




# ATTADALE

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## *View*



They shall not grow  
old, as we that are  
left grow old. Age  
shall not weary  
them, nor the years  
condemn. At the  
going of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember  
them.

LEST WE FORGET

## Photo story by Gail McCulloch

The members, partners and friends who attended our last meeting were in awe of our Guest Speaker.

His story, of his life in South Africa, his years of caring for Nelson Mandela, and his life in Australia, was amazing and inspirational.

Prof. Peter Friedland completed his primary medical qualifications in Johannesburg, at the University of Witwatersrand and was awarded an Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery fellowship, from the South African College of Medicine in 1994. He then completed a postgraduate master's in medicine in 1998.

From 2005 to 2009, Prof. Friedland was clinical head of the ENT department at the University of Witwatersrand Donald Gordon Medical Centre, where he was instrumental in convening the first cochlear implant workshop in Africa and performing the first middle ear implant in Africa. Peter said the opportunity to be in the presence of one of the greatest human beings, Nelson Mandela, was an unbelievable privilege, who he said was unique in the sense, that he lived his talk.

After their first encounters, Peter noticed that when Mr Mandela was on TV and at some news conferences, it seemed he could not understand what people were saying. He could listen to them, but he could not understand their speech. Peter realised that he had a significant hearing loss, and his hearing aid was not working. As he was working in the same hospital as Mr Mandela's physician, he mentioned to him one day, that Mr Mandela couldn't understand what people were saying to him. As a result, Peter got a phone call to say that Mr Mandela had flown back from Mozambique, and would he be prepared to come to his house and see him? Peter was honoured to have this opportunity.

He realised Mr Mandela had been wearing analogue hearing aids, that were 30 or 40-year-old technology, which had been sent to him when he was in prison on Robben Island, in the 1960s. He had lost his hearing because of the forced daily labour in the limestone quarry. The noises from hitting the stone destroyed his hearing, just as the sunlight destroyed his eyes. Peter convinced Mr Mandela to wear digital, top of the range hearing aids. They worked. He could hear and understand. But his swollen arthritic fingers from



*Martin, Prof Peter Friedland and Ian*

all the years in the stone quarry, could not remove the aids or adjust them. Peter replaced them, attached to big visible moulds. Mr Mandela wasn't worried about what they looked like. He had no vanity and was happy to be able to hear with them.

Peter decided to leave South Africa for a number of reasons, but mainly his exposure to the victims of violence, which became overwhelming. Mr Mandela did not want Peter to move to Perth, but gave his blessing to leave, with one proviso. He should work for the good health of the indigenous people. Whether it was in Africa or Australia, didn't matter.

After immigrating to Perth with his family, in 2010, Peter was awarded a Fellowship from the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS).

Peter travels regularly to conduct clinics and surgeries in remote locations, including the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia.

Locally, he runs a monthly ENT clinic at Derbarl Yerrigan Health Centre in Mirrabooka. Peter also started a charitable foundation with colleagues, Hear Here for Bhutan, that helps children in Bhutan with hearing loss.

Peter is the Garnett Passe Rodney Williams Foundation Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at UWA and SCGH, and professor at the School of Medicine, University Notre Dame, where he teaches and coordinates the curriculum for final year medical students.

This is only part of the amazing work done by Prof. Peter Friedland. ❖

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As is the custom in our Club, birthdays are celebrated by the giving of a Birthday Cupcake.

This week Colin and Rod received a cupcake, but somehow Ian left himself out!! We should have thought that may happen, so must take note next time.

We hope everyone who had a birthday enjoyed their special day.

## May is Youth Service Month



Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Every May, Rotary International celebrates Youth Service Month! We invite you to spend this time highlighting the leadership development and service impact of the more than 350,000 young leaders who participate in Rotary International's youth programs each year. RSVP to the [Facebook Event](#) to learn ways to celebrate and receive updates throughout the month.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We have received a special request from Charlie at **PORTCARE**:

They are desperately short of bed linen, towels and any other similar goods in reasonable condition.

Please contact:

Ian Pittaway

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or

Colin McCulloch

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Immunization is a cornerstone of public health, saving millions of lives each year and preventing the spread of infectious diseases, like polio. Rotary International has spent over 40 years making sure children receive life-saving polio vaccines, beginning with our first immunization campaign in the Philippines in 1979.

As a Rotary member, you are a part of this historic legacy, and we need your help to keep our promise to give children around the world a polio-free future.

Here are three things you can do to support our #EndPolio efforts during World Immunization Week 24-30 April:

1. **Spread the word:** Use the [World Immunization Week Toolkit](#) for graphics and sample posts to share on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork. You can also use the "Letter to the Editor" template to craft a letter for your local newspaper.
2. **Organize an event:** Host a fundraiser that educates community members on Rotary's polio eradication efforts.
3. **Support vaccination campaigns:** Partner with local healthcare organizations to encourage routine immunizations in your community.

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*From Peter Best, RC Booragoon*

'MACA Cancer200 Ride to support cancer research

Will you help, please? We're riding to support cancer research. 200 Km will be a long trek. I really hope that our ride and your donation make a difference. Last year this ride raised \$8.8 million dollars for research.

Donate here (or to join the team, see below)

<https://www.cancer200.org.au/.../peterbest/cancer-200-2024>

Join Team "Rotary Riders" here:  
[Register - MACA Cancer 200 \(2024\)](#)

JEFF'S PICK



Skyscraper2 by ©Jeff Spickett

# CLUB CALENDAR

## MAY

- 01 RCA Board Meeting
- 08 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker: Andrew Maccan, Head of Science, Melville SHS
- 12 Perth Makers' Market parking
- 15 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker: Lorraine Hammond, Professor, ECU
- 22 Dinner Meeting - a combined dinner meeting with RC of Fremantle, partners and friends.  
A special meeting to celebrate the ongoing success of the Rotary Charity Golf Day and hear about its history, operation and how our beneficiaries utilize the funds raised.

## JUNE

- 05 RCA Board Meeting
- 12 Dinner Meeting - a special meeting for partners and friends, with all WA Rotarians invited to attend. Guest speaker: Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia
- 19 Changeover Dinner - for all members, partners and friends. Celebrating the Rotary year and inducting the new President, Board and Officers
- 26 Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC

## SOME SPECIAL FUTURE DATES

- Saturday, August 31  
"Music in the Air" Orchestral Concert at the Mt Pleasant Auditorium
- Sunday, September 22  
Perth Makers' Market parking
- Sunday, November 17  
Jacaranda Festival
- Sunday, November 3  
Perth Makers' Market parking
- Wednesday, December 11  
Christmas Dinner Meeting
- Sunday, December 15  
Perth Makers' Market parking
- Friday, March 7, 2025  
Rotary Charity Golf Day at Royal Fremantle Golf Club

## April 2024 life events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>04 Gail McCulloch ~ Birthday</li> <li>09 Patricia Robertson* ~ Birthday</li> <li>11 Yvonne Rate* ~ Birthday</li> <li>12 Club (42nd) Charter Anniversary 1982</li> <li>12 Mal Bennet ~ Induction (1982)</li> <li>12 Winston Marsh ~ Induction (1982)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Rod Rate ~ Birthday</li> <li>19 Bob Rodgers* ~ Birthday</li> <li>25 Colin McCulloch ~ Birthday</li> <li>27 Ian Pittaway ~ Birthday</li> <li>30 Martin Houchin ~ Induction (2007)</li> </ul> |
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\*Partners / Honorary members

# FOUR VOLUNTEERS PER DATE, 8:30AM TO 12:30PM

Please nominate  
which date/s you'll be  
available to volunteer



	12 May 2024	22 Sep 2024	03 Nov 2024	15 Dec 2024
Mal Bennett				
Betty Bright				
Jim Calcei	YES			
Helen Carwardine				
Selwyn Castles				
Mick Donnes				
Martin Houchin				
Shelley Konig		YES		
George Lewkowski				
Winston Marsh				
Carole Maxwell				
Colin McCulloch				
Gail McCulloch				
Neil McKay				
Abby Parsons				
Kerry Parsons				
Ian Pittaway				
Rod Rate				
Kerry Scott				
John Sharp		YES		
Joyce Smith				
Jeff Spickett				
Llew Withers				

Contact Shelley on [shelley.konig@iinet.net.au](mailto:shelley.konig@iinet.net.au) or 0427 761352 with date/s you'll be able to volunteer



**DUTY ROSTER**  
**If you can't undertake your duty for any reason, please arrange a replacement and notify Colin**

## MAY 08

Setup and Clear away	Helen Carwardine
Attendance and Door Prize	Joyce Smith and Kerry Scott
Invocation	Mal Bennett
Joker	Martin Houchin
Happy Dollars	Rod Rate
The Charge	Shelley Konig
Sweet Treats	Shelley Konig

## MAY 15

Setup and Clear away
Attendance and Door Prize
Invocation
Joker
Happy Dollars
The Charge
Sweet Treats