Tibet
- 8000m H mountains:
 - Manaslu 8163 m, in 2009
 - Cho Oyu 8201 m in 2015
 - Makalu 8463 m in 2019





2-Minute Noodles



Chop Shop Chef Geoff Simpson went bush and served up a menagerie of once wild noodles all the way from South Australia. It was very appetizing.

Monarto Safari Park is now the largest safari experience to exist outside of Africa. Spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles, you can fit every major zoo in Australia inside the Park and still have land left over! The park is located 60 minutes (70 kilometres) from South Australia's capital city Adelaide and is the gateway to the picturesque Murraylands region.



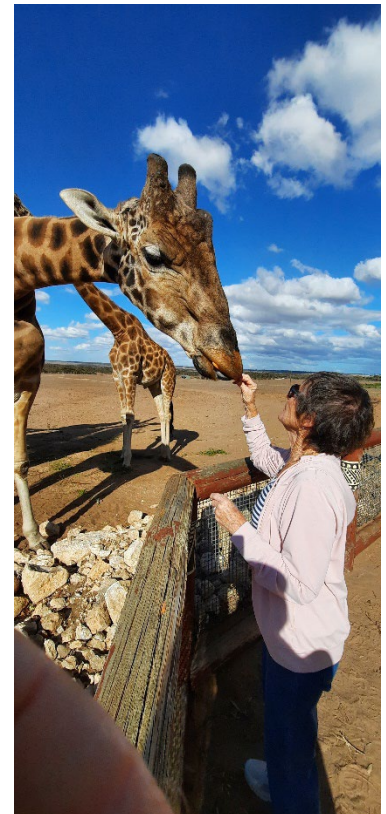
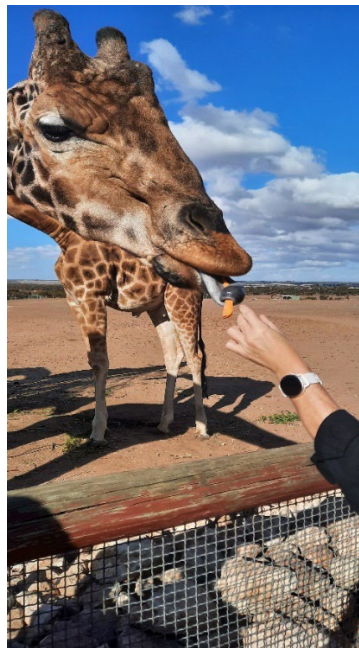
"I'm not sure it's quite the same as seeing them in the wild as you do in Africa but they're in a big park. The worst thing about this is they haven't had any rain there for 15 months and if it doesn't get any rain in a hurry, a lot of the trees are already starting to die. They've got all kinds of things American bison, African hyenas and lots of different types of deer.



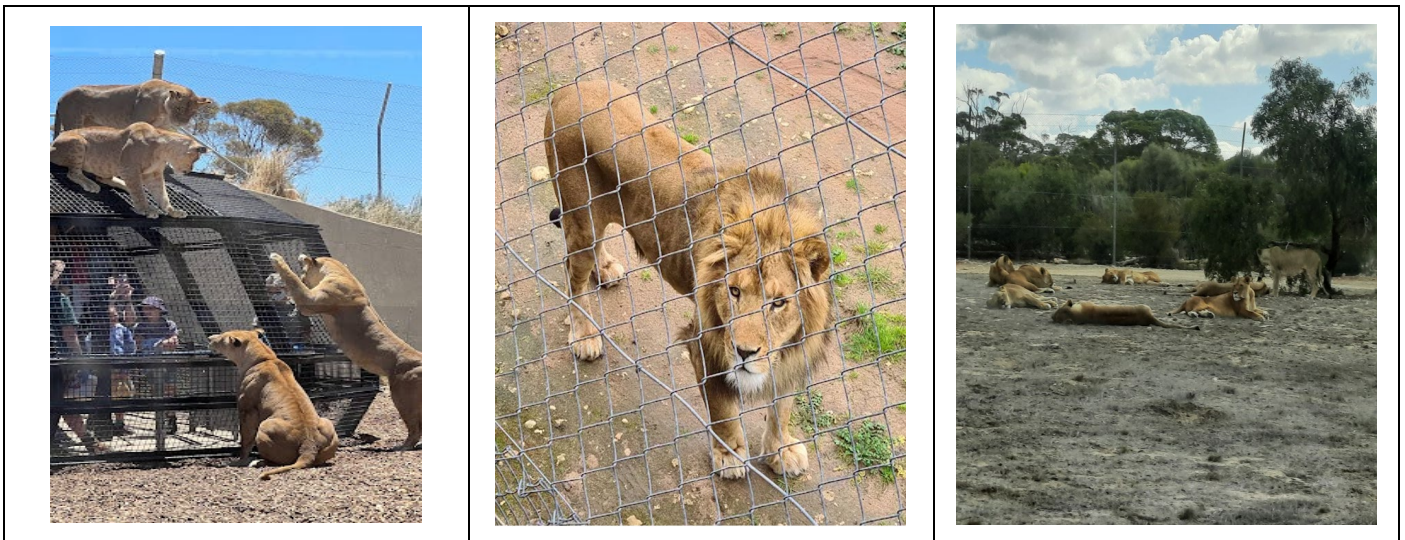
My wife Margaret wanted to come here because it's where the female elephant from the Perth Zoo has come and the male elephant will be on its way there also. Two others arrived from Taronga Park Zoo and one from New Zealand. It's not going to be open to the public for about 12 months, because they're building a new elephant enclosure for all of the elephants and is going to end up being a breeding programme.



They have a huge chimpanzee, and one that's just had a little baby. They're not in danger, but they breed like rabbits, and they sell them off to other zoos around Australia.



Monarto Safari Park is home to many of Africa's most impressive animals and also one of Australia's largest lion prides and giraffe herds. One extra attraction that we did do, Margaret was keen to feed the giraffes and it's quite a funny thing, but I didn't realise a giraffe's tongue is quite as big as it was. They're certainly beautiful animals.



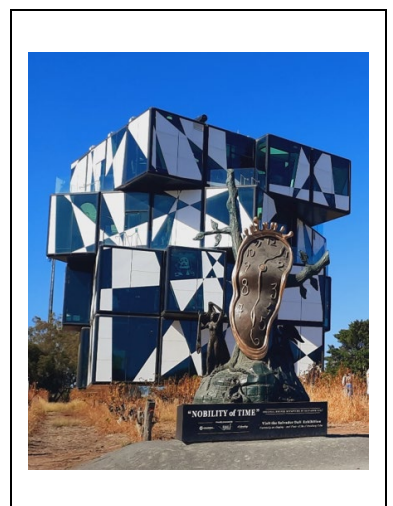
You can pay to have the experience for pride of lions to climb all over the top of you while you poke bits of meat at them through the wire cage.

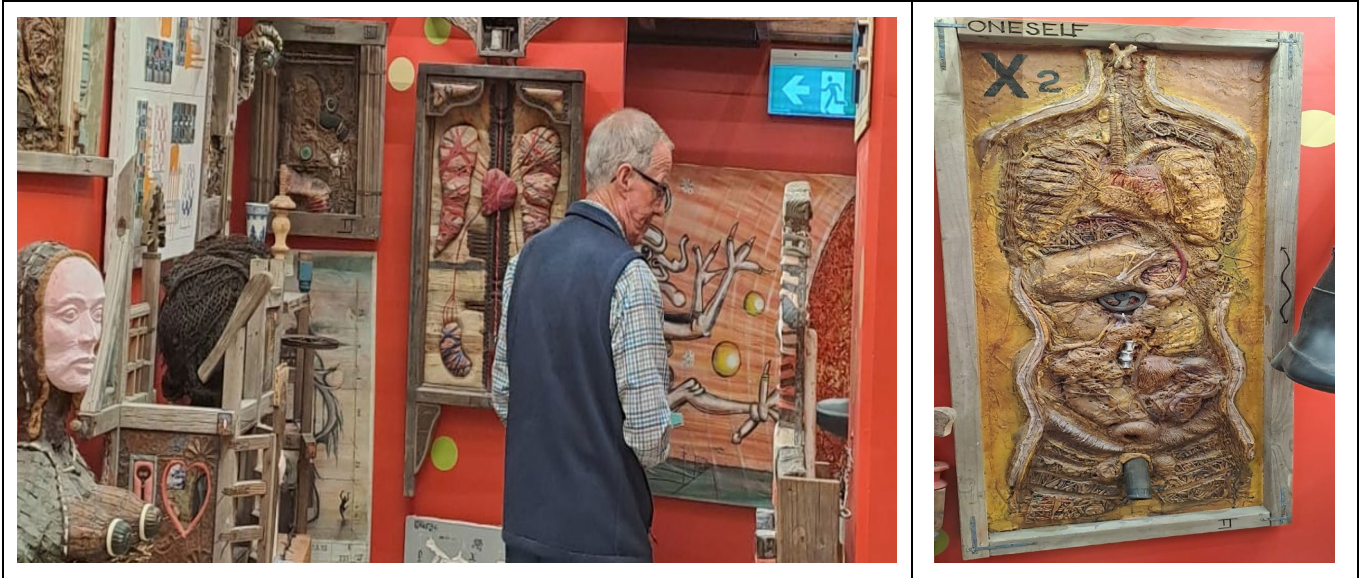
The zoo was created in 1983, on land owned by the state government and was closed to the public, for the purpose of creating a breeding area and endangered species sanctuary. In 1990, a study was undertaken to determine the feasibility of allowing public access to the zoo, and by 1993 it had been developed into a large educational facility, open to the public, with bus and walking tours.

Five major habitat exhibits have been developed, including the Asian steppes, arid north Africa, African plains, and Asian grasslands. The entire zoo is surrounded with vermin-proof fencing to keep the habitat as self-contained as possible. The area is not irrigated and is populated primarily with native flora to cut down on water consumption and erosion in the semi-arid region. The roads and trails within the zoo are constructed of local materials to keep them low maintenance, and to allow them to be easily re-integrated into the habitat should the need arise. Waste water is recycled, and as much as possible, solar power is used for electric fencing needs.

Since officially opening to the public in October 1993 as a breeding and pasture area, the park is now home to more than 500 animals roaming in vistas as far as the eye can see. It's an escape from the city that immerses visitors in a natural safari-style setting. Monarto Safari Park is owned and operated by a conservation charity, Zoos SA.

The other thing we found at McLaren Vale when we went to the d'Arenberg winery was this cube that's been there since 2017. It's got 5 levels of restaurants, but on the second level they got Salvador Dali exhibition that was installed originally in 2017 and was going to be there for three months and it's still there because it's so popular. I don't know whether you know a lot about Dali, but he's got a rather warped sense of humour. When we were in Spain, we followed him from his birthplace to where he died, but there's a number of museums there and we the Salvador Dali House Museum in Cadaqued, Spain where he spent most of his life painting.

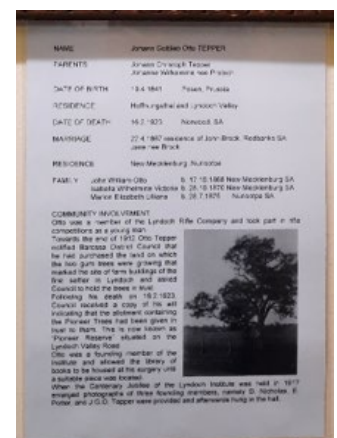




The exhibition has a lot of eccentric equipment and sculptures such as the elephant and the clock.



And the last thing that I found of interest is when we went into the Lyndoch Library in the Barossa, and that chap happens to be Margaret's great, great, grandfather, Johann Gottlieb Otto Tepper sitting on the wall. He was one of the three sustaining members who originally started what they called the National History Institute in Lyndoch in the 1870s. He came out in 1843 from Prussia and ended up being the chief entomologist in South Australia.



That's my 2 Minute Noodles. Thank you"

Announcements

Save the date; 26th June is Changeover Night, Anzac House. PP Tycoon Tony's going to be MC, bring friends (rent a crowd) and introduce them to Rotary. \$75 ahead for a two-course meal and cash bar. Parking at the back of Council house for \$5 after 6:00pm.

12th June, we've got Marie and Jodie here, who are the organisers of the Nurse's Award, and they'll be presenting the five candidate one of which will be the winner.

Hampton Senior High School Board t5rying to get the Teacher's Award up and running, and for it to be similar the Nurses Award.

RDF Day is today and is the last day to donate, so get to it!

The District Changeover is on the 14th June with tickets at \$55 and held in Leederville Football Oval. The Simpson's and Hutton's are going and that should be an indication of a wild night ahead so make sure pacemaker is well charged.

Members, Wives and Partners, Pres and Mrs Tick are throwing open their doors at 14 Hope Street Ardross, for the much anticipated President at Home shindig amongst the boxes and hired furniture from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, Saturday 24th May. Come see how the other half once lived. Please bring a plate (theirs are packed). Mr and Mrs will provide the Coke.

See back of Bulletin for the great opportunities when you purchase the Entertainment Book, which isn't a book really, but you do have to book through the Book if you get my drift....

OpShop banked \$190.00 into the OpShop account and was made up from 5 stall holders, \$25.00 and cash sales totalling \$165.00. Nothing to sneeze at considering John VV spends more on breakfast. Thanks Geoff H.

Still On the Horizon:

- The possibility of a field trip in the country in September, weekender and overnight stay, maybe Geraldton or something like that. A bus load on a cultural tour
- A Motor Neurone disease project is in the making
- Vietnam Water project is getting traction, sinking a well, a bore, water tank, reverse osmosis, solar batteries, reticulation
- Writers Guild project being considered: \$7000 to gutter up
- A PNG project in pipeline for water type sanitation, tie-in with guest speaker

Duty Role	01 May	08 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Birthdays

Ian Hutton 30th

Anniversaries

Tony Delich 31st

Rotary Membership

Tim Dawe 27th

Ian Hutton 30th

Attendance

Members:	13
Honorary Member:	0
Visiting Rotarians:	0
Guests:	0
Guest Speaker:	1
Total:	14
Apologies:	14

President's Parting Thought

The meaning of life is to find your gift.

The purpose of life is to give it away

...Willy Shakyspear...



Summary of Upcoming Meetings

Thu 29th May:

Professor Steve Wilton Medical Researcher: Bespoke Medicines for Rare Diseases

Thu 5th Jun:

Professor Kingsley Dixon OAM: Service to Conservation Biology

Thu 12th Jun:

Professor Ralph Martins AO: Detecting Alzheimer's at an Early Age Stage

Tit Bits

Sometimes I get road rage walking behind people at the grocery store.



BEING KISSED WHILE YOU'RE ASLEEP IS ONE OF THE PUREST FORMS OF LOVE... UNLESS YOU'RE IN PRISON.

THE SEVEN DWARVES OF OLD AGE..



My wife told me that women are better at multi-tasking than men, so I asked her to sit down and be quiet. She couldn't do either.



PADDY'S LAMENT: How to Tell the sex of a fly

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband standing around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting Flies" he responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone".



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- ☐ Friday, 25 July | 7pm
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- ☐ Friday, 5 September | 7pm
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- ☐ Friday, 14 November | 7pm
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