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Speaker	Topic	Bio
Ollie Pickett 	Wheelchairs for Kids	Brother Thomas Oliver (Olly) Pickett AM co-founded Wheelchairs for Kids in 1996 to provide adjustable wheelchairs and occupational therapy expertise for children in developing countries, free of charge. Since then, more than 60,000 custom-built wheelchairs have been gifted to children in over 80 countries. With over 250 retiree workshop volunteers, Wheelchairs For Kids is one of Western Australia's largest (and with an average age of 74, one of Australia's oldest) volunteer-led charities. A further 550 people from aged care and community groups sew covers for wheelchair soft supports, and crochet rugs and soft toys. Olly also spearheaded the development of an innovative, low-cost wheelchair design to World Health Organization standards that grows as the children do – a world first. Wheelchairs For Kids is just one way that Olly has improved the lives of others. For 26 continuous years, his life-changing community service has ignited a ripple effect of kindness and generosity.
Jessie Harman 	The Magic of Rotary RI Rep & Foundation	From a participant in RYLA to a director on the board of Rotary International, Jessie Harman knows firsthand how Rotary service changes lives. Her own experience in Rotary has been diverse and rewarding. In addition to serving on the board, Jessie has chaired several Rotary International Committees including the Membership Committee and currently the Communications Committee. She has facilitated learning for Governors at Rotary's International Assembly, supported clubs to strengthen their membership as a Rotary Co-ordinator, and led District 9780 as Governor. In her 25 years in Rotary, Jessie has also seen the power of Rotary's Foundation to deliver good in the world and she continues to support the Foundation as a donor and Chair of Rotary Foundation Australia. All these experiences are underpinned by Jessie's most significant role – as member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast in Ballarat. Outside of Rotary, Jessie is a professional non-executive director, a keen long-distance walker, wife to Andrew, and mum to Claire, Georgia and James.

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Lorraine Finlay 	Human Rights: Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday	Lorraine Finlay commenced her term as Human Rights Commissioner on 22 November 2021. Prior to joining the Commission Lorraine has worked as a lawyer and academic specialising in human rights and public law. Her most recent roles have been as the Senior Human Trafficking Specialist with the Australian Mission to ASEAN, and as a law lecturer at Murdoch University. In her academic role Lorraine has lectured in areas including criminal law, constitutional law and international human rights, and has been recognised with a number of national and university awards for her teaching and research.
James Savundra 	Overseas surgical adventures with Interplast	Mr James Savundra OAM MBBS FRACS Specialist Plastic Surgeon James was born in Sri Lanka and was raised in Perth, Western Australia. He completed an undergraduate medical degree at the University of WA and qualified in 1993 as an intern. In 2001 he qualified as a Specialist Plastic Surgeon with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He completed three years of specialist plastic surgery training in Perth, one year in Melbourne and in 2003 did higher training in hand surgery at the New York University Medical Centre.
Caroline Donovan 	Helping little kids sleep: The Lights Out program.	Professor Caroline Donovan is a Clinical Psychologist and Professor within the School of Applied Psychology and the Centre for Mental Health at Griffith University. She received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Queensland in 2005, has full registration as a Psychologist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and is a member of the Australasian Sleep Association. She has received over $10 million worth of funding throughout her career and has published 14 book chapters and 111 peer reviewed journal articles. She as presented at numerous national and international conferences, is an Associate Editor of Anxiety, Stress and Coping, and is currently on the Editorial Boards of Child Psychiatry and Human Development and Australian Psychologist. She has supervised 19 PhD students, 10 DPsych students, 16 MPsych students and 32 Honours students through to completion. She also has a small private practice that she runs through the Griffith University Psychology Clinic. Her research philosophy centres around a strong belief in early intervention and its ability to change the otherwise problematic trajectories of youth with mental health disorders. Her interests lie in youth anxiety, depression, sleep and body image issues,

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		with a strong emphasis on digital mental health interventions to increase reach and access to evidence-based psychological interventions for young people.
David Caddy 	Can we Manage Western Australia's Future Growth?	Prof David Caddy was appointed Chair of the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2018 and retired at the end of 2024. The Commission has State-wide responsibility for integrated urban and regional land use planning and development, working in conjunction with State and local government to develop a system, policies, and plans for the long-term benefit of the Western Australian community.
Jess Lingard 	Shifting Skies: The future of weather in WA	Jessica Lingard joined the Bureau of Meteorology in 2013 and quickly discovered that her true calling was not sitting behind a computer screen but instead engaging with the public about the weather. In 2022, Jess transitioned to a full-time communications meteorologist role, becoming a familiar voice on the radio waves across WA and the NT. Her love for weather shines through every conversation, and she's known for making weather discussions a lively and accessible part of everyday life."
Narelle Kuppers 	It's Just a Lid – But it's a Circle	Precious Plastics founder Narelle's passion for sustainability shines through her purposeful artworks, made using recycled lids and designed to ignite beauty, education, community and creativity around a greener, better world.
Ross McKillop 	The Increasing Impact of AI - Surprising applications making a difference	Ross McKillop is a Solutions Architect at Amazon Web Services, where he helps public sector customers build innovative Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning solutions on the AWS cloud. Before joining AWS in 2019, Ross worked as a software developer at Amazon.com and various startups in the United States. Originally from Margaret River, Ross returned to the Southwest in 2020 where he currently lives with his wife and two daughters.
Trish Blake 	Scam awareness… stay informed and protect yourself.	Trish Blake is the Commissioner for Consumer Protection. Previously the Director of Retail and Services, Trish also worked in the Legislation and Policy Directorate of Consumer Protection for more than 12 years. As a passionate advocate for residential tenancies, scam prevention, human rights and product safety, Trish welcomes the opportunity to speak to industry professionals and the media on these

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		important issues. She is a regular guest on ABC Perth's Drive program, 6PR's Perth Live program and often features in Consumer Protection television interviews. Trish has a law degree and is admitted to practice in Western Australia. She also has a degree with Honours in Social Work and a Post Graduate qualification in Public Policy and taught in the Murdoch University's International Human Rights program for a number of years. This involved taking a cohort of university students from across Australia to Geneva where students get to see first-hand the United Nations and various other bodies in action and where they learn how human rights laws are made and how they are enforced. Prior to working for the Department, Trish spent many years working in Community Legal Centres in WA.
VTT 	California and Utah Experiences with Human Trafficking	Rotary International District 5300 is proud to send a team of subject matter experts on human trafficking to discuss how this scourge is addressed in the Western United States and to learn from their counterparts in Western Australia. Human trafficking is a serious crime involving the exploitation of people for forced labor, or sexual slavery. Victims are often coerced, deceived, or kidnapped. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide. It is an issue that requires urgent prevention, intervention, and justice.
Cat Levine 	Think and Be Me - Transforming Communities Through Preventative Mental Health Education	With 20+ years experience as a speaker Cat Levine has seen her fair share of children and adults who have yet to understand how to deal with their feelings and emotions. With the understanding that a persons mental wellness journey needs to begin early, Cat has developed a range of programmes to help children form solid foundations and learn lifelong skills in emotional regulation. Think and Be Me (supported by the Feelings for Life Charitable trust) is a hub of mental wellbeing resources to help children build emotional wellbeing skills, for life. Cat is now a regular guest at primary & intermediate schools with her emotional well-being presentations, engaging resources and teacher training/professional development. Cat has also worked with National Institute of Health and Innovation promoting Sparx as well as Life Education, Anxiety NZ and Autism NZ facilitating teacher training, as well as a Rotary funded global grant to deliver teacher training and resources to 60 schools in Te Tai Tokerau in 2023 , 2024 & 2025.

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		Cat Levine is an engaging speaker & guest who quickly builds rapport with viewers, listeners & audiences, no matter the age or platform.
Megan McKrill 	The forgotten victims of family and domestic violence	With over 14 years of experience in the legal and community sectors, Megan McKrill is the CEO of OVIS Community Services, a not-for-profit organisation that supports and advocates for survivors of family and domestic violence. Megan holds a Bachelor of Laws from Murdoch University and has previously worked as a solicitor at Sussex Street Community Law Service, where she provided legal advice and representation to vulnerable clients on housing and homelessness issues, minor criminal law, FDV related matters and family and civil law matters. She is passionate about creating positive social change and empowering individuals to overcome adversity. In addition to her role at OVIS, Megan is actively involved in various community initiatives and has served on several boards, including the Peel Community Development Group, Mandurah Lotteries House and most currently she is the Chairperson for Consumers of Mental Health WA. Her goal is to expand the reach and impact of OVIS Community Services while fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and excellence.
Rajendra Gautam 	Revitalizing Rural Community - A Success Story of Grassroots Projects in Nepal	Raj, Ph.D. (h.c.) in Social Work is the Founder President of Solidarity Nepal, an entirely non-profitable and social welfare organization aiming to establish and implement sustainable education, health, drinking water and community development programs in the rural areas of Nepal.
Jade Lewis 	Turning Pain into Purpose: A story of Triumph over Adversity	Jade Lewis, who holds a Master's Degree in Criminology, has over 24 years of experience speaking in primary and high schools across Australia. She is a trusted and respected voice among educators, known for her powerful and engaging presentations to audiences of all sizes and ages. With 15 years of experience in the criminal justice system both in Australia and overseas, Jade is passionate about prevention over cure. Her presentations are well-rounded and draw from her formal qualifications, lived experiences, and perspective as a parent of three teenagers. She addresses emerging youth issues such as vaping, consent, resilience, and substance abuse.