

# 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.

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 3 February with the RC of Goolwa  
 at the Goolwa Bowling Club

## The Next Four Meetings

Meeting #	Date	Venue	Speaker/Program	Information
3400	3/2/26	<b>Goolwa</b>	Joint Meeting with Goolwa	Social
3401	10/2/26	Kensington Hotel	Club Assembly	Projects discussion
3402	17/2/26	Kensington Hotel	TBA	
3403	24/2/26	The Shed	Phil Smith	Birthing Kits Preparation

Congratulations to Dr David Heilbronn Past President from Rotary St Peters.  
 David has been awarded an Order of Australia in the Australia Day  
 Honours List for services to Industry and Community.  
 David is our hardworking Shed Manager.



**Order of Australia**



Insignia of knights and dames of the Order of Australia

**Awarded by the  
Governor-General of Australia<sup>[1][a]</sup>**

<b>Type</b>	National order
<b>Awarded for</b>	Achievement and merit in service to Australia or humanity
<b>Founder</b>	Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia on the advice of Gough Whitlam
<b>Sovereign Head</b>	Charles III, King of

## Kensi Hotel

### Renovations – January to May/June 2026

Our Meeting Venue. The Club has been briefed on the exciting changes the Hotel will undergo. The Hotel will keep us informed of progress.

Meanwhile precise booking numbers for catering for our Club will be required for each meeting as our meeting venue spot/tables arrangement may vary. Please notify by return email, SMS or call.



## Goolwa 2025

### The Club will be guests of the RC of Goolwa next Tuesday 3 February

Venue: Goolwa Bowling Club is on Wildman/Goyder Street in Goolwa.

Menu: Pizza, Chips, Icecream. Cost \$15. A \$5 Raffle will be on offer. Drinks at the bar.

Attendance from our Club so far numbers 20!

In anticipation of our attendance the Club voted to allocate \$1,000 to the Goolwa Club's preferred project.

Lunch the following day will be organised by Jim Owler. Please notify Jim if you have not done so already.

BYO drinks. A mini beach break!

## PHF +4 for PP Keith Payne

Keith is a long term supporter of the Rotary Foundation from his time in the RC of Loxton through to the present. Congratulations Keith.

## Club News

The Club News will be published weekly to inform members of events, rosters and Club news.

## Bulletin 2026

The Bulletin will be published at the end of each Calendar month. It will summarise Club events and projects and will be sent to all members and subscribers.

## District Classifieds from the District Governor Dr Rajeev Kamineni

Members are reminded of the many events being organised throughout District 9510. Please see your Inbox and support your local Clubs and events.



## My Life

### Mark Polkinghorne

Mark joined Rotary St Peters last year and has quickly joined in with our Club activities and Shed operations.

He is now the Café Manager and a regular attendee of Friday morning goods processing.

“I was born at Naracoorte but we lived at Lucindale where my father was the Methodist minister. I was the second child to Margaret and Max Polkinghorne.

From Lucindale we moved to Wudinna where my brother Tim was born and then moved to Mallala.

My father died at the age of 29 in a car accident - (I was 4) and the family moved to Adelaide to be closer to family.

I went to Westminster School for all my schooling and then went to Mount Gambier Hospital to train as a nurse.

When I finished my training I worked at Millicent then Memorial Hospital and undertook further study in psychiatric nursing, cultural studies and dementia studies. I married Rebecca when I was 38.

Rebecca's parents and my mother were old friends.

I knew Rebecca when she was about 12. Then I met her much later.

Rebecca was a micro biologist before becoming a minister of the Uniting Church.

We are older parents having Sophie when I was nearly 50 and Rebecca 43.

I worked for the Royal District Nursing Service for 31 years mostly in dementia care. I retired nearly 3 years ago.”

*Remarkably Mark has been able to recognise connections between himself and many Club members. In my case my Uncle, Thomas Edmonds, was Deputy Principal at Westminster where Mark attended in the 60s and was Guest Speaker at our Club last year. Ed.*





**BOOKS FOR LESOTHO  
(B4L)  
FROM THE END OF YEAR  
2025 REPORT**

..... It costs about 60c per book (including overheads) for transport from Adelaide to Maseru. We invite you to support the project with a tax-deductible donation. You can do so securely through the website or by contacting us (see below).



**In 2007, expenditure was \$2,847. The budget for 2025/26 is \$26,700; the latter figure presents a major challenge.**

We keep receiving encouraging messages from our partners and others in Lesotho about this nation building project. We pass on to B4L supporters of every kind the heartfelt thanks of the children and teachers of Lesotho.

Books for Lesotho Inc. ([www.booksforlesotho.org](http://www.booksforlesotho.org)) (B4L) was launched in December 2015; a major change in operation. In 2017 we opened our operations at “The Barn” based at Springbank Secondary College where books are sorted, packed and despatched. B4L appreciates this generous and vital partnership with the school.

The total number of books shipped since inception now stands at over 362,000 and donated to a total of almost 300 pre-schools, primary schools, high schools, institutions and community libraries.

B4L enjoys regular donor support from schools around Adelaide and regional SA. Donations of books have come from interstate schools, mainly in Victoria and NSW. Municipal libraries and charity books shops are significant and regular sources.

We invite you to contact us if you wish to help Books for Lesotho in any way.

Check out: [www.booksforlesotho.org](http://www.booksforlesotho.org)

David and Liz Linn Contact us with any questions - Tel: (+61) 0418 877 112

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PANORAMA SA 5041 26 November 2025

*The Club is a proud supporter. Guest Speaker 27/1 Tracy McNamara (FAME) is a B4L Board member. Ed.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS** see Julia for details

**Tuesday 3 February - Combined Meeting with the RC of Goolwa – Goolwa Bowling Club**

Please contact Pam (by return email) if you have not registered your attendance. Social Function on Wednesday 4 February see Jim Owler.

**Thursday 12 February - Movie Night- 6.30- Regal Cinema**

RC of Norwood Fundraiser – Wuthering Heights – Dinner & Movie \$30  
Please contact Julia for \$30 tickets. Many are attending.

**Wednesday 4 March - International Women’s Day Breakfast – 7a.m. – 9 a.m. Arkaba Hotel-**

Guest Speaker Kate Croser – CEO SA Film Corporation- Contact Wendy or Pam to join our table.

**Friday 27 - Sun 29 March – Multi-District Conference Horsham**

We are expecting 16 or more attendees from our Club. Register from the District 9510 Website. Speak with Wendy re accommodation. Again many are attending. **No Kensi meeting 31 March.**



**SAVE THESE DATES FROM PRESIDENT WENDY AND EVENTS COORDINATOR JULIA**

**Saturday 14 March – St Peters Fair – Linde Reserve**

The Shed will remain open until 2 p.m. **All members.**

**No Kensi meeting 17 March**

**Sunday 12 April – Birthing Kit Assembly- St Peters Youth Centre – Please see Phil Smith for details.**

Dunstone Grove – Adjacent to Linde Reserve and the Shed  
2 sessions 9.30 – 11.30 and 1.30 – 3.30. **All members.**

**Wednesday 22 April - Lunch at Carrick Hill – Julia coordinating**

**No Kensi meeting 21 April**

**Tuesday 12 May** – to be confirmed – Club Event at Swan Reach – details to follow.

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Dear Rotary Club of St Peters Inc,

2025 has been a year of significant change for AllKids. Most importantly, we have made strong progress in our *Supporting Transition to Local Management* strategy.



*At Smach Deng Village:*

The new office and veranda have been completed for a couple of months now and are already providing our administration staff with a quality working space. The maintenance team is currently bricking in the walls on two sides to separate the building from neighbouring properties.

I've also had pot-plant ledges built in to make the veranda feel more like a small courtyard where staff can eat their lunch.

My thanks to Six Senses Krabey Island and PVI for supporting the construction of this building.

*The Chamkapich Centre has been a big step forward:*

We opened the Chamkapich Centre, 7 km from Smach Deng, at the start of September and it has been extremely popular with far more children than we anticipated. We are now gradually reducing numbers by transitioning children who live closer to Smach Deng into the primary school and one of our affiliated private schools, supported through AllKids scholarships for extra-curricular learning. Most children attending are from the dump and landfill areas or the immediate community, and around half are new faces. This suggests we are reaching children who were not previously attending school at all. We've also installed a bore well, a 5,000-litre tank and a small 220-volt sub-pump — the kids use around 2,500 litres of water each day!

*Across AllKids more broadly:*

Student numbers have reduced from **1,400 in June 2024 to fewer than 300 today**. This reflects our transition process, as we now target our services and funding more precisely towards the most disadvantaged children in the Ream Commune.

*Looking ahead at K'Bal Hong:*

We are currently exploring options for the future of the K'Bal Hong Centre, with increasing involvement from local community members who are showing interest in taking over all or part of the operation. At present, we continue to provide kindergarten programs for **35 preschoolers**, day care for **20 preschool children**, and after-school English classes for school-aged students. These transition plans must remain flexible as they will only succeed if the community moves at a pace they are comfortable with and feels fully involved in decision-making.

*At Prek Trabaek:*

The centre now largely runs itself, which is wonderful to see. The children tend their gardens and play volleyball during study breaks, they've really taken ownership of their school.

*On a personal note:*

I'm now living in an apartment at Otres 2, about 200 metres from the beach. The complex has a lovely 20-metre swimming pool, which I make good use of every morning. I'm planning a visit to Australia in **April 2026** and hope to catch up with many of you then.....

On behalf of the children, families and staff at AllKids, thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Kindest regards,

**Paul Otto**  
AllKids Country Director



# THE MULTI DISTRICT IMPACT SUMMIT.

HORSHAM TOWN HALL, VICTORIA. 27TH – 29TH MARCH 2026.

## ***Conference 2026 Horsham 27-29 March***

### **Multi-District Summit - Registrations**

Before you register, please read the below important information.

Registration for the summit is only available online and must be done on an individual basis (not available as a 'group' booking). Booking from the **Rotary District 9510 Website**.

<https://rotary9510.org>

An email confirmation is sent to all registrations. Please ensure you retain this for your records as you may require it should any changes need to be made.

#### **Registration costs**

- 2 Day Summit Attendance - Rotarians \$200pp, Rotaractors & Youth Exchange Participants \$150pp
- Friday night cocktail function: \$60pp (not included in summit program above)
- Saturday Foundation Breakfast: \$50pp (not included in summit program above)
- Saturday Gala evening: \$100pp (not included in summit program above)
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**Accommodation Enquiries:** Please see Wendy

**Wellbeing Report** – Sending best wishes to member Dr Susan Bardy.

## Guest Speaker – Tracy McNamara – FAME

Tracy is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Foundation for Australia’s Most Endangered Species (FAME) Ltd, a national Australian non-profit organisation dedicated to preventing the extinction of endangered Australian species through on-ground funding.



Her passion for developing and implementing effective solutions, as well as fostering strong collaborative partnerships and alliances with key stakeholders, has taken her on a fascinating journey.

With three decades of experience, Tracy’s skills in business management and philanthropy have had a significant impact, including raising over a million dollars for the critically endangered red handfish in Tasmania and the overall safer havens project in South Australia whilst securing funding for ten conservation projects in Australia each year.

She holds an MBA and is a Fellow of both the Fundraising Institute of Australia and Educate Plus. In 2025, Tracy received the Women in Innovation Award for Environment.

### Sandhill Dunnart Project – Overview

The Sandhill Dunnart is one of Australia’s least seen marsupials, found only in a few remote desert landscapes and now under serious pressure from feral cats and a rapidly changing environment.



Together with the South Australian Department for Environment and Water, FAME is supporting new survey work in Pinkawillinie and the Gawler Ranges Conservation Parks. Using camera traps and track surveys, this project will identify where Sandhill Dunnarts are persisting, guide targeted feral predator control and assess the condition of their remaining habitat. This groundwork will provide the blueprint for long-term recovery.

The project also forms part of our Three Safer Havens initiative—a national approach to conservation without fences—aimed at helping vulnerable species like the Sandhill Dunnart not just survive, but adapt and thrive in more robust, climate-resilient landscapes.

More details: <https://www.fame.org.au/projects/protecting-sandhill-dunnarts>

Photo from FAME website.

**Romaine Dawson** gave the Vote of Thanks.

Rotary St Peters will be supporting FAME environmental projects for the next three years.

## Meeting Roster

Reception, Cashier and Steward please arrive by 5.30 for meeting setup.

Date	Tue 3-Feb	Tue 10-Feb	Tue 17-Feb	Tue 24-Feb
<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>3401</b>	<b>3402</b>	<b>3403</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Goolwa Bowling Club	Kensi Hotel	Kensi Hotel	The Shed
<b>Program</b>	Rotary Club of Goolwa	Club Assembly	TBA	Birthing Kits
<b>Guest Speaker(s)</b>	Joint Meeting	Wendy Gaborit	TBA	Phil Smith
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Wendy Gaborit		TBA	
<b>Special</b>	Jim Owler			
<b>Chairperson</b>			Milton Jones	
<b>Sergeant</b>	No Sergeant	David Heilbronn	John Reynolds	No Sergeant
<b>Invocation</b>		Mark Polkinghorne	Julia Verran	
<b>Board Meetings</b>				
<b>Steward</b>		Chris Dawson	Paul Holton	
<b>Reception</b>		Mark Polkinghorne	Julia Verran	
<b>Cashier 1</b>	Phil Smith	John Reynolds	Mark Polkinghorne	David Birkedale
<b>Bulletin/Weekly News</b>	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton

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Shed Roster

**START TIME: 7.45 am    OPEN DOORS: 8.30am    CLOSE DOORS: 12.30**

DATE	Saturday 31-Jan-26	Saturday 07-Feb-26	Saturday 14-Feb-26	Saturday 21-Feb-26
		<b>PANCAKE SAT</b>	<b>St Valentine's Day</b>	
<b>TEAM LEADER</b>	David Helibronn John Willoughby	Ann McIntosh	Jim Owler	Chris Dawson
<b>SIGNS</b>	David Helibronn John Willoughby	David Heilbronn	Jim Owler	David Heilbronn
<b>FRONT COUNTER Sales 1</b>	Romaine/Chris Dawson	Ann McIntosh	Betty Owler	Romaine/Chris Dawson
<b>Counter Sales 2</b>	Jayne Stephens	Rachel Elliott	Anne Jensen	Trenna Kretschmer
<b>Counter Sales 3</b>	Rachel Elliott	Margaret Hewitt	Helen Jaensch	<i>If needed Rhonda Heilbronn</i>
<b>GENERAL HELP</b>	David Helibronn John Willoughby	John Dubberley Peter Hewitt	Jim Owler	David Heilbronn
<b>CAFÉ and BBQ</b>	David Elliott	Rod Carey	BJ Jensen	Peter Shaw
<b>COFFEE</b>	Wendy Gaborit	Mark Polkinghorne	Julia Verran	Mark Polkinghorne
<b>ASSISTANT</b>	Margaret Wiese (Trainee)	Barb Joy		
<b>PANCAKES</b>		Jen Carey		
<b>GOODS IN Counter When Needed</b>	David Helibronn John Willoughby	John Dubberley Peter Hewitt	Jim Owler	David Heilbronn
<b>SMALL HOUSEHOLD</b>	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca
<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	Phil Smith	Julia Verran Wendy Gaborit Phil Smith	Wendy Gaborit Phil Smith	Julia Verran Phil Smith