



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

Rotary  District 9423 Western Australia
Chartered: 22 April 1971 

Team 2025/26

President
Stephen Castelli

Secretary
Genevieve Carr

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up 4
Attended 15
Hon. Member
LOA
Guests
Visitors 1
Partners

79.2%

Raffle
Bob T & Peter S

Heads & Tails
Club



Meets Monday
6 for 6.30pm
At Rotary Hall
Brownell Crescent,
Medina

Visitors welcome
contact us
0417 904 419



President Stephen

Bulletin

No 02 07/07/2025



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

President 2025/26 Stephen Castelli chaired his first meeting for the current year. Although not new to the role Stephen was our President in 2018/19. I'm sure we are in for an eventful year with Stephen at the helm.

Former member and current President of the Harvey Rotary Club Peter Schultz joined us tonight.

PDG John Iriks informed us that the first week of Furniture Shop management went well with everyone getting used to their positions and responsibilities.

Shop phone purchased, signage to be updated etc.

Norm Mulcahy will be missed, he and Karen left Monday heading for the UK .

Members dues are now due and payable; Treasurer Karen has emailed invoices to members.

Our President elect/Club Service Dir. for 2026/27 is PP Genevieve Carr, Genevieve was our President in 2009/10. Genevieve is already hinting at club trips away etc, (watch this space) while Genevieve is taking on this role she is also continuing as our Secretary until a replacement can be appointed.

Our amazing Genevieve has just been awarded a gold medal in the art of individual kata in the recent GKR Karate kata tournament held at Port Kennedy, Congratulations Genevieve.

Rotary Shirts, Club Logo. Centre Embroidery. Karen Croft.

Now located in Mandurah. 0429 316 737



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point

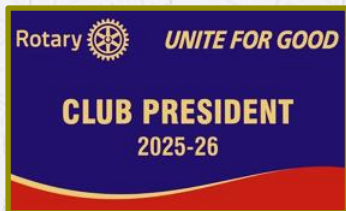


July 2025 - Transition Month

Mon 7th	Presentation by	Jack Sim, 'World Toilet'
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'





Presidents Pen

July 7th 2025



We welcomed Peter Schulz (President of RC Harvey) at our meeting.

12 of our members and partners visited RC Harvey for their changeover on 23/07. It was a very good night and Peter appreciated the support.

Once again, thank you to the Board for 2025/2026

- President Elect/Club Services – PP Genevieve Carr
- Secretary – Vacant (Genevieve will act in this role until a replacement can be found)
- Treasurer – Karen Zabiela
- Foundation Director – PDG John Iriks
- Projects Director – PP James Sharkey
- Public Relations Director – PP Bob Thompson
- Membership Director – Norm Mulcahy
- Vice President – PP Terry Evans

Also recognising District Community Leader – PP Chris Oughton

We also need to fill a number of the manager's roles:

- Community Service – Vacant
- Vocational Service – Vacant
- Youth Service – Vacant
- BBQ Coordinator – Vacant
- Programs Manager – PP Greg Williams
- Projects – PDG John Iriks
- Attendance – Karen Zabiela
- Birthdays & Anniversaries – PP Greg Williams
- Bulletin – PP Eric Blogg

11 Members and their partners visited the Providence Permaculture School on Tuesday.

They very proudly showed us around and put on an amazing morning tea.

We sorted out who owns any infrastructure that the club may provide to the school. Bottom line is that their constitution includes a clause that basically says that if the school is to close, then all the assets of the school are to be liquidated and the monies to be donated to a similar charitable organisation.

President Stephen delivered 2 compost bins, 3 worm farms and a pile of pots to the school on Thursday.

President Stephen is also collecting small machinery such as whipper snippers, lawn mowers, etc for donations to the school.

Weekly Program:

- Tonight, with the help of PP Eric Blogg we have an online presentation from Jack Sim, founder of World Toilet Org (WTO).
- 14/07 CEO of Portcare will speak to the club on their request for \$1,000 to assist with the supply of a replacement truck.
- 21/07 Joel Whitwell will talk to us 'on the subject of Life' with Physical Challenges.
- 28/07 John and Chris Iriks will speak about their recent trip to East Timor. This will be a partner's night
- President Stephen will be away for the next 2 meetings as he is visiting family in Melbourne.
- Mon 25/08 will be a partner's night with Stephen and Norm speaking of the Indonesian School Renovation Project.
The night will also be Christmas in August.
- 11/09 will be RUOK Day BBQ at Gilmore College. We need a team of 5-6 to cook 500 Sausages in quick time for the student's lunch.

Member Update

- Sam is in hospital for probably the next 3 weeks due to a deteriorating condition of his legs.
- Bevan is home from hospital and determined to look after himself.
- PP Genevieve won individual Gold at the recent Karate finals. Her team also won bronze.
Congratulation Genevieve.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26

Meeting Monday 07th July at Rotary Hall





Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



Have plans for upcoming social events:

1. Sunday 21 September: Brunch with members of Rotary Club of Harvey (Peter Schulze's club) at the "Curious Cockatoo" café in Harvey
2. Friday 24 October (World Polio Day): Train Ride for Polio: Join other Rotarians from District 9423 to ride the Perth train network promoting End Polio Now.
3. Sunday 14 December: Christmas function; currently looking at King Road Brewing Company
4. Possible weekend away in Katanning, catching up with former members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr July 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Rotary Down Under magazine
- Message from Associations Online
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Message from RI President Francesco Arezzo
- RotaryWA Newsletter #29
- RDU Supplies update
- Notification of intended DG visit

Outward Correspondence:

- Letter to Michael Nella acknowledging his resignation from the Club

Our latest Member: Soren Houlberg is a former member and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cairns Mulgrave in Queensland; Soren was their President in 1990/91. Officially welcomed into our club on Saturday 28th June 2025



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Public Relations
PP Bob Thompson



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Programs
PP Greg Williams



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy
PP Chris Oughton standing-in for Norm



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

No Badge: Several copped a fine.

Pres. Peter S: Sent from Harvey to spy on us, also fines for gravitating to his old spot at the table.

Soren H: Selling honey to Pres. Stephen, moving in on my market.

Bob T: Fined for recently seen buying ‘flippers’ maybe going to join the whale rescue team?

Genevieve: For not working away and being here tonight.

Genevieve again: winning gold at the Karate Tournament.

Genevieve owned up to a fine on herself, very diligent in getting together paraphernalia for the changeover meeting, new badges, PHF ‘stuff’ including sourcing the correct paper etc. for the certificate, everything found and done. On the night, PHF about to be presented, certificate still at home.

Stephen arrived to pick-up Norm and Karen to take to the airport, Norm sitting on the veranda overlooking the Kwinana Golf Course watching the rain pelt down, spotted two hardy soles playing golf, one turned out to be John Iriks.

7th July 2025

- Mauritania and Senegal Roll Out Hexavalent Vaccine: A Major Leap for Child Health**
 With support from WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi, Mauritania and Senegal have introduced the hexavalent vaccine into national immunization schedules—a milestone that protects children from six deadly diseases, including polio, in a single shot. This is a transformative moment in the Region’s efforts to streamline immunization and strengthen the fight against polio.
- Polio Assets Bolster Angola’s Cholera Response**
 Angola is leveraging its polio infrastructure to combat a growing cholera outbreak—demonstrating how investments in eradication continue to deliver broader public health benefits. [\[More\]](#)
- Somalia Campaign Delivers Triple Protection for Children**
 An integrated health campaign in Somalia is reaching children with vaccines against measles, pneumonia, and polio—bringing a healthier future within reach. [\[More\]](#)



Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case
- Angola: one cVDPV2 case
- Benin: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case





Jack Sim: Founder: World Toilet Organisation



Widely known as Mr. Toilet, Jack Sim broke the global taboo around toilets and sanitation. He founded the World Toilet Organization (WTO), a global non-profit working towards a world with clean, safe toilets and sanitation for everyone, everywhere, at all times.

Born in a slum in Singapore in 1957, he learned entrepreneurship and gumption from his uneducated mother who started a series of small businesses.

He was also inspired by the gumption of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and grew up watching the amazing transformation of his country from third world to first.

From school failure, he became a serial commercial businessman (sixteen businesses).

After attaining financial independence, he left the rat-race to become a serial social entrepreneur. After fighting the bureaucrats, he enrolled at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and graduated with a master's in public administration at the age of 56.

He also graduated at Singularity University's Global Solutions Program at age fifty-nine.

Some of the awards he won are:

Schwab Fellow of the World Economic Forum,

Ashoka Global Fellow,

Queen Elizabeth's Points of Light Award,

Clinton Global Initiatives Fellow,

Time Magazine's Heroes of the Environment for 2008.

For his contribution to humanity, he received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow UK in 2022.

“When I began my work in 2001, there were 2.4 billion people without access to proper sanitation which then increased to 2.6 billion. Now, it is 2.4 billion and going down... We cannot stop until every single human being on the planet has access to proper sanitation wherever they are.”

19 November was officially recognised as UN World Toilet Day on July 24, 2013, the result of our relentless commitment to raising awareness on the sanitation crisis and a resolution sponsored by the Singapore government on our behalf.

Every UN World Toilet Day, NGOs, the private sector, civil society organisations and the international community come together to discuss sanitation issues with a different theme to mark the focus of each year.

While sanitation has become more of a priority for world leaders in the 20 years since WTO was founded, the attention and resources put into resolving sanitation issues today is far from enough. It's time for toilets to be treated as an urgent global priority. In the words of our founder Jack Sim, “What we don't discuss, we can't improve.” We need to continue addressing the taboo nature of toilets and shine a spotlight on sanitation each World Toilet Day.

<https://worldtoilet.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Sim



Ride The Train - Next Stop Polio Eradication!

World Polio Day is 24 October. Rotary remains committed to the program “End Polio Now”, which aims to eradicate the disease poliomyelitis through the vaccination of children throughout the world. Today there are 98 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In order to achieve this, funds need to be raised.

Our Goal is to raise awareness of Polio in our communities on 24 October, and to raise \$50,000 for ‘End Polio Now’ from Club sponsorships, NOT from the public.

The plan is for Rotarians from District 9423 to ride the trains throughout the WA Railway Network on Friday 24 October wearing a red Polio T-shirt promoting 'End Polio Now' and creating awareness in the public domain.

Although the event is free, you need to register so you are covered by insurance.

You can ride the trains anytime between 8am and 6.00pm, wearing your Polio T-Shirt - you can order your t-shirt if you register before 1 September.

Choose a train that stops at every station on your selected lines.
Get your club to sponsor the ride \$5- \$10 per station.
Individuals can sponsor \$1 per station.
Wear your red Polio T-Shirt.

The Challenge

8.00am to 6.00pm
World Polio Day
24 October 2025


When

No getting on and off at each station.
No fundraising on trains or station property.
Do not block carriage doors.
Rotarians should enter the train and sit.
Take photos in between stations.
Talk to people but don't ask for money.

The Rules

Rotary remains committed to Ending Polio, and aims to completely eradicate the disease through the vaccination of children throughout the world.
Today there are 98 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan and our aim is for a Polio Free world. In order to achieve this, we need to raise funds.
By creating awareness RotaryWA aims to raise \$50,000 to 'End Polio Now' over the next 12 months. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match funds raised by Rotary.
The plan is for Rotarians from RotaryWA to ride the trains throughout the Western Australia Railway network on Friday 24 October promoting End Polio Now to

Perth has 86 stations and Rotary Western Australia has 86 Clubs.
There are 59 Metro Clubs and 27 Regional Clubs in our District.
Ideally this would mean 5-10 Rotarians from each Club to travel on the train line(s) closest to their Club.
The journey will begin from 8.00am and ends at 6.00pm.



Birthdays and Anniversaries July 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

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



Wedding Anniversaries

Barry and Sam 11th 33 years



Club Anniversaries:

Greg Williams 01st 35 years
Bob Cooper 02nd 41 years

Congratulations



What happened this week in history?



June 7th to July 13th



7th

1456: A retrial verdict acquits Joan of Arc of heresy 25 years after her death
1534: European colonization of the Americas: first known exchange between Europeans and natives
1916: The New Zealand Labour party is formed
1928: Sliced bread sold for the first time by the Chillicothe Baking Company, Missouri

8th

1796: US State Department issues 1st US passport
1870: US Congress authorizes registration of trademarks
1889: Wall Street Journal begins publishing
1969: US troop withdrawal begins in Vietnam

9th

1816: Argentina declares independence from Spain
1900: The Commonwealth of Australia is established by the British House of Commons
1947: Engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten
2017: CEO Elon Musk is the first owner of Tesla's first mass market electric car - the Model 3

10th

988: The city of Dublin is founded on the banks of the river Liffey
1040: Lady Godiva rides naked on horseback through Coventry,
1866: Indelible pencil patented by Edson P. Clark, Northampton, Massachusetts
1985: Agents blow up the Greenpeace boat Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbour

11th

1533: Pope Clement VII excommunicates England's King Henry VIII
1848: London's Waterloo Station opens.
1656: The first Quakers to land in America (Boston),
1859: Big Ben's second and current bell first chimes from inside the Clock Tower

12th

1771: James Cook sails Endeavour back to Downs, England
1776: Captain James Cook departs with Resolution for 3rd trip to Pacific Ocean
1785: 1st manned flight by gas balloon in Netherlands
1948: 1st jets to fly across Atlantic (6 RAF de Havilland Vampires)

13th

1568: Dean of St. Paul's London, Alexander Nowell perfects a way to bottle beer
1772: James Cook begins 2nd voyage aboard the Resolution to search for Terra Australis
1835: Swedish-American inventor John Ericsson files for a patent for his screw propeller design
1930: 1st-ever football World Cup competition begins in Uruguay

Club visit to the Providence Farm School on Tuesday 1st July 2025



The 40ft container we donated to the Providence Farm School arrives and is unloaded



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Kata, a Japanese word meaning “form”, refers to a series of offensive and defensive movements targeting a virtual opponent.

Key factors include the strength, speed, rhythm, balance and power of strikes and kicks; the solidity, clarity, and force of movements; and the proper expression of the meaning of each technique. The kata are executed as a specified series of approximately 20 to 70 moves, generally with stepping and turning, while attempting to maintain perfect form

Karate kata is usually performed on an 8×8 metre non-slip mat with the competitors, who are seeded ahead of the event, to wear a white karategi. A kata competition can be either a team – of three – or an individual bout.



Interesting look into the former life of our latest member PP Soren Houlberg, Soren was the Commodore of the first Australian Rotarian Yachting Fellowship Club in 1991.

The Cairns Post, Wednesday, June 5, 1991 — Page 25

Yachting fellowship

THE International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) has bestowed on Cairns the honor of being the most northern fleet in Australia.

In presenting the Cairns commodore Soren Houlberg with his pennant of office and fleet charter, rear commodore Bruce Duncan emphasised the active touring habits of IYFR members world wide.

He said the founding of this fleet in Cairns would undoubtedly attract members from overseas to this "northern paradise".

The IYFR is a social arm of Rotary that was founded in 1947 and enjoys representation throughout the world. The club is open to all Rotarians with an interest in any water activity — ie fishing, canoeing etc. as well as boating and yachting.

Inquiries can be directed to vice commodore Brian Fowler on 31 2282 or after hours 54 6780.

• Pictured — from left — are the commodore of the newly-commissioned Cairns fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) Soren Houlberg receives the new fleet's pennant of office from the rear commodore of the IYFR Bruce Duncan with the Rotary governor-elect for District 955, Sir Robert Norman, holding the new fleet's charter certificate.

When our lawnmower broke, my wife kept hinting I should get it fixed. But I always had something more pressing to do—like working on the shed, fixing the boat, or brewing beer. Finally, she found a clever way to get me to pay attention. I came home one day to find her sitting in the tall grass, cutting it with tiny sewing scissors.

I stood there watching her for a minute, then went inside.

A minute later, I came back out with a toothbrush and said, "When you finish with the grass, you might as well clean the driveway."

The doctors say I'll Walk again, but I'll always have a limp.

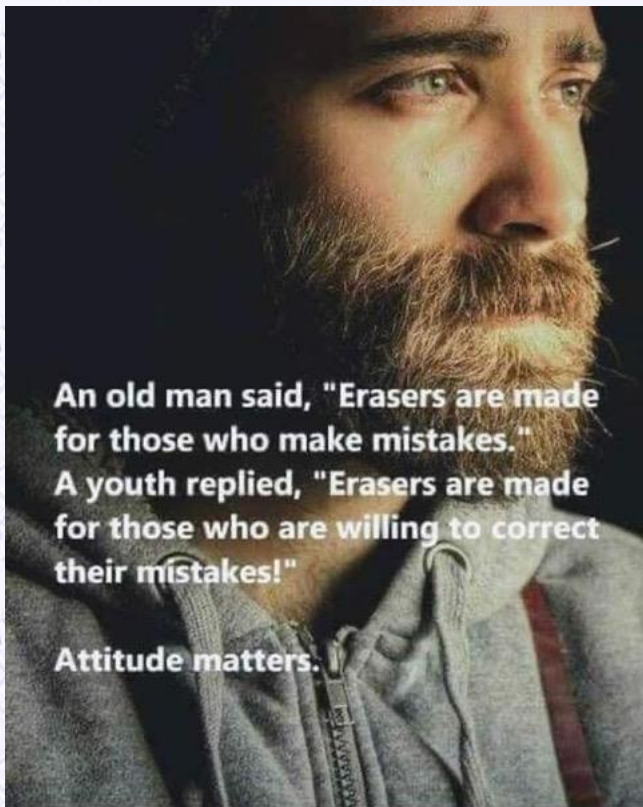
On a Saturday morning, I got up early, packed my lunch, and quietly hooked the boat to the van. I drove out into a storm, but when I checked the weather on the radio, I realized it was going to be bad all day.

I backed the van into the garage, undressed quietly, and slipped back into bed.

I cuddled up to my wife and whispered, "The weather is awful outside."

She groggily replied, "And can you believe my idiot husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's when the fight started...



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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Contributions welcome: eblogg@bigpond.com