

Rotary Club of St Peters



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Weekly Meetings - The Rotary Club of St Peters meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
at the Kensington Hotel, 23 Regent St., Kensington, S.A. 5068. Visitors are welcome.



Future Events

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Speaker/Program</u>	<u>Information</u>
3393	18/11/25	MGA WHITTLES	Host - John George	Advise Wendy if attending
3394	25/11/25	Rotary Shed	Gregg Chapman Peace Program	
	2/12/25	East Adelaide Primary School	Environmental visit	Contact Chris Dawson
3395	2/12/25	Kensington Hotel	AGM	Projects Procedure Review
3396	6/12/25	On Statenborough	Christmas Dinner	
	9/12/25		No Meeting	
	12/12/25	Rotary Shed	Volunteers Lunch	
			Christmas – New Year break	
	13/1/26		Club Meeting	

President’s Announcements – Wendy Gaborit

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 18 November at 5:45 for **6 pm** at the Board room of MGA WHITTLES, 176 Fullarton Road Dulwich.

If you will be attending, [please advise me \(Wendy\) asap to assist with catering.](#)

John George is our host for the evening and has confirmed the company will provide the evening meal

“Chinese” water, soft drinks and beer available. President Wendy will provide some red/white wines.

President's Announcements

- **District 9510 AGM-** ZOOM meeting Sunday 16th November

This meeting will be held via Zoom at 10am on 16th November 2025.

Please find the Zoom link below:

Topic: D9510 Annual General Meeting

Time: Nov 16, 2025 10:00 AM Adelaide

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85422983626?pwd=exl7tyd5R6dCXasmh5GBYKFbgBio7g.1>

Meeting ID: 854 2298 3626

Passcode: 226175

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- **The Norwood Xmas Pageant** - Saturday 22 November

Rotary Truck Theme - "Mingons" 10am start -

We still need volunteers for the below items

1. To assist with the truck decorating on The Friday night before pageant (5.30pm)
2. People or children to walk beside the truck for the pageant 10am - 11am (very slow walking only) - wear blue bottoms and a yellow top as the theme is mingon.

Contact Pauline Yates for information

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- **Club Christmas Dinner** Saturday 6 December - Club Bistro – On Statenborough

Bookings via TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/DGYL>

Bookings open 29 October and close 28 November.

- **Shed Volunteers Luncheon** Friday 12 December



Environmental visit – Tuesday 2nd December

The Environment Group has arranged to visit East Adelaide Primary School at 10 am on Tuesday December 2nd to see the results of the two garden projects we funded.

It is expected that we will be able to chat to both teachers and students about the work done.

If any other members would like to visit with us to see how our funding has been spent, please contact Chris Dawson for additional information.

Meeting 3391 Report – Zahra Foundation and Induction.

New Members Induction

John Willoughby and Margaret Wiese were inducted as members of the Rotary Club of St Peters.

John is a retired Ophthalmologist

Margaret is an Anaesthetist transitioning to retirement



Deborah Miller Philanthropy / Partnerships

The Zahra Foundation was founded in 2015 in honour of Zahra Abrahamzadeh.

Zahra and her 3 children fled the family home after she had endured years of abuse. After fleeing the home Zahra and her children experienced homelessness and poverty. Zahra’s husband had never allowed her to access bank accounts, a job or money so leaving the family home meant that she had to make the heartbreaking choice between violence or poverty.

After leaving Zahra had accessed crisis services such as domestic violence shelters, counselling and emergency housing. It was in the recovering and rebuilding of their lives Zahra and the children notices there wasn't any support services to support the financial impact and the tools required to become financially independent such as education, training or employment.

Zahra’s life was then unfortunately cut short at the hands of her estranged husband at the Adelaide Convention Centre in 2010. Her children started the foundation in their mum’s honour and wanted to ensure that the Foundation addressed the gaps in services they encountered to ensure that no more women had to make the choice between poverty and violence

The Club has entered into a partnership with Zahra Foundation under a MOU to support 4 women (1 per quarter) participation in the Pathways to Empowerment Program. \$7,000.

Cheque presentation to the Zahra Foundation



Pathways to Empowerment Programs Suite

Education programs that support participants to rebuild their lives after Domestic and Family Violence and create pathways into education, training and employment. This is achieved by breaking down social isolation, building life skills and confidence and connecting participants to opportunities, information and resources.



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Pathways to Empowerment locations across SA & NSW in FY25

3 Programs

EXPLORE Discovery Program
EMBARC Workshop Series
EMPOWER Empowerment Program



35%

Participants went directly into employment, education or training

Our Impact FY25



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Locations across SA & NSW



\$400,63

in total financial support, including debt waivers, educational grants and utility assistance



49%

increase in women supported through the Zahra Foundation



11

of our clients began employment or self-employment after participating in our programs



1,500

calls per month handled by our support line ensuring accessibility for our clients across Australia



10

of our clients enrolled in vocational or higher education after participating in our programs



6,359

Hours of training provided to women. Supporting domestic abuse survivors to find employment or enter training or education

Services available

1800RESPECT

www.1800respect.org.au

1800 737 732

Confidential information, counselling and support service
1800RESPECT is available for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support people impacted by domestic, family or sexual violence.

National Debt Helpline

www.ndh.org.au

1800 007 007

Free financial counselling service
Advice on how to manage your debts
Information on financial abuse and your rights

Women's Information Service
www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-information-service

1800 188 158

Providing Further information:
If you need help but don't know where to start
If you aren't sure what services can assist you
If you've tried everything you can think of
If you just don't know where to go next

The Zahra Foundation
www.zahrafoundation.org.au

THE ZAHRA FOUNDATION 

LIFT THE LID WALKS FOR MENTAL HEALTH – 2025 ADELAIDE EVENTS

Wendy Gaborit and Julia Verran from our club participated.

This morning, I joined hundreds of Rotarians, families, and community members for the Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health — a powerful reminder of what Rotary does best: show up, connect, and create hope.

Every step we take today helps fund vital research through Australian Rotary Health (ARH) — Australia’s largest private funder of mental health research. Since its founding in 1981, ARH has invested over \$54 million into groundbreaking research, scholarships, and programs that change — and save — lives.

Right now, ARH’s core research focus is on the mental health of children aged 0–12 years — helping us understand how early experiences, environment, and family support shape lifelong wellbeing. By investing in prevention and early intervention, Rotary is helping to build stronger, healthier futures from the very beginning.



Here’s what that impact looks like:

- ◆ More than 1,600 research projects funded nationwide.
- ◆ Research themes spanning child development, anxiety, resilience, family wellbeing, and school-based interventions.
- ◆ Support for PhD scholarships and community-based research that directly improves outcomes for children and families.

And the need could not be clearer:

- ◆ Around 1 in 7 Australian children (aged 4–11) experience a mental health disorder each year.
- ◆ Anxiety disorders are the most common, affecting nearly 7% of primary-aged children.
- ◆ Fewer than half of children experiencing mental health challenges receive the professional help they need.

The Lift the Lid Walk isn’t just a fundraiser — it’s a statement of care. It’s a day to say you matter to every child, parent, and carer who needs to hear it; to raise awareness; and to keep building communities where mental health is understood, supported, and spoken about openly.

Days like this remind me that Rotary’s work isn’t just global — it’s deeply personal. It lives in the friend who listens, the volunteer who shows up, the club that rallies, and the collective heartbeat of a community that cares.

As District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 9510, I couldn’t be prouder of the clubs and volunteers who brought this event to life — walking the talk on mental health, community leadership, and compassion in action. Together, we’re building a culture where care is visible, connection is real, and no one walks alone.

Damian Leach DGN

D9510 conference attendees minus 2



President Wendy meeting and talking to RI PE Olayinka Babalola



2026-27 RIPE Olayinka Hakeem Babalola.

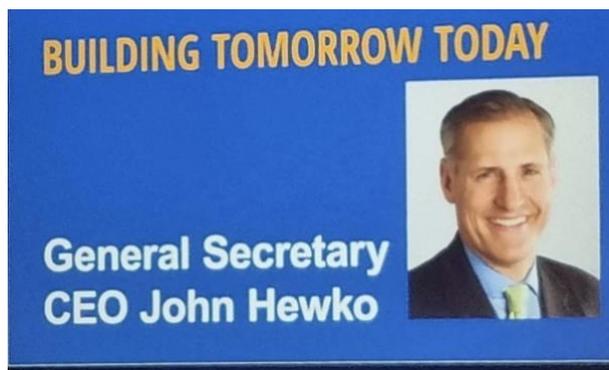
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27.



Turning Change into Impact - measurable outcomes. Ripples of change that become waves of impact, xample of project introducing changes in childbirth practices, the impact death and morbidity of mothers and children at childbirth ceased, those children grew, experienced the love of family, went to school grew to adulthood and contributed to society. It's not just about numbers, it's the story of the impact Rotary has had on the lives of others, ourselves and communities.

YOUTH. Change in focus to Supporting- youth feel safe in whatever and all aspects of Rotary Service, projects and programs.

Rotary Growth - Rotary approved in the United Emirates. 2027 convention in Dubai.



John Hewko. General Secretary, CEO.

Rotary structure designed to be discontinuous.

With leaders across the organisation changing every year, trustees a third changing every year, the Secretariat provides the stability and continuity of operations.

Open invitation to members to visit Rotary One, Evanston Illinois.

COVID - operationally we didn't miss a beat.

Fundraising - we broke our records

024-2025 - collected \$250.5B

Projects / transformational change.

World wide impact \$2,4B impact each year

Calculated by Harvard school business.

Ukraine. \$100M support from clubs around the world. 50% Increase in Ukraine membership.

Membership in USA, Uk, Europe and Australia declining

Zone 8. Greatest threat is membership.

Need to be innovative and revolutionary

International- pilots in UKGB - focus on new avenues of membership.

Zone 8 creating a regional structure to better support clubs.

Clubs are the foundation of Rotary.

We're selling the club experience which we pay for with our time and money.

We're underpinned by our core values.

5 ways to innovate

1. Understand our product what we are offering. Fashion an experience that people want develop, implement and review a Strategic plan
2. Membership / club models
3. Create better projects, focus on bigger, better ay more sustainable
4. Develop partnerships
5. Embrace new technologies- using AI to develop better projects, grant applications, to promote and support

Regionalisation is a dramatic and necessary pilot, it must succeed, it will take time, it will evolve but we must support it, embrace innovation. Revolution and change.

The fitting Rotary is in our hands.

Shed Roster

START TIME: 7.45 am OPEN DOORS: 8.30 am & CLOSE DOORS AT 12.30 pm

DATE	Saturday 15-Nov-25	Saturday 22-Nov-25	Saturday 29-Nov-25
		NPSP Xmas Pageant	
TEAM LEADER	Greg Rogers	Jim Owler	David Heilbronn
SIGNS	Rod Carey	Jim Owler	David Heilbronn
FRONT COUNTER			
Counter Sales1	Greg Rogers	John Dubberley	Rachel Elliott
Counter Sales 2	Maryann Duffield	Betty Owler	Ann Mc Intosh
GENERAL HELP	Rod Carey	Jim Owler	Mark Polkinghorne
CAFÉ			
BBQ	Peter Shaw and BJ Jensen (Trainee)	Paul Holton	Kuol Baak
COFFEE	Jen Carey and Anne Jensen (Trainee)	Wendy Gaborit	Julia Verran
GOODS IN CounterWhen Needed	Rod Carey	Jim Owler	Mark Polkinghorne
EMERGENCIES	Julia Verran Wendy Gaborit	Julia Verran	Wendy Gaborit Phil Smith
SMALL HOUSEHOLD	Keith Shaw Nick	Keith Shaw Nick	Keith Shaw Nick