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The Bulletin

Breakfast Meeting 29 May 2025

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker this week will be Professor Steve Wilton Medical Researcher and WPRC Member since 2011 who will talk on bespoke medicines for rare diseases

Duty Roster

Duty Role	29 th May	One Week Look Ahead	
Host	Kym MacCormac	Tony Pepper	
Welcome	Tony Pepper	Mally Rall	
Toast	Mally Rall	Geoff Simpson	
Thanks	Geoff Simpson	Ant Ulijn	
Bulletin	Ant Ulijn	John Van Vliet	
2 Minute Noodles John Van Vliet		Arthur Blaquiere	

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Breakfast Meeting 22 May 2025

(With thanks to Geoff Simpson)

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last week was Ms Jenny Davis OAM, Actress and Playwright, who talked about how Theatre 180 morphed into Agelink Theatre, the national leader in bespoke plays based on oral and recorded histories. Board Member and Founder of Agelink Theatre, Jenny has many awards to add to her success: Medal of the Order of Australia, Senior Australian of the Year (Shortlisted 2019), WA's Senior Australian of the Year (Winner 2016), Centenary Medal, WA Women's Hall of Fame, Equity Guild Award (Winner 2009), RWA Romantic Book of the Year Award (Shortlisted 1999).

With an education from Central School of Speech and Drama, London, Jenny has over 40 years of a theatrical career in Australia and has appeared in many leading roles for major theatre companies in Perth and on tour around Australia, New Zealand and Brazil. Her most recent performance was as novelist Patricia Highsmith in *SWITZERLAND*, Madame Pernelle in TARTUFFE and Lady Bracknell in *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*, all for Black Swan State Theatre Company, and as Sarah Morley in *SARAH OF ENDERSLEA FARM* for Theatre 180.



As a freelance director, Jenny has worked for Perth Theatre Co, The Ettie Crump Theatre, Stables Theatre (Sydney), Riverina Theatre (Wagga Wagga), Handzon Theatre, Bunbury Entertainment Centre, Curtin University, Don Russell Theatre, Hole in the Wall Theatre, Class Act and more, directing new and established works, comedy, drama and musicals. Amazing!

Jenny was artistic director of the WA Youth Theatre for 10 years and noted for her large-scale productions of the classics, involving very large casts. She has also worked as a guest director and workshop leader in many West Australian high schools and lectured in voice at WAAPA and Curtin University.

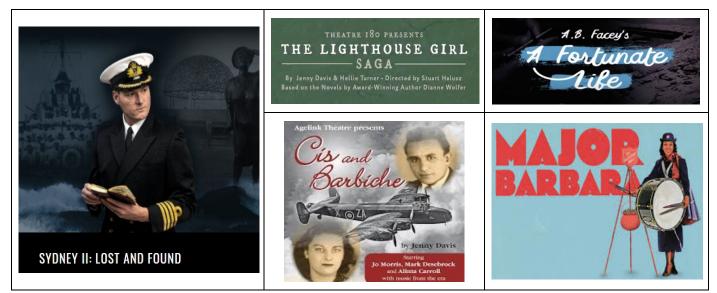


In 1993 Jenny founded Agelink Theatre Inc, a reminiscence theatre company that creates shows based on oral histories and West Australian history, promoting intergenerational activity and celebrating our seniors. Jenny has both written and directed, as well as produced, many shows for the company. In 2018 Agelink Theatre Inc became Theatre 180 Inc, with the aim of broadening activities to do more regional touring of main stage productions and also work with schools and drama education.

Her production of *QUARTET* toured nationally, and her play and production, *DEAR HEART* (based on her own aunt's WWII letters and diaries), has also toured Australia and the UK and was commissioned as a book by Allen and Unwin as well as an audio book by Bolinda publishing. In 2014 her play and production, *CIS AND BARBICHE*, also based on WWII letters

and diaries, toured by invitation to the York Theatre Royal, UK. The latest of Jenny's many historical plays were about Goergiana Molloy in, *THE RIVER BLACKWOOD GLIDING BY*.

Jenny's latest work as playwright for Theatre 180 is on cinestage productions and has successfully toured WA for 3 years: *SYDNEY II: LOST AND FOUND, A FORTUNATE LIFE* (with co-writer Stuart Halusz) and *THE LIGHTHOUSE GIRL SAGA* (with co-writer Hellie Turner). Four of Jenny's historical plays about WA for Theatre 180 originally for the stage, were broadcasted in 2019 on Capital Radio: *UNCOVERING MAY GIBBS*, and now *THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE, SARAH OF ENDERSLEA FARM* and *RED FLOWERING GUMS*.



Jenny also creates interactive projects for school students and seniors, particularly those with dementia.

Other stage appearances include (we were certainly amongst Royalty):

*The Taming of the Shrew *Money and Friends *Major Barbara *Top Girls *A Month of Sundays *Middel Aged Spread *A Lie of the Mind *Funny Peculiar (Playhouse Theatre) *Bombshells *Bench *Face to Face *Shoehorn Sonata (Perth Theatre Co) *Bow Girls *Mrs Klein *A Midsummer Night's Dream *The Cherry Orchard *Playboy of the Western World *Mourning Becomes Electra *Fen *Mirandolina *The Misanthrope *Tom and Viv *How the Other Half Loves *Female Parts *Beyond Therapy *Vanities *Bodies *Benefactors (Hole in the Wall Theatre Co) *Private Parts *The Two of Us *One for the Road *Deckchairs *Singular Women.



Jenny has appeared in many ABC Radio National dramas and was a writer for ABC Radio National schools' drama programs for IO years.

Mally Rall gave the Vote of Thanks and told Jenny how amazing her talk was and how it was so wonderful and inspiring that she is capturing Western Australian stories and giving them back to us; *kind of like a historian, a creative Oracle,* passing on a verbal tradition in a completely different way. It was absolutely incredible, and the Club was so blessed and so very privileged to hear what Jenny had to say and what she was doing.

Club members will be looking out for the theatre productions that occur in cinemas, so we can all come along and enjoy the fun. Thank you so much.

2-Minute Noodles



Chop Shop was chef-less due to Ant going AWOL (again), but fortunately travelling Chef John VV stepped in to take over kitchen duties, and like the last guest chef Geoff S, it was another Bush Breakfast, dusted with BlueSky Glamping.



"A a week and a half ago I did another BlueSky trips, and this one was to Ayers Rock. We had to get to the airport at 7:30am on a Friday, flying out on a private charter at 8:30 to Ayres Rock and when we arrived, the hotel was ready for 104 people that were on the plane. We did a tour in the afternoon around Ayers Rock/ Uluru and around the water holes and other exciting things. The Friday night we for cocktails at sunset.



About 40% of us got up early the following morning and we did a walk around Ayers rock, which was lovely. Then back in town for lunch, and then in the evening, we had a cocktail sunset again with a three course buffet dinner overlooking the Field of Lights, but it got really cold, probably down to 6 degrees, and no one was prepared for it.



We got up early again in the morning for the sunrise near the Olgas towards Ayers Rock and they packed breakfast for us in individual bags for us to take and we walked all throughout there and then lunch back in town. It was a great weekend, very well prepared.



All the people on the plane, the pilots, the stewards, they all volunteer. And when they asked for volunteers, all the staff put their name forward because they get a free weekend away, so they do a raffle. I think they raised about \$40,000 on the flight but of course, the money we spent in the town with accommodation gave it a nice little boost. I don't know what the next one is yet, but it cost us about \$2200.00 each and that included all food, all accommodation, flights, transport, tours. We landed back about 4:30pm Sunday afternoon on National Jet/ nee Rex.



Sam the guy that runs it, is in Crawley and he's now the CFO of National Jet. He was just an account before. They get the plane at cost and apportion fuel and maintenance. It is a Crawley Rotary Club fund raiser, and everybody sort of gets behind this event.



One of the benefits of circulating with other Rotarians is we talk about how their club operates, and what they do to keep members or bring members in? There's a number of clubs, Kalamunda, Scarborough I think and/ or Karrinyup, who actually fundraise to supplement the members fees, and they do it openly. They'll do a raffle when they do their

weekend activities saying this is a raffle for the club and is fundraising. And that is legit. So, the Members only pay a \$100 a year in fees instead of the \$300/ \$400 we pay. I'm looking into getting members and keeping them, and one thing is the cost, and the time put into a charity or fundraising. My boating club has had a membership increased by 20%. In the last two years, it's up to 500, but our fees are very low at \$45 per head to be a general member and \$250 if you have a mooring, but we keep it cost effective, and at a low cost base. It's something to think about."

BlueSky Uluru was full of unique experiences, from sunset canapes at Uluru, to sunrise breakfast at Kata Tjuta. Included was the exclusive "Sounds of Silence" award winning dinner under the outback sky, surrounded by the Field of Light art installation. The outback is one of the best places to stargaze and glimpse constellations rarely seen from any other place on earth, but visible in the skies above Uluru-Kata Tjuta.



This is a **per person per room cost** package:

- Pre-departure drinks and departure from National Jet Express private terminal.
- Return flights to Ayers Rock Airport including luggage, light food and bar service.
- Airport transfers from and to Ayers Rock Airport.
- 2 nights accommodation at the Outback Hotel, Yulara.
- Sunset canapes Friday evening with views of Uluru.
- Barbecue dinner Friday evening at the Outback Hotel.
- Buffet breakfast Saturday morning.
- o Transfers to Uluru for self-guided tour on Saturday morning.
- Buffet lunch at the Bough House Saturday.
- Field of Light Dinner Saturday.
- Kata Tjuta sunrise tour Sunday morning including a packed breakfast.
- Buffet lunch on Sunday at the Ilkari restaurant.
- National Park entry fees.

Announcements

President Tick asked if we have all been interrogated by Angus B to date and survived.

Tony Pepper: Gave away to Arthur B, a mechanical bread maker, first of its kind anywhere in the world, and climate change friendly. Unlike an electrical bread maker, this works by foot pump action, which is in good order.

Bernie Foley: On Monday night, I attended the Hampton Senior High School Board meeting as a board member and they had Georgia and Jarvis, who are the two school captains. Hampton Senior High schools is a performing arts school, so George and Jarvis came up with the concept to address mental health and suicide in their community, and they decided to put a programme together called Push-Ups. They were wanting to raise \$1000, and I intervened and said the Club with Board approval will match it, dollar for dollar up to \$2000. The chair of the board came back to me in an email, and this is what it said:

"Thank you for your generous and thoughtful email. It's incredibly heartening to see West Perth Rotary supporting the students in such a meaningful way. The commitment to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,000 is an extraordinary show of support – not just financially, but in recognising the passion and leadership of young people like Georgia and Jarvis. Mental health and suicide prevention are such vital issues in our community, and I'm proud that the students are helping to lead this important conversation. The West Perth Rotary's contribution will not only boost their fundraising efforts but will also show them that their voices and actions matter. On behalf of the School Board, thank you again for your ongoing support. We too look forward to seeing the results of this inspiring challenge."

Tony D: The Magic Show will starts fundraising, but I haven't started it yet.

Pat E: We have guest speakers lined up till the end of the financial year. Deputy of Taxation is not one of them as he/ she is on his/ her way to the new look Tick household, to estimate unrealised capital gains tax.

John VV: Going to approach the Broadway Shopping Centre about a memorial chair for Dolci, the plant lady who has been doing the markets for 30 years or more.

Peter B: Delivered a boot load of bedding to Attadale Rotary for the care in Fremantle area.

Geoff Hick: \$8100 has been sent to Royal Flying Doctors, which is matched dollar for dollar for the donations that we've received into the trust and that becomes \$1.00 equals \$4.00 in the hands of RFDS through their match giving partners. A big thanks to all for contributing to the project.

Corrin Caine: Something about what John VV raised. I think that if Crawley Rotary arranged BlueSky, then that's a very good activity. There's no reason why West Perth Rotary couldn't do something similar but different as an activity. I think that's one of the things we need to be doing is creating activities. CC came across an article that the Rotary Club of Berry NSW, who organised or participated in a climb to Mt Everest base camp at an elevation of 1500 feet, and the oldest participant in that adventure was 80.

Changeover Night: Anzac House, 26th June, \$75 ahead for a two-course meal and cash bar. Parking at Council house for \$5 after 6:00pm. PP TD's going to be MC with rent a crowd to introduce to Rotary.

District Changeover: 14th June, tickets at \$55, Leederville Football Oval.

The Case of the Travelling Undies: It was revealed that certain Members have been moonlighting as lingerie models to supplement pensions and failing businesses ventures. The discovery was based on male panties in a discrete brown paper carrybag left behind at breakfast last week by Darling David (Catwalk name). Pickle Pepper (Tony P's Catwalk call), whose turn it was to launder the "costumes", handed them over to Darling who forgot to take them home for their next gig at Roxy's Raunchy Rib Bar and Seniors Exhibitionists, which Pickle Pepper and Darling David were participating in. The boy's manager Berneice Foley, gave them a dress down for blowing the lucrative senior lingerie models market.



President at Home: The House that Tick built was not a house lived in, but more like something out of a Vogue, dressed up, rich and fabulous. Members who attended provided a plate, Shay Tick the wine, drinks, juice, coffee, tea, et cetera.

Mally R recalled a time after they had just arrived in Australia, when they were asked to bring a plate to a gathering and wanted to make a good impression with her friend, and influence people, and so pondered on what kind of plate would do that. Is she a pottery person or a fine china plate person? And then there was another instance where she was asked to bring crackers, so she thought *oh! crackers, OK, cheese crackers,* and she got the biggest box of crackers she could find, when they actually wanted Christmas Crackers. *"We sometimes speak the same language, but we don't."*





Voiceworks show to be simply the beast



Tina and Colin Arthur are still achieving great things.

Duty Role	01 May	08 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
Host	TA.	Dennis Hartley	Geoff Hick	lan Hutton	Kym MacCormac
Welcome	Dennis Hartley	Geoff Hick	Ian Hutton	Kym MacCormac	Tony Pepper
Toast	Geoff Hick	lan Hutton	Kym MacCormac	Tony Pepper	Mally Rall
Thanks		Kym MacCormac	Tony Pepper	Mally Rall	Geoff Simpson
Bulletin	Kon MacCormac	Tony Pepper	Mally Rall	Geoff Simpson	Ant Ulijn
2 Minutes	Sony Pepper	Mally Rall	Geoff Simpson	Ant Ulijn	John Van Vliet

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE 2025



Birthdays Mally Rall 12th John Tick 17th **Anniversaries** Geoff Hick 5th Yerzhan Suleyev 24th

Rotary Membership Angus Buchanan 18th Guy Mattioli 22nd Gary Leighton28th Dennis Hartley 30th

Attendance

Members:	19
Honorary Member:	0
Visiting Rotarians:	0
Guests:	0
Guest Speaker:	1
Total:	20
Apologies:	9

President's Parting Thought

A single deed leaves a deeper impression than a thousand words. ...Henrik Ibsen...



Summary of Upcoming Meetings

Thu 5th Jun: Thu 12th Jun: Thu 19th Jun: Thu 26th Jun: Professor Kingsley Dixon OAM: Service to conservation biology Professor Ralph Martins AO: Detecting Alzheimer's at an early age Professor Angus Buchanan: WPRC Survey Feedback Changeover Dinner.

Tit Bits



PADDY'S LAMENT: DID I READ THAT SIGN RIGHT

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

MAN KILLS SELF BEFORE SHOOTING WIFE AND DAUGHTER

The editor realized that what he was reading was impossible and corrected it the next day.

POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN JAYWALKERS

PANDA MATING FAILS: VETERINARIAN TAKES OVER

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH

WAR DIMS HOPE FOR PEACE

ENFIELD (LONDON) COUPLE SLAIN; POLICE SUSPECT HOMICIDE

RED TAPE HOLDS UP NEW BRIDGES

ASTRONAUT TAKES BLAME FOR GAS IN SPACECRAFT

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TYPHOON RIPS THROUGH CEMETERY; HUNDREDS DEAD



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