

Rotary  
Western Australia



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# April

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

*"We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all"*

Wangari Maathai





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# New this Week

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World Immunization  
Week 2025

[Visit endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org)



World Immunization Week is fast approaching on 24-30 April. This is a critical time to raise awareness about the importance of immunization and the safety and effectiveness of vaccines.

Why do we believe so strongly in this? Rotary made a promise to the children of the world with the launch of the PolioPlus program in 1985 that we would eradicate polio from the world. Thanks to vaccines and the incredible support of Rotary members like you, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9%.

**But we aren't done yet.**

As we continue our work to eradicate polio worldwide, we need to remain vigilant so that we don't lose the progress we've made. No child should suffer from diseases like polio that a vaccine can prevent. Polio eradication is Rotary's top humanitarian project, and we need your help to educate your communities about the benefits of vaccination and tell the story of Rotary's efforts.

## World Immunization Week events on social media

During World Immunization Week, we'll livestream two conversations on Rotary's [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts. Mark your calendar now!

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## **Vale PDG William (Bill) Benbow**

It is with great regret that we advise of the passing of Past District Governor William (Bill) Benbow on 28th March 2025.

His longstanding contributions to the Rotary Club of Subiaco, including serving as Former President and Board Member since 1972 and being honoured as a Paul Harris Fellow, exemplify his dedication to leadership and service. Bill was a passionate and committed Rotarian for more than 50 years.

His achievements extend further to Rotary District 9450, where his role as District Governor in 2005–2006 and his involvement in youth-focused initiatives, such as the District Youth Exchange Committee, showcase his passion for empowering young people.

Bill also made a significant impact on local sport, supporting youth development and fostering community spirit. His leadership roles within the Karoonda Junior Football Club, the East Fremantle Football Club, the Melville District Cricket Club, the Floreat Park Cricket Club, and the Floreat Park Amateur Football Club have left a lasting legacy, earning him the well-deserved distinction of Life Member across several organisations.

Bill's funeral was held on Tuesday 8th April.

Our thoughts go out to Heather and Bill's family.





## **Vale PDG Phillip Skelton**

It is with heavy hearts that we remember and honour Past District Governor Phillip Skelton, a cherished member of the Rotary Club of Armadale for the past five years. Phillip's unwavering commitment to service and fellowship enriched both our club and our community in countless ways.

Throughout his time with us, Phillip was an active participant in numerous service projects, demonstrating his deep care for others and his dedication to making a positive impact. He was a familiar and welcoming presence at many of our community events offering a friendly face and cheerful conversation.

As Vocational Director, Phillip brought immense success to the Pride of Workmanship initiative, celebrating the talents and contributions of individuals in our community. Most recently, his involvement in Clean Up Australia Day exemplified his tireless spirit and his passion for environmental stewardship.

Phillip's warmth, kindness, and camaraderie were at the heart of our meetings. He embodied the true spirit of Rotary, bringing great fellowship to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His absence leaves a profound void, but his legacy will continue to inspire us in all that we do.

Prior to joining the Armadale Club in 2020, Phillip was a member of Perth Rotary from 2002 and was District Governor of District 9455 in 2012-13. A commitment Rotarian.

Our thoughts go out to Jacqueline and Phillip's family.

Phillip's funeral service will be held at St Matthews Anglican Church, 108 Jull Street, Armadale on Thursday 17 April, commencing at 10:00am.





Rotary Armadale are hosting their third year of their Easter scavenger hunt in Armadale.

Tickets are \$5 for children to participate in the fun and complete the hunt and win some chocolate prizes.

More information can be found on Eventbrite. For ticketing and event information, click [here](#)

# MOTHERS' DAY FUN QUIZ

Cockburn  
**Rotary**  
Club



**THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025 6.30-9pm**  
**at Cockburn BARC**  
**(40 Birchley Road, Yangebup)**



**Tables of 6 to 8 people**  
**\$10 per adult**



COCKBURN BARC

**Register via SMS 0407 689 131**

**Pre-quiz dinner and drinks available at the Bowl and Fork, and Legends Bar**



April's Cockburn Rotary Fun Quiz was filled with laughter, celebrations and happy vibes. Birthday celebrations, teams wearing identical shirts, and family and friends coming together added to the excitement. The evening was a triumph. We anticipate ☐May 1 to be extraordinary with our ☐Mothers Day ☐ Fun Quiz. Thank you to all participants and the committed Rotary members who made the evening memorable.

Come and join the fun.

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# BE KIND to YOUR MIND

Family & Community Mental Health Awareness Events 2025-26 Onwards

On 21 May ARH WA will run a workshop exploring possibilities for pop-up mental health showcases, following on from its collaborative Hyde Park Festival event with local service providers and support groups. The concept is intended for large and small scale family and community events, such as local markets, shows, festivals, fairs, field and sports days, etc. It's an opportunity to work with other service groups in local areas.

Representatives from clubs involved with family and community events, and Rotarians and Rotaractors interested in promoting mental health awareness, are invited to attend.

With Easter and Anzac Day later this month, the workshop is planned for:

**Wednesday 21 May 2025 (2-5pm)**

**John McGrath Pavilion**

97 Hensman Street, South Perth

2.00-3.45pm Welcome & Workshop

3.45-5.00pm Thanks & Networking

RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/arh-wa-workshop>

## Promoting Mental Health Awareness Workshop

The workshop is intended to broadly follow the format below, but can be adapted as needed.

### WORKSHOP

2.00pm Welcome & Fine-tuning the Concept (15 min)  
2:15pm Implementation - Turning Concept into Action (30 min)  
2:45pm Promotional Pitch - Stakeholders & Key Contacts (20 min)  
3:05pm Resourcing Requirements & Sources (20 min)  
3:25pm Project Steering Team (20 min)  
3:45pm THANKS

Networking until 5pm (Drinks & Nibbles only)



RSVP [HERE](https://events.humanitix.com/arh-wa-workshop)

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**Rotary**  
Mandurah Districts  
**SUMBA  
PROJECT  
FAIR FUTURE  
FOUNDATION**



Rotary Clubs in Australia, individuals and corporations are supporting the Fair Future Foundation in Sumba Indonesia, with Water Connections, Malaria Prevention & Health Education. Funding is also needed to support Primary Medical Care programs.

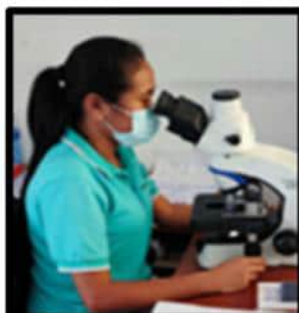
This Rotary project is raising \$125,000 to construct clean water and sanitation systems and provide pro-active malaria prevention strategies in East Sumba.

*Clean water is still the best medicine!*



**Your support will save lives, and enable these villages to become malaria free.**

- The number of people infected with malaria in East Sumba is extremely high.
- There is very little knowledge about malaria infection, and how to prevent it.
- A lack of testing facilities delays the early detection and treatment of malaria.
- Little clean water and sanitation facilities leads to infection, and often death.
- There is extensive poor living conditions and limited access to medical assistance.



Six villages and schools will be provided with water tanks, sanitation facilities, malaria testing and treatment, house spraying, mosquito nets, primary medical care education and training.

**Donations can be sent to:-** Reference Sumba and your name. Thank you.

- Rotary Club Mandurah Districts - Project Account BSB 036 192 Account 283 213
- Rotary Australia World Community Service RAWCS. Project No 10-2023-24  
Search [rawcs.org.au](http://rawcs.org.au) Donations. Look for the project name. (tax receipt will be issued)

**Contact: John Kevan 0419 947 862 [john.kevan@iinet.net.au](mailto:john.kevan@iinet.net.au)**

# Previously listed

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Club of Mundaring



## FOOD VAN FOR SALE



We (Rotary Club of Mundaring) are selling our purpose-built FOOD VAN and we would prefer to sell to another Rotary Club at a discounted price (POA). The van is all inclusive of the following::

- ★ Deep Fryer
- ★ Commercial Hot Plate
- ★ Full Exhaust canopy over both hot plate & deep fryer
- ★ Under counter Refrigerator
- ★ Countertop Bain Marie
- ★ Hot Water System and Water Pump
- ★ Storage Cupboards and Shelving
- ★ Chest Freezer in front compartment
- ★ Fully wired for 240 volts and has gas for deep fryer and hot plate
- ★ The van has a Tandem Axle, Electric Brakes and Spare Tyre....



Please contact Mr. Rod Pavey for more information

0428 747 186



# 2025 DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

The District Assemblies provide new and existing members a great insight into the world of Rotary. The in person, interactive sessions are your chance to get updates on Rotary at the local, District, Regional and International level, meet your District leaders and network with Rotarians from around the State. District Assemblies are free to attend and open to all Rotarians.

<b>Metro</b>	Saturday 5 April	<b>Willetton Basketball Stadium</b> 58 Burrendah Blvd, Willetton <b>** New Venue **</b>
<b>Moora</b>	Sunday 13 April	<b>Moora Rec Centre</b>
<b>Kojonup</b>	Saturday 3 May	<b>Kojonup Sports Complex</b>
<b>Bunbury</b>	Sunday 4 May	<b>ECU Lecture Theatre, Bunbury</b>
<b>Geraldton</b>	Sunday 18 May	<b>Venue TBC</b>
<b>Goldfields</b>	Saturday 24- Sunday 25 May	<b>Overland Hotel, Kagoorlie</b>

**Registration essential:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYUUS>



**ENQUIRIES:**

Jodie Sparks, District 9423 Trainer, 0412 329 859



**BREAKFAST  
SERIES**

# AI & Chat GPT

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

MATILDA BAY RESTAURANT Hackett Drive Crawley

COST: **\$35** per person breakfast included

Bookings Essential

Book and Pay online by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

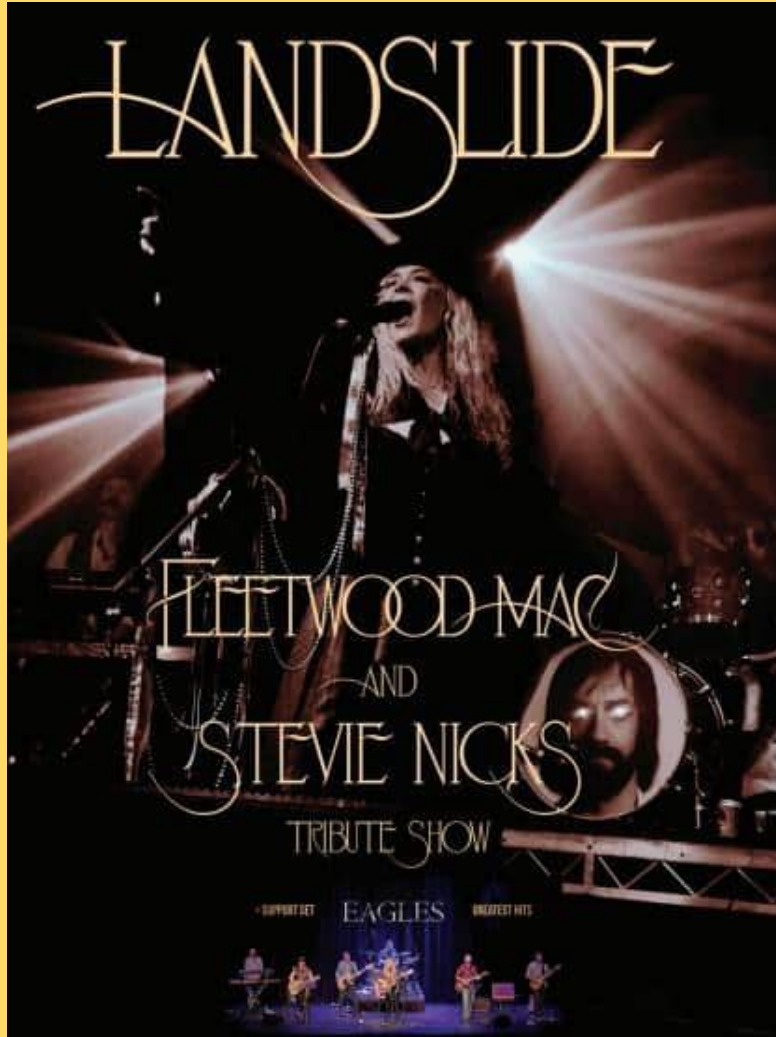
<https://rotarymatildabay.org.au/book-event/58822>



**ALEX JENKINS**

Director  
WA Data Science Innovation Hub  
Curtin University

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Rotary  
Club of Kalamunda

31  
Saturday  
May

## Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks Tribute

performed by *Landslide*

Celebrating the beautifully crafted sounds of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks, 7-piece band Landslide consists of some of Perth's finest musicians.

They pride themselves on their ability to accurately represent the beautiful dynamics, harmonies and musicianship of Fleetwood Mac and have regularly sold out venues all over WA since they formed in 2020.

Landslide also specialise in the music of The Eagles, and this event will start with a short set of Eagles favourite hits, before the main attraction takes to the stage.

This event is hosted by Kalamunda Rotary club with profits going to Tiny Homes, an initiative which supplies tiny homes to foster children who have turned 21 so are too old to be in the foster system. The homes are supplied to their previous foster parents, who can put them in their back yard, and allow the ex-foster child to slowly transition out of the system.

Audience: Family Friendly



BAR OPENS  
7:00PM



SHOW  
7:30PM



RUN TIME  
165 mins



INTERVAL  
30 mins



TICKETS / CONCESSION  
\$40 / \$35

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**Rotary Clubs of D9510 Appeal**



# South Australian Drought Relief Project

## 1,000+ Hay Bales to feed Starving Livestock

<https://RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au/projects/save-sa-farmers-livestock-giant-hay-bales-appeal>

Farmers across SA, particularly in the mid-North region, are in desperate straits trying to source enough feed for their Sheep, Cattle, Horses and more.

*Food is running out! Animals are starving.  
Suffering. Dying. The drought has hit hard!*

With your Club's help, we have a way to get hundreds of huge Round Hay Bales at a crazy discounted price of \$110 (current RRP ranges between \$170 and \$300) from Victorian farmers wanting to assist their SA compatriots, as we were able to assist them last year.

\$ 110 = 1 big round Hay Bale  
\$ 3,520 = 1 truck load of 32 Bales  
\$ 88,000 = 25 truck loads - 800 Bales  
\$ 177,000 = 50 truck loads - 1,600 Bales ... etc



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3 Trucks - carrying 32 Bales of Hay (96 in total) arrive in a central location to make it easy for local farmers to pick-up their needs.

### Your Club Can Help!

#### Every \$110 buys a Bale!

- Spread the word with your members, their families, friends and colleagues.  
Talk to your local Businesses.
  - Engage your local Media & Social Media.
    - Know a Farmer desperate for Hay? Encourage them to Register for Help:-
- <https://access.berts.world/241128487290055>

Rotary Adelaide Central are custodians of the project on behalf of all Rotary Clubs  
[www.RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au](http://www.RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au)

Tax Deductible Donations can be made through our RAWCS registered project  
<https://Donations.RAWCS.com.au/42-2024-25>

This RAWCS Donation Form offers all donors Tax Deductibility for donations of \$2 or more.

The Form also offers VISA / Mastercard payment options, or in **Step 2**, the ability to choose **DIRECT CREDIT** to receive an emailed invoice that includes EFT Account Details for direct bank to bank payments.



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**More Info; Suggestions; Offers of Assistance**  
to Project Manager Rtn Bill Marles • 0410 523 106  
[Hay@RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au](mailto:Hay@RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au)

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# FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

## Important information for Clubs and Schools (Year 6 & Year 10)

The Rotary Club of Greater Geraldton has taken on the responsibility for organising this year's Rotary 4-Way-Speaking-Contest Finals, for Rotary Western Australia, D9423.

Contest details and relevant dates are being finalised. At this time, we recommend School Heats & Club Finals to be completed by the end of July, with State Semi-finals planned for August and State Finals in early September.

Expressions of interest in assisting RC of Greater Geraldton are most welcome.

Any inquiries should be directed to contest organiser Grant Woodhams, [woodhamsgrant9@gmail.com](mailto:woodhamsgrant9@gmail.com) or, [4wtsc@rotarywa.au](mailto:4wtsc@rotarywa.au) (or both)

Contest organiser Rotarian Grant Woodhams said "This is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to step forward and engage with their local schools. I know from personal experience that there are some great students in our schools who will really benefit from the chance to speak in public. Every club in WA has the chance to give their local students a bite of the cherry."





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## CAMP DETAILS

• 2nd - 4th May 2025

- **Rotary Sponsorship:**
- \$340 per participant

**RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a weekend camp for 14 to 17 year olds, with a focus on “Fun with a Purpose”.**

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Leadership
- Make Friends
- Have Fun!

## CONTACT DETAILS

**RYPEN Chair:** Roy Philbin  
**Email:** [rypen@rotarywa.au](mailto:rypen@rotarywa.au)  
**Phone:** 0418 948 847



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# Rotary

Club of Belmont



## 65th Birthday Celebration

**Date:** Tuesday, 13th May

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Venue:** Royal Perth Golf Club

**Dress Code:** Smart & Blue

**Tickets** \$40

Join us as we celebrate **65 years of service, fellowship, and making a difference!**

All members—past and present—are invited for an evening of reflection, connection, and celebration.

RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to James at [ellovj1510@gmail.com](mailto:ellovj1510@gmail.com)

**We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!**

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*Presented by The Rotary Club of Melville*



# Online ART SALES

## Artists

*No cost to list your art  
Commission on sales goes  
directly to Rotary Initiatives*

## Buyers

*Snap up the next Mona Lisa*



*Sign up now*

**rotaryartmarket.com.au**



*Enquiries and help*  
**hello@rotaryartmarket.com.au**

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# QUIZ NIGHT

**Raising Funds for Local  
Community Projects and Bali's  
Hope Children's Home Orphanage**

**Saturday 3rd May**

**Location: The Rise, 28 Eighth Ave, Maylands.**

**Tickets \$160 per table - organise a table  
of 8 today!**

**Win great raffle prizes, plus purchase a  
bargain in our silent auction!**

**Bring gold coins for loads of  
fun games on the night.**

**Help raise funds to support Rotary  
Community Projects.**

**Doors Open 6:30PM**

**Starts at 7:00pm**

**BYO Snacks. Drinks Sold from Bar**

**Ticket Queries: [hello@rotarymtlawley.org.au](mailto:hello@rotarymtlawley.org.au)**

**Buy tickets at: <http://bit.ly/4gaRw3a>**

**Or scan the QR code to  
buy tickets**



# Magic All Around

 21-25 June 2025  Calgary, Canada



## Connect In Calgary

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies.

Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2025.

Click [here](#) to register



# ROTARY RIDERS

11 & 12 October 2025



**maca**  
**RIDE TO  
CONQUER  
CANCER**  
HARRY PERKINS INSTITUTE  
OF MEDICAL RESEARCH



Vale Booragoon Rotarian Sue McKay. Have you lost friends or family to cancer?

Team Rotary Riders is once again gearing up to raise funds for the Harry Perkins Cancer Research Institute. In 2024, combined teams successfully raised an impressive \$10.3 million!

In 2025, the Booragoon Rotary Club will continue to coordinate Team Rotary Riders, both in preparation and during the 200 km ride. We invite you to share this message with your members, encouraging them to join the ride or make a financial contribution. Last year, Booragoon Club generously donated \$1,000. Contributions from individuals and clubs are greatly appreciated in 2025.

The big ride is in October 2025. I will be riding again, proving that age is no barrier to making a difference. It's a ride, not a race.

<https://www.cancer200.org.au/join/RotaryRiders2025>



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**Rotary**  
Booragoon 



14 - 21 October 2025

# Go the extra mile for disaster relief



SCAN HERE!



One of Australia's most magnificent 8-day walks awaits! Cape to Cape, WA.

Staying at iconic Margaret River, you will walk cliff tops and pristine white sandy beaches, with a glittering backdrop of turquoise waters. Watch dolphins off the coast, enjoy the exhilarating soundtrack of waves crashing on the shore, wonder at limestone caves, giant red granite boulders, colourful wildflowers, visit an historic homestead and be dwarfed by enormous shady karri forests.



To find out more and register, visit [www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/events/](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/events/)

Register [here](#):

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Don't miss your chance to win!

## Rotary South Pacific Conference

31 October - 2 November 2025



### DON'T MISS OUT:

Register before 30 June for  
**early bird rates** and  
**a chance to win!**

**REGISTER NOW**

Now is the perfect time to save your spot at the biggest Rotary gathering in our region.

The 2025 Rotary South Pacific Conference is an amazing opportunity to expand your Rotary network and learn from inspiring speakers. All Rotary and Rotaract members, and alumni of Rotary programs, are welcome to attend.

If you register before 30 June 2025, you'll not only pay a reduced early bird rate for the conference, you'll automatically go in the draw to **win two free tickets to the Gala Dinner on Saturday 1 November**.

One lucky person will have the cost of their Gala Dinner ticket – and that of another attendee – reimbursed or covered. **That's almost \$200 worth of tickets for free!**

Register now for your chance to win.

Good luck!

**Register now**