



# PAULINE'S PATHWAYS

MAGILL SUNRISE **ROTARY** CLUB

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**MARCH– Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month.**

Welcome to Rod Barton (Guest Speaker), Peter Colman (Aussie Prospect) and guests Russell Hawkins and Katrina Keith

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to begin by thanking Rod Barton for taking time out from his busy schedule to come along to talk to us on “The Life of a Spy”. Perhaps it was disappointing to find out spies don't drink martinis shaken not stirred or have a glamorous lifestyle – so much for James Bond.

I would also like to thank our guests Peter, Russell and Katrina who joined us for Rod's presentation. Please feel free to join us at any time.

On behalf of the club, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Peter Coleman from Aussie Prospects for his generous donation of \$200.00, raised at the Campbelltown Moonlight Markets. Please be assured Peter, that this contribution will be put to exceedingly good use.

**Public Reminder: Clocks go BACK one hour on Easter Sunday, 5 April.**

Forget, and you risk: –

- Arriving at Easter lunch before the roast is even in the oven
- Catching the Easter Bunny mid-delivery (awkward for everyone)
- Wondering why the whole world seems to be running an hour late
- And you may find yourself turning up to church so early that even the Easter Bunny is still in pyjamas.

Protect your dignity. Adjust your clocks and have a safe and enjoyable Easter. To our Muslim friends I wish you Eid al-Fitr.

*Pauline*

## FOR THE DIARY

### APRIL MEETINGS

**7th, 14th**

7.00am

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31 Fisher St, Magill

**Third Tuesday of the month**

**21st**

**6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**Tower Hotel**

**621 Magill Rd, Magill**

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**Next Club Meeting**

**1318**

**07 APRIL 2026**

**Guest Speaker:**

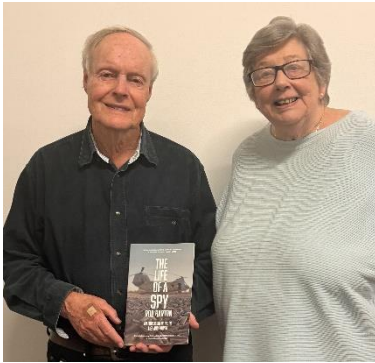
**Christian Wickham**



**Topic: Cyber Security and On-line Safety**



**GUEST SPEAKER: ROD BARTON**



**The Life of a Spy**

**Guest Speaker, Rod Barton** is a former Director of Strategic Technology in Australia’s Defence Intelligence Organisation. His intelligence career spanned over 30 years with postings to London, Bahrain, Baghdad, New York and Mogadishu. And from time to time, he also worked with United Nations as a principal UN weapons inspector specialising in chemical and biological warfare.

Members were captivated by Rod’s story behind his latest book **My Life As A Spy** including remarkable stories from a career spent at the sharp end of intelligence and international security.

Rod explained how his journey began almost by accident when, as a young scientist, he applied for a better-paid Defence job without fully understanding what it involved. That decision led him into Australia’s intelligence community, where he became an analyst specialising in nuclear weapons, particularly in the Middle East. He described the steep learning curve of studying nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and how his work later expanded beyond analysis into field operations.

With humour and understatement, Rod recounted attending “**spy school**”, serving as Australia’s intelligence liaison officer in London, and navigating the unusual realities of diplomatic and intelligence life. He also spoke about far more dangerous assignments, including weapons inspections in Iraq after the Gulf War and disarmament work in war-torn Somalia.

One of the most compelling parts of Rod’s talk was his account of helping uncover Iraq’s biological weapons program, including evidence of anthrax production.

The stories combined courage, intellect and calm professionalism in extraordinary circumstances.

Rod’s presentation was fascinating, insightful and at times confronting, offering our audience **a rare first-hand glimpse into a world most of us only read about.**

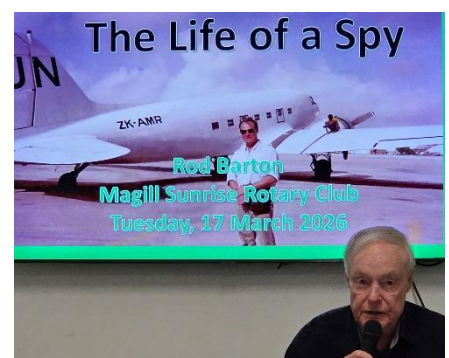
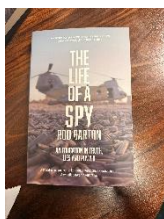
Along the way, he painted a picture of intelligence work that was far less James Bond glamour and far more patience, analysis, courage and quick thinking.

Particularly compelling was Rod’s account of helping uncover Iraq’s biological weapons program, including evidence of anthrax production. His stories highlighted not only the seriousness of the work, but also the calm professionalism required in highly dangerous situations.

It was a fascinating and memorable presentation that gave members a rare glimpse into a secretive world.

We’d tell you more — but, of course, we’re sworn to secrecy.

Lindsay





Thank you to Alison for stepping in for Lynne

**Icebreaker** - Tonight we had two:

ice-BREAKER



**Given tonight is about "The Life of a Spy", who is your favourite James Bond actor or movie?**

Answers:

Sean Connery - as the original James Bond, especially Dr No.  
Roger Moore.

Daniel Craig - in SkyFall (he was rougher and tougher than the originals).

Timothy Dalton - he only did two movies and was supposed to do a 3rd, but Pierce Brosnan took over (who delivered the best one liners).

In their specific eras, all James Bonds were legends



**2nd Ice Breaker - Would you ever try space tourism, if you had the money for it?**

Answers:

Rob would have done it in his 20's - he's not so sure now. If it was a trip around the moon or it at least had a return ticket, he'd do it.

Greg, Lindsay and Simon are going - Simon wants to see what weightlessness is like.

Pauline shared that Pan Am back in the 1960's created a First Moon Flights Club, accepting over 90,000 reservations for future commercial space travel, which were never realised.

Rod shared a great quote from Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook (which appears in his book) "If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat, just get on".



**Quiz Question**

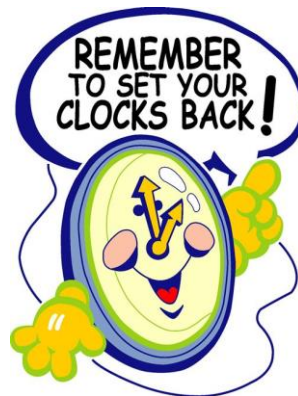
**What part of the body has the most bones?**

**Answer:** Our hands. There are 206 bones in the average human body. Each hand has 27 bones, along with 34 muscles and 123 ligaments. They only just beat our feet by one measly bone.



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Happy Anniversary Suzette & Ian

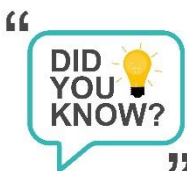


Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Just a reminder that Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3am. Turn your clocks back one hour.**

**PRESIDENT'S 'DID YOU KNOW'**

**St Patrick's Day**



” St Patrick was not Irish he was born in Britain, most likely Wales or Scotland.

His name was Maewyn Succat which he changed to Patrick when he became Bishop.

He didn't banish snakes as they never existed in Ireland.

The traditional colour associated with St Patrick is blue, not green.

He was never formally canonized as a Saint.

Today a whopping 13,000,000 pints of Guinness will be consumed globally.

The first St Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737, and the first in Ireland in 1903.



## Tour of Campbelltown SES – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The Campbelltown SES has invited us to their Community Supporters' Night on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March in recognition of our recent donation, which played an important role in enabling the work which was undertaken by the unit to be completed.

### Event Details

**Date:** Tuesday, 24 March 2026

**Time:** 19:30hrs (7:30pm)

**Location:** Campbelltown SES Unit, 141 Montacute Road, Campbelltown SA 5074

**Dress:** Casual

The evening will be relaxed and informal. A brief speech of thanks will be followed by an opportunity to tour the unit and speak with some of the crew.

Lindsay has arranged dinner at Chillies Indian Restaurant, 145 Montacute Rd, Newton at 6pm. Please give names to Lindsay **ASAP** if you would like to attend the dinner and/or the tour - [lindsaydavis17@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaydavis17@gmail.com)



### DESALINATION PLANT TOUR

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Morialta for the invite to visit the Adelaide Desalination Plant for a twilight tour.

The Adelaide Desalination Plant at Lonsdale is the state's largest desalination plant able to produce 100 gigalitres a year.

As metropolitan Adelaide's only climate-independent source of drinking water, it has been delivering drinking water since 2011.

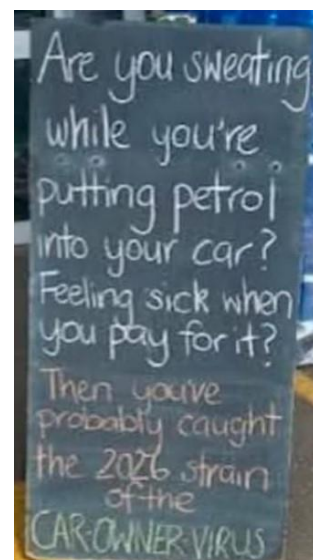
Rotarians and friends joined a guided bus tour to see how they turn seawater into fresh clean drinking water, and how important desalination is to South Australia's water security.

**MARCH– Rotary Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month.**

**The club would like to wish Honorary Members  
Graham and Robyn a Happy Wedding Anniversary  
and to  
Jill Whittaker a Happy Birthday**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 21 MAR**                      **SA ELECTION DAY - 8.00AM-6.00PM**
- Sunday 22 MAR**                      **SOCIAL EVENT – WILLUNGA HOTEL – 12.30PM**  
Join us for lunch at the middle pub in Willunga  
5, High Street, Willunga
- Tuesday 24 MAR**                      **CAMPBELLTOWN SES TOUR – 7.30PM**  
141 Montacute Road, Campbelltown SA 5074  
Dinner will be at Chillies Indian Restaurant at 6pm prior to the tour.  
Please let Lindsay know if you will be attending the dinner and/or the tour **ASAP**.
- Thursday 26 MAR**                      **MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING - 6.00PM**  
At Greg & Tash's, 5 Piccadilly Cres, Campbelltown.
- 27 – 29 MAR**                              **MULTI DISTRICT IMPACT SUMMIT**  
Horsham Town Hall
- Sunday 05 APR**                              **EASTER SUNDAY & DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**
- Tuesday 07 APR**                              **CLUB MEETING 1318 – 7.00AM– 8.00AM**  
Hectorville Sports and Community Club  
31, Fisher Street Magill  
Guest Speaker: Christian Wickham
- Friday 10 APR**                              **MAGILL RSL SCHNITZEL NIGHT – 5.30PM**  
8, Lorne venue, Magill
- Sunday 12 APR**                              **MAGILL SUNRISE ROTARY MARKET 9.00M – 2.00PM**  
Campbelltown Memorial Oval
- Tuesday 14 APR**                              **CLUB MEETING 1319 – 7.00AM– 8.00AM**  
Hectorville Sports and Community Club  
31, Fisher Street Magill
- Thursday 16 APR**                              **BOARD MEETING 6.00PM for 6.30PM**  
Venue: TBA
- Monday 20 APR**                              **PARADISE PROBUS CLUB 10.00AM – 12NOON**  
St Martin's Church Hall, 3 Gorge Rd, Paradise.  
Guest Speaker: Sami Omari
- Tuesday 21 APR**                              **CLUB MEETING 1320 – 6.00PM for 6.30PM**  
Tower Hotel, 621 Magill Rd, Magill



## GROUP 3 CLUBS

### Monday

**Campbelltown:** 0407 724 699 - 6.30pm

San Giorgio Club, Henry St, Payneham

**Coromandel Valley:** 0431 012 142 – 6.30pm - 1st & 3rd Mon St John’s Anglican Parish Hall

### Tuesday

**Magill Sunrise:** 0415 453 101 - 7.00am - 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hectorville Sporting Club, Magill

**NEW!!! 6.30pm 3rd Tue**

**Tower Hotel, Magill**

**St Peters:** 0493 281 503 - 6.00pm

Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

**Blackwood:** 0477 788 660 - 6.30pm - 1st & 3rd Tue

Blackwood RSL

**Edwardstown:** 0437 760 420 - 6.15pm - 1st & 3rd Tue

The Maid of Auckland Hotel

**Unley:** 0431 618 359 - 6.00pm

Living Choice, Fullarton

### Wednesdays

**Eastwood:** 0416 367 289 - 7.00am – 1st & 3rd Wed

Royal Coach, 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town

**Norwood:** 0412 305 660 - 6.30pm - 1st, 3rd Wed

The Republic, Cnr Osmond Tce & Magill Rd

**Hyde Park:** 0417 855 182 - 6.15pm - 2nd & 4th Wed

The Goody Hotel, Goodwood

**Burnside:** 0401 627 339 - 6:30pm - 2nd, 4th & 5th Wed

Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

**Mitcham:** 0437 112 907 – 6.45pm

The Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham

**Morialta:** 0497 159 737 - 6.30pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed

Tower Hotel, Magill Rd Magill

**Flagstaff Hill:** 0412 330 803 - 6.30pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed

Flagstaff Community Centre

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**Rotary** Service Above Self

Rajeev Kamineni DG 2025-26  
Francesco Arezzo RI President 2025-26

District 9510  
Encompasses most of South Australia,  
Sunraysia, Alice Springs and Broken Hill.

*In the spirit of reconciliation, the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we serve the community, the Kaurna people of Tandanya, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.*

*(If you wish to unsubscribe from our Bulletin, please contact Pauline)*

