

# Rotary Club of St Peters



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**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



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.

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Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 9 June at the Kensington Hotel

## The Next Meetings and Events

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Speaker/Program</u>	<u>Information</u>
3415	9/6/26	Kensi Hotel <b>Partners Meeting</b>	Simon Brewer	AI and Rotary
3416	16/6/26	Kensi Hotel	Georgina Tenny	Peace
3417	23/6/26	<b>Keiser Norwood</b>	Teagan McIntosh	Strength and longevity
3418	28/6/26	Mt Osmond Golf Club	Changeover	Changeover
	30/6/26	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting

## May Highlights

The Dark Skies event at Swan Reach was a cracker. Club members are still talking about the Observatory at Swan Reach and the wonderful **Lasting Impact** that project is having on the town and its vibrant community. 21 members and families enjoyed this event.

The Rotary International President's theme for 26-27 is **CREATE LASTING IMPACT!**

Thanks to St Peters Rotary member John George and Margaret, this town with its Observatory, Accommodation, Car Gallery and Op Shop "Top of the Town" etc. and such projects are making a positive, lasting difference to the town of Swan Reach, its surrounding farms and the broader Community. Pics P. 3.

Pam Vaughton – Bulletin Editor

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## Rotary Club of St Peters

cordially invites you to its

68th Annual Changeover Luncheon

### Create Lasting Impact

Sunday, 28 June at the Mt Osmond Golf Club

Commencing at 12:00 noon with pre-luncheon drinks  
from 11:30am

2-course main and dessert — \$80 per person

Dietary requirements welcomed — please advise when  
booking

Book on Line at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMJF>

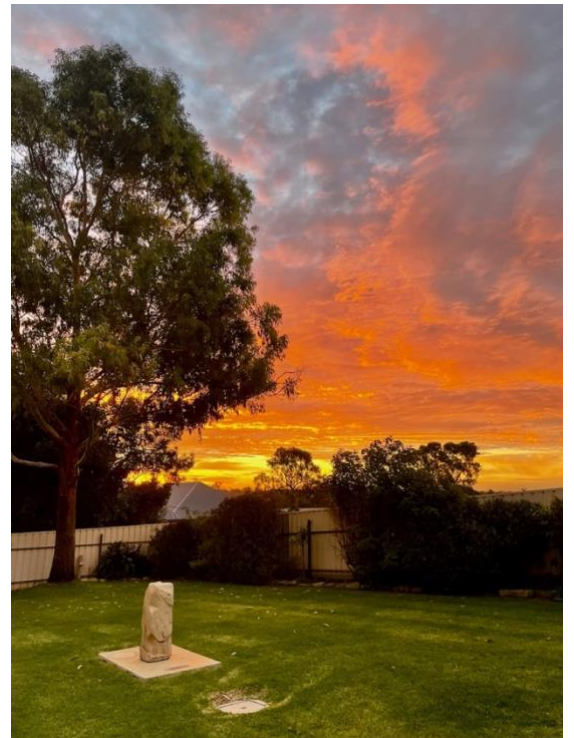
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Dark Skies – Swan Reach

Rotary St Peters Club Visit

May 2026



From the Website:  
Swan Reach  
Observatory



## Guest Speaker: Ewan Vickery



### "What it was like to be a Rotary Exchange Student in 1966"

- Born and attended school at Naracoorte in the South East
- Selected by Naracoorte Club for Rotary Student Exchange during the 1966 year
- Travelled to USA and attended a high school final year in a small town in Nebraska as the guest of the Rotary Club of Kimball, Nebraska
- Upon returning home in early 1967, he started a law degree at the University of Adelaide, a 3 year part time career as a stockbroker, a 6 year Army Reserve Officer career, and has been practising law from 1971 to the present
- Along the way he has acquired a Pilot licence and an Amateur Radio Operator licence
- Ewan set up a new law practice in 1975, on Fullarton Road, a motor vehicle dealership in Naracoorte around the same time, has served on public company boards and became a senior partner of Adelaide's largest and only international law firm, Minter Ellison, where he is today a Consultant
- With his late wife there are 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren, and he lives in Stirling, now partnered with Sybella
- During his Exchange Student year with Rotary Ewan did many interesting things which gave him a foundation for his future: he still regards it as a life changing year.

Margaret gave the Vote of Thanks



## Rotary St Peters at Carrick Hill



We gathered at the summit of Carrick Hill, surrounded by trees, orchid, paddock and stable. Before entering the mansion we paused at the coffee shop for refreshment and a moment of renewal.

Inside the mansion the elegance and lifestyle of the 1930's was evident. Its carefully presented rooms displayed a rich collection of art and furnishings.

After the tour of the mansion we had lunch at the Edinburgh Hotel.

It was a pleasant place to relax, reflect and share our experiences.

Mark



## Bucky's Relay

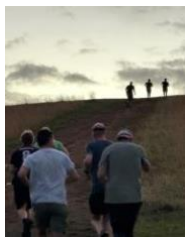
Rotary St Peters has donated \$5,000 to this project for the Community of Elliston.

Bucky's Relay is a 720 km fundraising run created to honour Simon "Bucky" Baccanello, a widely loved teacher in the small coastal town of Elliston, who tragically died in a shark attack while surfing at Walkers Rock in May 2023.



Bucky was known for his warmth, generosity, and passion for wellbeing and fitness—qualities that inspired the creation of this relay in his honour and, with other events, is to raise \$300,000 to build a much-needed community gym in Elliston.

A team of 45 of Bucky's family, school friends from St Ignatius College, other friends, and community members have organised the run of 720 km from Adelaide to Elliston over five days (14–18 July). Participants will take turns completing sections of the route—symbolically carrying Bucky's spirit back to the community he loved. Training has been going ahead for months, both here and overseas.



The relay is supported by:

- A Gala Fundraising Dinner at the SkyCity Ballroom
- Family and community events before, and along the route
- Individual "Fundraising Heroes" who collect donations for the cause
- Donations from individuals, companies and community groups
- A range of merchandise

A huge thanks to [SAFM Adelaide](#) for having us in to chat to Bel, Bernie & Emma G about our mission!... [See more](#)



Since the shark death, and other near misses, the Elliston community have largely shunned the sea, and young people's swimming lessons are now taken 90km away. The gym will become a hub for health, activity, and community pride, especially for young people who have long needed a safe after-school space (currently the pub is the only meeting place). Bucky believed deeply in these values, making the project a fitting tribute.

Chris and Romaine

## Rotary St Peters News

Sending greetings to Sue Bardy, Dennis Henschke, Ann McIntosh and Keith Payne

Lovely to have had Susie Llewelyn and Stephen to visit from the RC of Epping N.S.W.

## CLUB NEWS

This year we have trialled publishing the Club News for members weekly and the Bulletin monthly for all subscribers.

Feedback has asked that Volunteers also receive the Club News so that will begin next week.

Please let us know of any issues with that plan.



## Volunteers Week – Thank you Awards Rotary St Peters

## Guests of Cressida O’Hanlon MP Old Parliament House



## Guest Speaker – Dr John Willoughby OAM Vision of Islands

**John and Margaret are members of St Peters Rotary.**

*Vision of Islands is a non-profit volunteer eye surgical & clinical team who have been travelling to these areas since 1996 providing cataract removal for South Sea Islanders (or all ages) who would otherwise be blind.*

John gave a heartwarming presentation about the project Vision of Islands taking a small crew including partner Margaret on his catamaran to the folk on outlying Pacific islands. His brother Paul and sister-in-law Sally were in the audience viewing a beautiful presentation showing the delight of clients after their procedures.



John spoke of the challenges and joys of setting up this project e.g. overcoming a fire on the boat, along with the overwhelming success of improving/restoring sight to folk on outlying towns and islands.

Bruce gave the Vote of Thanks.



**Vision of Islands was a R.A.W.C.S. Project in the Pacific supported by our Club on two occasions.**

### **About RAWCS**

Founded in 1966, RAWCS delivers Rotary's humanitarian, development, and disaster relief projects both in Australia and internationally.

Over the years, we have contributed \$0.5 billion in aid and completed thousands of projects, benefiting hundreds of thousands of people across 45 countries.

At RAWCS, we are committed to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion to achieve our goal of making a positive impact on communities in need, both in Australia and developing countries. Upholding human rights principles is fundamental to all aspects of our operations. (*Website*)

# FREE FUN FOR FARMING FAMILIES

>>> SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026 • OLD TALEM TOWN <<<

[www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au](http://www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au)

A message just received from Bill Marles regarding **Pioneer Day**.

*"We had an amazing day. So delighted with the outcome, and the support of St Peters Club was so critical for us to financially make it a reality.*

*Please do pass on my sincere thanks to your entire team for this support.*

*I have since found out that 3 ladies who went through the Breastscreen SA truck had anomalies detected. So, on top of the 2 Advanced Melanomas; 5 Advanced Diabetes; and the Highly elevated Blood Pressure people detected, we have potentially saved a lot of lives from that one day.*

*Very satisfying."* Bill Marles

## Thank You

The passion of so many Rotary Members never ceases to amaze me, and without all of you, we could not have made Rotary's Pioneer Adventure Day happen so incredibly successfully.



All Day Food & Entertainment



Farmer Health Hub



Attractions and Activities



\$50,000 + Grocery Giveaways

Flick through over 100 Photos to paint the picture for yourself:-  
<https://rotarypioneeradventureday.au/photo-gallery>

## QUICK SUMMARY

[www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au](http://www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au) event went off like a Fire Cracker.

About **220 Volunteers** helped run it ... about 140 of those members of Rotary from about 15 Clubs

About **600 Farmers** came along.

Over **\$50,000 of Groceries** and Household / Farm items given away as families left. Pantry Items; Fresh Fruit and Veg; Clothing + more

The entire event came out to about \$130,000 (including giveaways) to support this cohort of people doing it tough!

**7 Farmers** visiting our "Health Hub" were identified with **Potentially Life Threatening** conditions whereby without immediate interaction, they'd likely to be dead within a year. • 2 with advance melanoma; • 4 with advanced undiagnosed diabetes; • 1 with a Blood Pressure of 225 over 115 ... and then there was another level of OMG below this when looking at Cholesterol etc! Our friends at Fat Farmers; Adelaide University; Flinders University have systems in place to follow these people up.

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[www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au](http://www.RotaryPioneerAdventureDay.au)

The day, beyond this sombre side, was full of **mirth, merriment, music, dancing, food and entertainment**. A number of farmers in tears of joy – some came for 2 hours .. and **left after 6 hours!** (*we think that says it all*)

The day frankly could not have been better if it tried. Seemed to tick every box. A great relief.

A MASSIVE shout out to the **Rotary Club of Murray Bridge** for everything they did, led by human dynamo President Roxanne Rowland. I've finally met someone who NEVER sleeps.

**OLD TAILEM TOWN's** owners Tina and Danny Squires went above and beyond. Opening not only their village, but also their hearts to Rotary and our Farmers.

**On the Day** magnificent contributors to physically running the event, credit must be given to (in alphabetical order)

**Rotary Clubs of:-**

• Adelaide • Adelaide Central • Adelaide Light • Burnside • Hyde Park • Mobilong • Mt Barker • Murray Bridge

• Prospect • Regency Park • St Peters • Strathalbyn • Tailem Bend • Unley • West Lakes

**Inner Wheel Clubs of:-**

• Adelaide Hills • Holdfast Marion • Mobilong • North East Sunset • Tea Tree Gully and • IW District A70 (SA) • IW Australia – Disaster Relief Fund

**Financially** most of those Clubs above *also sponsored many* farming families to have a FREE day of fun and health checks ... **As well as:-**

**Rotary Clubs of:-**

• Adelaide Parks • Alice Springs • Blackwood • Eastwood • Edwardstown • Flagstaff Hill • Goolwa • Holdfast Bay • Morialta • Norwood • Somerton Park

THE DAY had so many elements. So many Community Groups surrounding Tailem Bend partnered with Rotary to make this event happen. So much music. Kids entertainment ...

**This story is well worth the read to get a feel for the vibe of the 100+ photos**

<https://rotarypioneeradventureday.au/about-pioneer-adventure-day/what-a-wonderful-day>

To finish off – a personal Thank You to every single person who in one way or another made Rotary Pioneer Adventure Day marvellous.

Following an ever expanding list of phone calls and emails and Facebook messages from Farming Families BLOWN AWAY by Rotary's generosity and community spirit ... we should all be very proud of the result.

PS – they want to know if we're doing it again next year!!



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**Bill Marles**

## Meeting Roster

Reception Folk please arrive by 5.30.

Partners Night 9 June – AI - please notify attendance due to Hotel Renovations

Date	Tue 9-Jun	Tue 16-Jun	Tue 23-Jun	Sun 28 June
Meeting Number	3416	3417	3418	3419
Venue	<b>Kensi Hotel Partners Night</b>	Kensi Hotel	Level 1 166 The Parade	Mt Osmond Golf Club
Program	<b>Artificial Intelligence</b>	Club Meeting	Keiser Strength Training	Changeover 11.30 for 12.00 noon
Guest Speaker(s)	Simon Brewer		Julia Verran	
Vote of Thanks	Jim Owler			
Special		Georgina	Dinner Café Brava	
Chairperson		Bruce Ballantyne		
Sergeant	Paul Holton	Milton Jones		
Invocation	Margaret Wiese	David Heilbronn		
Board Meetings				
Steward	Bruce Ballantyne	Ann McIntosh		
Reception	Margaret Wiese	David Heilbronn		
Cashier 1	John Willoughby	David Birkedale		
Cashier 2				
Bulletin/Weekly Club News	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton	Pam Vaughton

**Shed Roster – Please arrive by 7.45 – Close doors at 12.30**

DATE	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
	06-Jun-26	13-Jun-26	20-Jun-26	27-Jun-26
	<b>King's Bday Long Weekend</b>			
	<b>PANCAKE SAT</b>			
TEAM LEADER	Ann McIntosh	Julia Verran	Milton Jones	Wendy Gaborit
SIGNS	David Heilbronn	Mark Polkinghorne	Greg Rogers	David Heilbronn
FRONT COUNTER				
Counter Sales1	Ann McIntosh	Pam Vaughton	Greg Rogers	Romaine / Chris Dawson
Counter Sales 2	Margaret Hewitt	Rachel Elliott	Maryann Rogers	Jayne Stephens
Counter Sales 3 (If Needed)	(Rhonda Heilbronn)	(Rhonda Heilbronn)	(Rhonda Heilbronn)	Trenna Kretschmer
GENERAL HELP	Peter Hewitt	Mark Polkinghorne	Milton Jones	John Dubberley
<b>ASSIST GENERAL HELP</b>	Griff and Austin			Griff and Austin
CAFÉ				
BBQ	Rod Carey	David Elliott	Rod Carey	Peter Shaw
COFFEE	Adrian Esterman	Julia Verran	Jen Carey	Wendy Gaborit
ASSISTANT	Barbara Joy			
PANCAKES	Jen Carey			
<b>GOODS IN CounterWhen Needed</b>	Peter Hewitt	Mark Polkinghorne	Milton Jones	John Dubberley
<b>ASSIST GOODS IN</b>	Griff and Austin			Griff and Austin
SMALL HOUSEHOLD	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca	Keith Shaw Nick Tarca
EMERGENCIES	Wendy Gaborit Julia Verran Phil Smith	Wendy Gaborit Phil Smith	Wendy Gaborit Julia Verran Phil Smith	Julia Verran Phil Smith