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### MEETINGS

**Attendees at meetings are encouraged to be fully Covid Vaccinated**  
Meetings commence at 6:30 pm,  
place meal orders before 6:20pm

**RSVP**

**Click on the button or Ctrl+Click on the link below to notify your attendance at Club Meetings, and if you are eating.**

<https://www.mitchamrotarysa.org.au/program-and-events>

**CLOSE OFF TIME NOW 9:00PM MONDAY**

**FRIDAY 27 March 2026 SOUP KITCHEN UNLEY SALVOS**  
\$20 per person  
RSVP via  
Mitcham Rotary website

**1 April 2026 AT THE ED COMMITTEES**  
*Reception and Raffle Locky McLaren*

**8 April 2026 COFFEE MORNING**  
Dolci Café  
10:00AM  
Mitcham Shopping Centre

**15 April 2026 AT THE ED Combined meeting with Blackwood Shelter Boxes**  
**Speaker Peter Jarvis**  
*Reception and Raffle Julianna Paul*

**22 April 2026 AT THE ED Assembly of Birthing Kits**  
*Reception and Raffle Nikki Pearsall*

### BOOKSHOP NOTICE

A new desk phone has now been installed in the office. The large red button with a heart on it, in the top right corner, connects directly to SAPOL. In an emergency just press it for 5 seconds, an alarm will sound, and SAPOL will answer. You do not need to pick up the receiver.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lovely to see all at the Ed and this time in the High Street Bar for a smaller group. We welcomed Diana Flores and Rob Bradshaw as visitors, along with our guest speaker Bernie Boag from the Australian Red Cross. One of our honorary members, Catherine Hutchesson joined us as well and it was lovely to catch up with her again.



Bernie set us all some homework to work through our emergency Rediplans and walked us through the process while adding her insights around what happens during and after emergencies of many kinds, and how we can all plan for the unexpected. A very enlightening and thought-provoking presentation, and we thank Bernie for her time and experience. She also won the raffle which was a surprise for her too!

Shout out tonight to the Bookshop team of volunteers who as of the end of February have already achieved their budgeted target for the year – congratulations to all who volunteer and fundraise so that we can continue to support our project.

Thanks to Sam for distributing his guides for usage of our website, and also to Julian for representing our club on the regional team preparing to host a stand at the Royal Adelaide Show, and also for his procurement of prizes for our Quiz night.

The Board met last evening after the meeting, and as you will see when the committee reports are distributed, there have been some very good ideas put forward in order to support our goal to improve the member experience. Some of these will be actioned in the coming meetings.

Some dates for everyone to keep in the diary – our Changeover Dinner will be at the Ed on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026. Clearly, there will be no committees meeting that evening, but on the subject of committees it would be good for members to start considering what committee they may wish to participate in for the next Rotary Year – President



Elect Andrew will communicate directly around this as we get closer to the time, but food for thought in the interim.

Further ahead, Christmas Dinner most likely be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December but confirmation will be received after consultation with the Ed. Just save the date for now!

The Board received a request to make a donation toward the DGs partner project – Priya is hosting a Bridge Day which will include a wine wall, and we have agreed to donate a dozen bottles of our forthcoming Shiraz stock to the cause.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and committees will meet. We will ask that members sit with their committees for dinner as we will trial having discussions happening throughout dinner, with Directors reporting back to the membership prior to the end of the meeting at around 7.45pm. The aim is have timely communication and information sharing across the committees. We'll see how it goes!

Look forward to seeing everyone then. Thanks to all for your participation and particular thanks to all those who set up and manage our meetings.



## WINE SALE

2023 O'LEARY WALKER CLARE SHIRAZ.

It is \$125 a dozen

Delivery April.

Orders to Dennis Reynolds by

SMS 0411 899 160

**MITCHAM RETAINS THE BOWLS TROPHY:**

**ONCE AGAIN (25 FEB 2026)**

### COLLECTING FREE COLES UTENSILS TO INCLUDE IN HOME STARTER PACKS

Dear Members, This request is directed only at those members who happen to shop at Coles with a Fly Buys card and are not already collecting the free cookware that is in their latest promotion for themselves, family or friends.

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card and are not already collecting the free cookware that is in their latest promotion for themselves, family or friends.

It is simply a request that if you happen to earn enough credits for the set of two utensils pictured, then please redeem and hand them on and I will give them to one of the charities that makes "home starter packs".

We are only after the "Utensil Sets", redeemable for 20 credits not the saucepans or frypans as these would require too many credits to collect enough to be helpful.

Please DO NOT do any of the following:

- Buy them.
- Buy them with part credits, part pay
- Redeem other items such as saucepans or frypans.
- Change shopping routine from another store.

**THIS IS SIMPLY A REQUEST TO NOT WASTE CREDITS YOU MAY HAVE EARNED AND NOT A REQUEST TO COLLECT LARGE AMOUNTS OF UTENSILS.**

(For anyone wondering, redeeming Credits, does not impact your Fly Buys balance).

Credits can be collected until 12 May and redeemed until 19 May 2026.

### PRESIDENT JENNY'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

