

Recognising Our Awardees

PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS

2026



Rotary
Salisbury (SA)



AWARD RECOGNITION EVENING

President & Vocational Director Damien Walker and the Vocational Team, with the support of Venue Organiser and Liaison Mary Purbrick, are to be commended for delivering another highly successful Pride in Work Awards, presented at the Club's meeting on Monday, 15 June 2026. Now in its fourth year in this format, the event has become an annual tradition for the Club and something that keeps growing positively.

The Pride in Work Award recognises employees and volunteers who demonstrate long-term personal commitment to their roles, consistently excelling in the quality of their work, taking pride in customer service, and upholding outstanding professionalism.

The Rotary Club of Salisbury acknowledges the importance of highlighting positive role models within the workplace. Each year, award recipients are selected for their ability to:

- Encourage others to develop their skills,
- Take pride in their workplace,
- Exhibit a can-do attitude and strive for excellence in customer service.

The awards also provide local businesses and organisations with the opportunity to publicly acknowledge staff and volunteers who contribute to their success and culture of service excellence.

In 2026, nominations were received from the public, Salisbury Rotarians, and local businesses and organisations. The Award Recognition Evening, attended by 60+ guests, saw 13 individuals recognised from 12 different businesses and organisations across the Salisbury region. This year's cohort included a sole trader, a school, small businesses, and volunteer organisations — reflecting the broad and valued contribution of individuals across our community.

All recipients were presented with a laminated certificate and a gift card, while their employers received a framed certificate in recognition of their support and shared values with our Club.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our 2026 Awardees

The 2026 Pride in Work Award recipients were:

- 👤 Sarah Hales – Receptionist (Funlife Fitness Centre)
- 🍰 Courtney Heynen – Customer Service / Parent Helpline (Rory's School Lunches)
- 🚒 The Team at Salisbury Country Fire Service
- 🎓 Kerry Abraham – Learning Support Officer / Teacher's Aide (Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School)
- 🛒 Myles Chuchla – Checkout Operator (Saints Foodland)
- 🥗 Ethan Arnott – Deli Assistant (Saints Foodland)
- ☕ The Team at The Fabulous Baker Boys
- 🎨 Emma McKendry – Artist / Face Painter (Mad Hatterz Parties)
- 🌿 Olga Brady – Volunteer (Friends of Cobbler Creek)
- 💻 Scott O'Dea – Owner Operator (SUi Computers)
- 🏢 Claire Britton – Head of Commercial Management (Lin Andrews Real Estate)
- 🍷 Josephine Holloway – Principal Volunteer (St Vincent de Paul – Fred's Van)
- 🏨 Sharon Coombe – Venue Manager (Salisbury Hotel)

The Rotary Club of Salisbury extends its congratulations to all awardees and thanks all who contributed to making this year's Pride in Work Awards a true celebration of dedication, professionalism, and service excellence within our local community.



OUR AWARDEES 2026

Funlife Fitness Centre **SARAH HALES**

Sarah Hales, Receptionist at Funlife Fitness Centre, is recognised for the professionalism, warmth and pride she brings to her role. As one of the first points of contact for members and visitors, Sarah helps create a welcoming and positive environment, reflecting the value of excellent customer service.



PHOTO: Jenny and David Wood (Mominators), Sarah Hales with President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker. Manager of Funlife Fitness Centre, Dominic Trimboli, was an apology.

Mad Hatterz Parties **EMMA MCKENDRY**

Emma McKendry from Mad Hatterz Parties is recognised for the creativity, care and professionalism she brings to her work as an artist and face painter. Emma helps create joy and memorable experiences for families and children, showing pride in both her craft and her customer service.



PHOTO: Toni Smallman and Andrew Kubler (Nominators + Owners), Emma McKendry (Entertainer), with President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker.

Ethan Arnott

SAINTS FOODLAND

Ethan Arnott, Deli Assistant at Saints Foodland, is recognised for his friendly, polite and energetic approach to customer service. As a valued member of the Service Deli team, Ethan takes pride in providing exceptional service and creating a positive experience for every customer he serves.

Myles Chuchla

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Myles Chuchla, Checkout Operator at Saints Foodland, is recognised for the pride, professionalism and warmth he brings to customer service. Myles treats customers like family, brings friendly conversation to every interaction and has become a much-loved member of the Saints Foodland team.

The Fabulous Baker Boys

THE TEAM

The Fabulous Baker Boys team is recognised for their outstanding customer service, professionalism and welcoming hospitality. Their courteous, friendly and helpful approach leaves a positive impression on customers and reflects the pride they take in their work and local business.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with Bronwyn (Owner + Operator), Meg (Team Member) and Anthea Walker (Nominator).



PHOTO: Claudio Rodrigues (Manager), President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker, BBQ Manager PP Richard Pailthorpe and recipients Myles and Ethan.

Salisbury Country Fire Service THE TEAM

This volunteer-driven team contributes thousands of hours each year responding to bushfires, structural fires, road accidents and rescue callouts across northern Adelaide and beyond. Balancing family, work and personal commitments with training, callouts, community events and recruitment, the Salisbury CFS team demonstrates courage, service and outstanding community spirit.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with Salisbury CFS team representatives Hayley and Michael, and David Waylen (Nominator).

Golden Grove Lutheran Primary KERRY ABRAHAM

Kerry Abraham from Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School is recognised for more than two decades of dedicated service to her school community. Through her work as a Learning Support Officer, School Council member and Parents and Friends President, Kerry has made a lasting contribution to the lives of students, families and staff.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with Principal William Wallace (Nominator), Kerry (OSHC Coordinator).

Rory's School Lunches COURTNEY HEYDEN

Courtney Heynen from Rory's School Lunches is recognised for the care, friendliness and professionalism she brings to her work. Managing the parent helpline, Courtney responds to questions, concerns and last-minute changes with patience and helpfulness, ensuring families are supported and matters are followed through.



PHOTO: President Damien, with nominator Rosalid Njorge, who received the award on behalf of Courtney Heynen (Admin Officer). Courtney was an apology on the evening.

Friends of Cobbler Creek **OLGA BRADY**

Olga Brady from Friends of Cobbler Creek is recognised as a thoughtful, reliable, energetic and experienced volunteer. Through her support of propagation work, Rotary Corner working bees and Clean Up Australia Day, Olga contributes generously to the environment, her team and the wider community.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with Olga (Volunteer) and Stephen Rogers (Representative of FOCC President Shanelle Palmer), Rotarian Keith Stuart (Representative of Nominator PP Mignon Clark).

Lin Andrews Real Estate **CLAIRE BRITTON**

Claire Britton from Lin Andrews Real Estate is recognised for her excellence, pride and professionalism in customer service. As a respected Commercial Manager in Salisbury, Claire supports many local property owners and small businesses, contributing to the strength and activity of the Salisbury business community.



PHOTO: President Damien, with Rotarian Jenni Thompson, who received the award on behalf of Claire Britton. Claire was a last-minute apology on the evening.

SUi Computers **SCOTT O'DEA**

Scott O'Dea from SUi Computers is recognised for the professionalism, reliability and care he brings to his work. Through practical support and a strong service mindset, Scott reflects the Pride in Work values of quality, commitment and community connection.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker and David Waylen (Joint Nominators), with Scott O'Dea (Owner Operator).

St Vincent de Paul – Fred's Van JOSEPHINE HOLLOWAY

Josephine “Jo” Holloway has volunteered with Fred's Van since September 2017 and has made an outstanding contribution as Principal Volunteer. Through her ongoing commitment, Jo helps ensure that people experiencing hardship receive a dignified meal, practical support and genuine care. Her service includes shopping for meal items, collecting food donations, organising menus, cooking, setting up at Twelve25, coordinating volunteers and assisting wherever needed. Each week, Fred's Van supports 30 to 50 people, including older community members, families, Aboriginal people and those experiencing homelessness. Jo's quiet, compassionate and consistent service reflects humility, dignity and pride, and truly exemplifies the Rotary value of Service Above Self.

Salisbury Hotel SHARON COOMBE

Sharon Coombe is recognised for her outstanding professionalism, attention to detail and commitment to going above and beyond in a demanding, high-pressure industry. Through her role at the Salisbury Hotel, Sharon ensures every event and guest experience is delivered with care, reliability and pride.

Sharon is also a generous supporter of the local community, contributing to the Christmas Parade Day, National Volunteer Week recognition, the Community Care Drive for Salisbury CFS and Salisbury SES, and a range of local business events.



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with Jo (Principal Volunteer), Teresa Branch (Manager at Fred's Van) and PP Rick Henke (Nominator)



PHOTO: President & Vocational Team Leader Damien Walker with David Waylen (Nominator), Sharon (Manager).

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Showcasing Rotary Club of Salisbury's AllSorts Shop, a second hand shop run by Rotarians. Open on Thursday & Saturday (9:30-3pm) and located on Anderson Drive (Parafield Airport), Parafield, SA, 5106



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northernbusinessbreakfast

NORTHERN BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Northern Business Breakfast is presented by the Rotary Club of Salisbury on the 4th Wednesday of each month (excl. Jan). We are grateful for the support of our corporate partners The Polaris Centre and the Stretton Centre, as well as our major sponsors Parafield Airport Limited, St Patrick's Technical College and the Salisbury Business Association Inc. Venues vary and include the Old Spot Hotel and the Playford Bowling Club.



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Salisbury City Rotaract



SALISBURY CITY ROTARACT

Salisbury City Rotaract Club is for young people aged between 18 and 30, who are looking to develop themselves and give back to the community. We believe in the strength of diversity and that no matter where a young person comes from, they are deserving of opportunities to learn, develop and lead.



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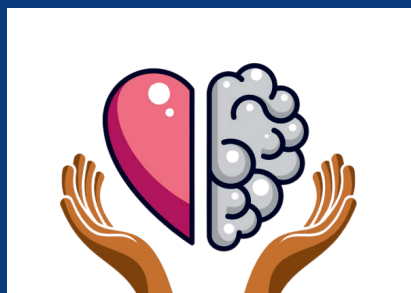


Club Focus & Priorities

We at the Rotary Club of Salisbury (SA) are committed to leading with strategic vision, acting with purpose and intention, and serving with integrity.

In 2025/26 (and beyond), **we prioritise belonging, respect and fairness** to utilise the full potential of our Rotary Community, drive innovation, and build a stronger, more inclusive organisation as we unite for good.

We embrace innovation, foster partnerships, and promote continuity. We honour our club's legacy while evolving to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. By upholding Rotary's values and remaining committed to sustainable growth, we strive to create lasting impact in our community and beyond.



DAMIEN WALKER
President 2025/26



Being service-centred



Building fellowship



Increasing membership by 5 members



Raising awareness of DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)



Documenting history and projects

Rotary International Presidential Message



Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo calls on Rotarians to Unite for Good by focusing on innovation, continuity, and partnership.

He reminds us that our greatest strength lies in our Members—their passion, ideas, and commitment to service. To grow Rotary and sustain its impact, we must embrace new Club models, build on past leadership, and form meaningful partnerships.

The theme highlights the power of unity in a divided world and encourages clubs to be bold, adaptable, and collaborative. This year, let's come together with purpose and action, uniting our strengths to do even more good.



VISION

As a leading and resilient Service Club, the Rotary Club of Salisbury (SA) supports a thriving community by demonstrating service above self and valuing diversity.

With innovation in approach and integrity, we evolve and progress.

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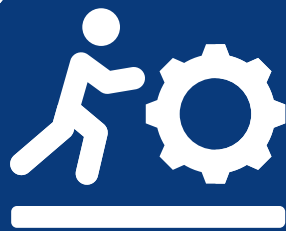
MISSION

The Rotary Club of Salisbury (SA) through service and fellowship:

- **Builds** a sustainable Club that is representative of our community.
- **Maintains** a Club based on the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test.
- **Develops and delivers** successful community projects, which achieve real change at a local, national and international level.

VALUES

- Service
- Fellowship
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Leadership



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