



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

Rotary  District 9423 Western Australia
Chartered: 22 April 1971 

Team 2025/26

President
Stephen Castelli

Secretary

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



President Stephen

Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Kwinana is 54 years' old 1971/2025

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

- Total Members 26
- Apologies 3
- Make-up 3
- Attended 17
- Hon. Member LOA
- Guests 18
- Visitors
- Partners

80.0%

Raffle

**John M, John W
Diane B, Chris O**

Heads & Tails

Gladys B



We began our 25/26 Rotary Year on June 28th with our annual changeover meeting, this year held at our own Rotary Hall, Medina.

We welcomed District 9423 2025/26 District Governor Veronica Lawrance, Kwinana Mayor Peter Feasey. Representing Kwinana Lions Trudy Andrea and Bill Bradley, Nasim Salakjani, representing Workpower Debbie Cormack who was also the recipient of an award.

Glenice Dixon, Colleen McCallum, Friends of Rotary Yemane Mered and Diane Brown.

An apology was received from Pauline James, widow of PP Ron James, our President in 1974/75 and again in 1980/81.

Former Rotarian PP Soren Houllberg was formally inducted into our club.

Congratulations to Rtn Karen Zabiela on being awarded PHF by President Terry Karen was relatively new to Rotary but took on the role of Treasurer, Karen also took over the position of Attendance Officer, handling both positions with just the right amount of enthusiasm and humour.

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to US\$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point

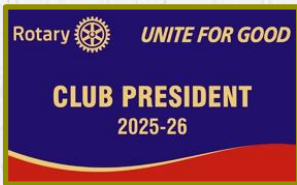


July 2025 - Transition Month

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| Mon 7th | Presentation by World President |
| Mon 14th | Club Meeting PortCare CEO Charlie Ricciardo |
| Mon 21st | Club Meeting Joe Whitwell on triumphs of his life |
| Mon 28th | Club Meeting John Iriks on his Timor Visit |

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





Stephen Castelli President 2025/26

Presidents Pen June 28th 2025



Good evening, fellow Rotarians, guests, and anyone here just for the free food! It is an incredible honor—and honestly, a little bit terrifying—to stand before you as the incoming president of our Rotary Club.

When I first joined Rotary, I thought I was just signing up for community service and the occasional rubber chicken dinner. But here I am—and I'm genuinely grateful.

Our theme for this year is **“Unite for Good.”** It's simple. It's powerful. And thankfully, it's easy enough to remember without having to write it on my hand every time I speak.

Now, I know what you might be thinking: “Unite for Good? Sounds lovely. But we already like each other...most of the time.” And that's true! But this theme goes beyond smiling at each other over coffee or nodding politely when someone mentions the standing orders.

“Unite for Good” is about something deeper. It's about joining forces—our time, our talents, and yes, even our calendars—to create something bigger than any one of us could do alone.

Because here's the thing: doing good on your own is noble. Doing good together? That's Rotary. And let's face it: when we come together, we are an unstoppable force for good—and also remarkably efficient at organizing sausage sizzles.

Let me be honest—some of our projects take a lot of work. It takes planning, coordination, and just the right number of people who are “voluntold” to help. But every time, we pull it off. And every time, we make a difference.

This year, I want us to *lean into* the power of unity. Let's connect more deeply—not just in committees and service projects, but as people. Let's welcome new members like they're family—functional family, not the kind that argues over who ruined the roast.

Let's support each other, challenge each other, and keep each other accountable—especially the ones who are always “running five minutes late.”

We will continue the legacy of service, but we'll do it with laughter, love, and maybe the occasional group whatsapp that goes wildly off topic.

In closing, I want to thank the outgoing president Terry Evans for his leadership.

You've set the bar high—which is kind of rude, honestly—but I'll do my best to carry that torch. Or at least not trip over it.

So, here's to a year of unity. Of purpose. Of shared laughs, shared vision, and shared responsibilities.

Let's **Unite for Good**—and let's make this our best Rotary year yet.

Thank you! Stephen Castelli President 2025/26

President Stephen Castelli takes office, congratulated by PP Terry Evans



The Team for 2025/26



President Terry, changeover address June 28th 2025



Our 2024/25 theme has been “The Magic of Rotary”. We have, as a club, done many things this year that have espoused this theme through our actions and contributions. Hopefully, we have put smiles on many faces and improved the lot in life of many people.

Thank you, to all those wonderful Rotarians and Friends of Rotary who have contributed to make this possible and thereby making “The Magic of Rotary” happen.

Some of the club activities that have facilitated this are:

* Firstly, the Furniture Shop, which not only raises funds but provides an avenue for local people to meet, benefit and share in what Rotary has to offer.

* Three Indonesian Schools have been refurbished by Mike and his Team enhancing Education and Life for the Children.

* Max’s Timor Leste Water Filter Project has improved Health, Education and Life in general for people there .

* The Kwinana Fair has been a highlight on the Kwinana Calendar every year.

* On the Education front, we have the Valk Foundation Scholarships, School Graduation Awards, Timor Leste Student Scholarships, Indigenous Health Scholarships and we provide assistance to the Kwinana Providence Permaculture Farm School.

* In the area of Health and Welfare we have committed to our Bread Project, Rotary Lift the Lid and Domestic Violence Awareness, Camp Opportunity and Donations to Local Community Aid Groups.

* In the core Rotary area, we contributed funds to the Rotary Foundation, Polio Eradication Program, Disaster Aid, and Youth Enrichment and Leadership Programs.

All of these wonderful things can only occur when Rotarians volunteer their time, energy and knowledge to plan and make it happen. Many hours have been volunteered to this end, and I thank you all for your support and leadership for our community.

Many thanks to Steve Riordan and his Staff for again supplying us with a terrific selection of meals for our Monday Meetings. Visitors always comment on what a wonderful job he does, and we are fortunate to have him.

To my Fellow Board Members, Service and Project Managers, thank you for your whole-hearted support and contributions to making our club run smoothly and efficiently. We are also a very fortunate club to have a vast depth of Rotary knowledge and enthusiasm within our Senior Members. I thank them all for their assistance and guidance throughout my year of Presidency. It has been truly invaluable.

To Eric for providing the information each week within the bulletin and the time he takes to keep our Rotary Records up to date. Thank you.

A special mention to Rotarian Partners and their Families for all their support and assistance during the year.

Without their support life would be so much more difficult and we would not be able to achieve as much as we have. Thank you.

Thank you too, to the Friends of Rotary who have also made a significant contribution. In particular, many thanks to Bernie and Vicki Iriks who have worked so hard at the Furniture Shop over a number of years.

I have mentioned during the year that there are some concerns for the future of Rotary.

We need to pull together to renew, re-invigorate and somehow lift our profile and image to be more attractive going forward.

We need to expand our membership and perhaps grow in different ways.

We need to boost our support for Chris Oughton and other Rotary and Community Leaders, to help in achieving this.

As a Club, we need to devise a way forward, spread the love and grow.

Thank you all for giving me the honour of being your President for 2024/25.

It has been an enlightening experience for me and hopefully I have grown because of it.

All your efforts in making it a successful year have been greatly appreciated.

All the best to the incoming President Steve Castelli and his Board. I very much look forward to contributing to his Team.

Terry Evans
President 2024-2025

DG Veronica addressing the meeting responding to Toast to Rotary International



PP Terry, partner Tish, PP Genevieve Carr and President Stephen





Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



PP Stephen Castelli
PP Greg Williams stand-in when required.

Terry and Stephen: Presenting flowers to their wives.

Greg W: Built a tree house in his garden with an attached slide, made for kids!! Greg reckons he can have a slide, came off halfway down, landed on his newly replaced shoulder, apart from a little discomfort, no apparent damage.

All members not wearing a tie, copped a fine.

John M: Drink ended up on the floor.

Ed: Didn't pay for his meal.

Bob T: Can't count!!

Pam B: Say she's leaving Rotary and joining the Lions because she's been told that Lions mate 3 times a week.

Chris O: Sergeant reckons he needs 'hearing aids'

Seargent Norm: Your sash is crooked.

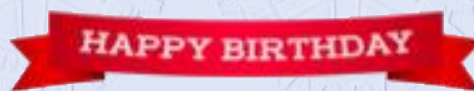
John M: Obviously has a gender issue!!!! Wanted to join the ladies for two-up

Greg: Karen Mc's birthday not Karen Z

Birthdays and Anniversaries July 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

Karen Mulcahy	2nd
Rosemary Johnson	4th
Carol Adams	13th



Wedding Anniversaries

Barry and Sam	11th	33 years
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Club Anniversaries:

Greg Williams	01st	25 years
Bob Cooper	02nd	41 years

Congratulations

“The Audacity to Start the job; the Tenacity to Finish it” – PolioPlus takes centre stage at Rotary Convention in Calgary

As tens of thousands of Rotarians from around the world gathered at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada, this weekend, Rotary and the Gates Foundation [announced](#) an extended partnership to end polio for good, which will see an injection of nearly half a billion dollars into the effort.

Bill Gates and WHO Director-General Dr Tedros both [addressed](#) the convention, and thanked Rotarians for their tireless efforts to helping eradicate polio and showing that “in a world where division and despair too often dominate the headlines, Rotarians are writing a different story. That change is possible. That equity is possible. That peace is possible.”

Watch a [video summary](#) of the DG’s speech here and his full speech [here](#).

Donors pledge US\$9 billion to Gavi

This week in Brussels, Belgium, donors [pledged US\\$9 billion](#) in support toward Gavi’s next strategic period (2026-2030). This strong showing is a testament to the power of immunization and Gavi’s history of delivering lifesaving impact at scale. Thanks to Gavi, millions of children’s lives have been saved from deadly diseases. And as a core partner in the fight to end polio, Gavi’s work is essential to delivering a polio-free world.

Gaza voices of support – from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Watch this [video](#) from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, of Palestinian Minister of Health Dr Maged Awni Abu Ramadan, on the importance of finding and reaching remaining zero-dose children everywhere.

23 years since EURO’s WPV status

[Thank you](#) to EIB and EU Commission for investing in a polio-free future for every child, everywhere.

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and seven WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Benin: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Djibouti: one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Ethiopia: one cVDPV2 case
- Tanzania: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: one cVDPV2 case



After a morning fishing, a Rotarian left for a District meeting in the afternoon and his wife decided to motor out into the lake, drop anchor and read her book.

A Game Warden pulls up alongside the woman in his boat. "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book" she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area" he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading".

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with Sexual assault" says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am" the warden said, and he left.

President Stephen with partner Yanti



Yanti presents DG Veronica with a parting gift from the evening



Paul Harris Award recipient Rtn Karen Zabiela with 2024/5 President Terry Evans



Workpower rep. Debbie Cormack receives an Appreciation Award





Club members recently travelled to Harvey to attend the Rotary Club of Harvey changeover, to support their incoming President Peter Schulz
Peter originally joined our club in January 2021 and now resides in Myalup





What happened this week in history?



June 30th to July 6th



30th

1665: The number of deaths in London from the Great Plague during June is recorded as 6,137
1755: Philippines close all non-Catholic Chinese restaurants
1859: French acrobat Charles Blondin is 1st to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope
1894: London's Tower Bridge opens across the Thames

01st

1517: 1st burning of Protestants at the stake in the Netherlands
1867: The Dominion of Canada is formed, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario & Quebec
1916: First day of the Battle of the Somme: British Army suffers its worst day, losing 19,240 men
1903: Tour de France: Inaugural race begins in Montgeron, a south-eastern suburb of Paris

2nd

1698: English engineer Thomas Savery patents the first steam engine.
1798: Marine Police established; beginnings of the world's oldest continuously serving police force.
1865: William Booth and his wife Catherine found the Salvation Army.
1962: Sam Walton opens his first Walmart store in Rogers, Arkansas

3rd

1608: Samuel de Champlain founds city of Quebec
1767: Pitcairn Island is discovered by Midshipman Robert Pitcairn
1886: In Germany, Karl Benz drives 1st automobile
1928: John Logie Baird demonstrates the first colour television transmission in London

4th

1776: US Congress proclaims the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain
1796: 1st Independence Day celebration is held
1802: 1st US Military Academy opens at West Point, NY
1865: First edition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll is published

5th

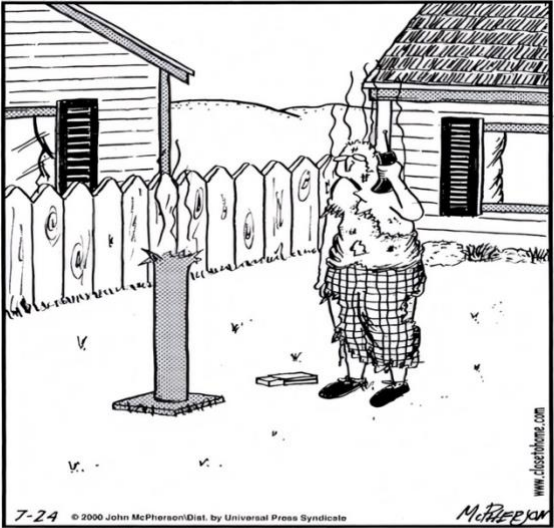
1841: Thomas Cook opens first travel agency.
1865: Great Britain creates world's 1st speed limit law
1937: Spam, the luncheon meat is first introduced into the market by the Hormel Foods Corporation
1954: Singer Elvis Presley's 1st professional recording session

6th

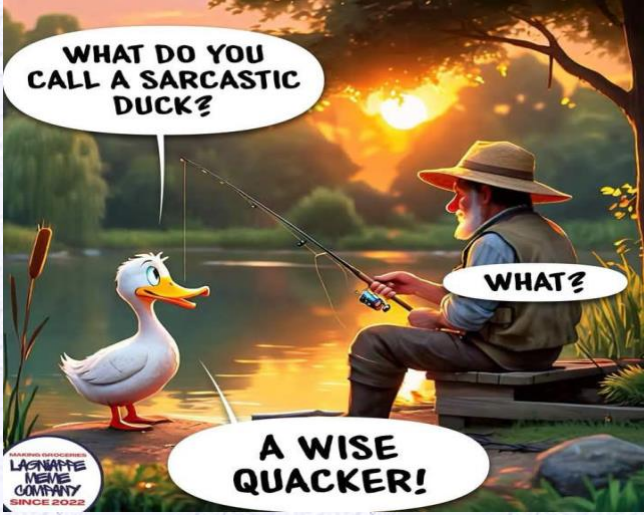
1198: Richard the Lionheart is crowned King of England,
1560: England and Scotland sign Treaty of Edinburgh
1885: Louis Pasteur successfully give an anti-rabies vaccine to Joseph Meister
1924: 1st photo sent experimentally across Atlantic by radio, US-England

I phoned my wife earlier and asked her if she wanted me to pick up fish and chips on my way home from work but she just grunted at me. I think she still regrets letting me name the twins.

If we could spread love as quickly as we spread hate and negativity, what an amazing world we would live in.



"Bill? Dave Hawkins here. Say, you didn't happen to see a gas grill land in your yard or hear a loud thud on your roof, did you?"



Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham	Monday	6pm	Armadale	Tuesday	7pm
Palm beach	Wednesday	6.30pm	Mandurah Districts	Tuesday	6pm
Baldivis	Tuesday	6.30pm	Pinjarra	Thursday	6.45pm
Cockburn	Wednesday	6pm	Byford & Districts	Monday	7pm

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