



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Bulletin

No 02 13/07/2026



Rotary Club of Kwinana is 55+ years' old 1971/2026

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 16
Guests 2
Visitors
Partners

83.0 %

Raffle
Max & Cindy

Heads & Tails
John M

First meeting for 2026/27, Cindy Beasdale from Rockingham joined us, guest speaker was PE David Cumming, Camp Opportunity.

David is member of Midland Swan Valley Rotary Club, their President Elect, 2027/28.

David is teacher at Durham Road School, also Camp Coordinator Rotary WA Camp Opportunity since 2020. Camp Opportunity previously known as Handicamp, the current name is certainly more appropriate.

We'll be very sorry to lose Rtn John Maskell who I understand is returning to Victoria, John has been a tremendous asset to our club since joining us in November 2020. John originally joined the Brighton RC in January 2008. Congratulations on your recent PHF award, we offer our very best wishes for whatever endeavours you may embark on in the future.

We also send our best wishes and a speedy recovery to James Sharkey, Soren Houlberg and Cyril Bennett who are all not well at present.

Good luck and best wishes, President Genevieve, heading off to UK on the 20th, taking part in the GKRKarate World Cup.



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



Meets on Monday
6:00 for 6:30 pm
At Rotary Hall
Brownell Crescent
Medina

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

July: New Leadership Month

Sat 4th	Changeover at the Kwinana Bowling Club
Mon 6th	No Meeting
Mon 13th	Club Meeting Camp Opportunity
Mon 20th	Club Meeting
Mon 27th	Club Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



July 13th 2026



Greetings to all, and welcome to the 2026 – 2027 Rotary year, where the theme is “Create Lasting Impact”.

I hope that everyone will have a satisfying experience with Rotary in the year ahead.

The year 2027 will mark 100 years of Rotary presence in WA, and so there will be a number of events taking place to celebrate this landmark event. Of note, instead of having a District Conference in 2027 as we know it, there will be a major Rotary Expo taking place in Forrest Place in March 2027, with the aim of bringing Rotary to the community.

At present there are a number of Club members who have been most unwell – James Sharkey, Cyril Bennett, and Soren Houlberg. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Regarding membership, at present we have 25 members.

One of my Club goals for this year was to have a net increase of at least two members.

Sadly, we will be farewelling John Maskell in the near future as he has decided to return to Victoria. We wish John all the very best for the future and extend a huge thanks to him for all his efforts for the Club during his time with us.

On Sunday 9 August the Club will be running a barbeque at Rockingham Bunnings.

Sincere thanks to Helen Souter for volunteering to take over the role of coordinating the event as James Sharkey is unwell. Please support Helen.

I will be away overseas from 20 July until 29 August. My thanks to Past President Stephen Castelli for agreeing to act as President in my absence.

Whilst I am away, I will be checking emails every 2-3 days.

I can be readily contacted via Facetime or WhatsApp.

My plan is to send Bulletin Editor Eric Blogg a weekly blurb for the bulletin.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 13th July 2026





Tony Miller President 2027/28 July 2026



Unfortunately, the scheduled meeting with Palm Beach Club on July 15th had to be cancelled due to the guest speaker having to return to the USA for a family bereavement.

New Programs Manager: New member Helen Souter has agreed to take on the role of organising guest speakers for 2026/2027. Please advise Helen of any suitable contacts/suggestions.

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli 13th July 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- Insurance Certificate of Currency received
- City of Kwinana request for Kwinana public building and food trailer inspection. (Inspection held on Friday 03/07/26. Only a small issue identified with respect to chipped paint in BBQ Trailer).
- City of Kwinana also suggested that rather than multiple requests for licences during the year, that we might be interested in getting an annual Food Business and Traders permit. Have submitted online application for account to COK.
- City of Kwinana email advising of Contractor attendance - replacement sink in hall kitchen. Rescheduled to Friday 10/07. Message sent out via Whatsapp to membership as sink cannot be used for 24 hrs to allow sealant to set.
- Received Survey for Rotary International re "Branding". This was completed by PDG John.
- Email from ClubRunner re possible guest speaker Sharon Crean
BeyondWater – CEO, Rotary Club of Pohutukawa Coast (NZ)
2013 Rotary Humanitarian Award Recipient
Passed on to Helen Souter to respond.
- Email from Warwick Smith ARH WA Co-chair re request for Indigenous Scholarships @ \$5,000 per student. See [link](#)/attached.
- Invoice from Kwinana Bowls Club for Changeover night. 43 meals. Passed to Treasurer.
- Invoice re vehicle registration passed to Treasurer
- Invoice re Synergy Bill passed to Treasurer
- A further from Providence Permaculture school re sponsoring student Amitel for \$600 for term 3.
The child I'm looking for sponsorship for is a primary child (Franklyn) that mum has had to spend a considerable amount of money on dental work for, which is ongoing. We allowed her to pay off her fees last term, but that's something we only offer once. Hoping you can help her.

Outward Correspondence:

Email response to Kwinana Reach re requested funding. Have advised approval and requested invoices be sent to Rita & Andy Valk Trust for 3 students @ \$600 each.

- Email response to Kwinana Reach re requested funding for 1st Aid course for students. Have requested invoices be sent to Club Treasurer.
- Email response to Providence Permaculture School re consignment stock of Lawn Mowers and Whipper Snippers sold by Furniture Factory. Details of sales have been sent to Providence and Providence have been requested to send invoices to Club Treasurer.
- Copy of PL Insurance sent to Rockingham Bunnings for BBQ's. Emailed by Pres Genevieve



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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

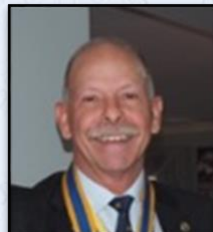


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

Team 2026/27



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Secretary/Vice Pres.
PP Stephen Castelli



Public Relations
PDG John Iriks



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



Alan A: Got shares in a petrol station??

Pres Gen: Annual Report, Sergeant misnamed!!!

Bob C & Alan A: Omitting to picking their copy of our Annual Report.

Those that didn't recognise that we had a new clock were fined?

PP Stephen: accused of moving around when the President was talking!!!

Eric: Wrongly reporting that John Iriks was responsible for the Aus flag being upside down.

Eric: Fined Eric because the new clock is slightly squ-wif

The Rotary Club of Vijayawada Midtown (India), founded in 1985 with 33 members, has experienced remarkable growth, reaching over 750 members in 2018, thus becoming the largest Rotary club in the world.

The key to this success lies in the concept of a "club within a club", which allows members to form small groups based on common interests such as sports, music, and business.

These sub-clubs offer spaces for socializing and service, fostering personal connections.



Guest Speaker: PE David Cumming
Camp Opportunity



Since 1982, Rotary in Western Australia has proudly sponsored a disability support camp originally brought to the region by Ron Sloan.

Known today as Camp Opportunity, this initiative has evolved while maintaining its fundamental goal: **to provide enriching experiences for young adults living with disabilities.**

What is Camp Opportunity?

A week- long live-in Camp for adults with living with disabilities in Western Australia.

“Campers”, are teamed up with “Buddies” for a week of adventure as they mix and interact in a fun atmosphere to share new experiences and form new friendships.

Participants to develop personal growth through relationship building, while engaging in teamwork and having fun.

What happens at Camp Opportunity?



Who are our Campers?

Campers are adults who have a disability, aged between 18 and 35 years old.

Camp is all about participation so we can only accept people who can participate and integrate in all activities.

Previous applicants have included Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Down Syndrome, Vision Impairment.

For the personal safety of everyone, we do require campers to have a certain level of self care abilities

Who are our Buddies?

Buddies are volunteers between 18 and 35.

Criteria for being a buddy are the ability to attend, stay on the camp for the entire week, be willing to participate in all camp activities and have a WWCC, or obtain one before commencement of camp

ALL CAMPERS AND BUDDIES MUST BE OVER 18 AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF CAMP.

COMMITTEE



David

He has been growing his beard since 2012



Jesse

This is his 6th camp and he can play 3 instruments



Cait

She owns 3 horses and her favourite place she has travelled to was Japan



Rachel

She lived in Japan for 6 months and is a part of swan rotary



Graham & Peter

These two are our camp's goofy bus drivers!

Peter on the left here is 183cm tall

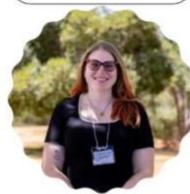
Graham on the right here has 3 daughters and 6 grandkids

BUDDIES



Hanna

She is half Swiss and half Filipino. She just recently came back from a visit to the Philippines last week



Jacinta

She likes to spend her free time crocheting and embroidering



Manu

When she was eight years old she broke her face jumping on her bed and now has a fake dimple



Tara

She was born in Botswana, has lived on 3 continents and can speak 3 languages



Keesha

She has been doing camps for the last 12 years and describes it as her self-care. She also has 2 beautiful, chaotic boys



Courtney

Her hobby is trying new hobbies: this year she is trying stand up paddleboarding, crocheting and scuba diving



Jack F

He was born with a fractured skull, was born in Liverpool (England) and is in his final year of studying to be a primary school teacher



Michael

He has two miniature sausage dogs called Daisy & Martha



Mark

He is currently raising a guide dog and if she didn't bark so much he would probably have bought her himself



Noah

He has a twin sister and has had 11 concussions

BUDDIES



Jack P

He can recall every single Pokémon in existence



When & where is Camp Opportunity

The Next Camp Opportunity will be 10 to 16 January 2027

Point Walter Recreation Centre

Polio This Week 13th July 2026

A virus anywhere can be a threat everywhere – outbreak response simulation helps readiness

The best outbreak response starts before an outbreak occurs. Regular simulation exercises help ensure countries are ready to quickly detect and respond to polio and other health threats, protecting communities and strengthening health security.

Read [more](#) about such an exercise recently held in Egypt.

Polio forgotten, but not gone – podcast by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

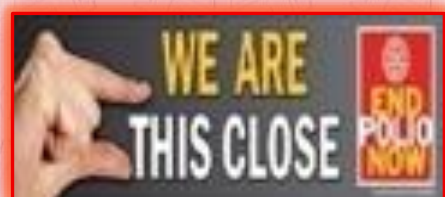
Part of the award-winning podcast series LSHTM Viral, focusing on science behind global and public health, [Polio: Forgotten But Not Gone](#), explores the continued risk of polio resurgence and what is needed to sustain progress towards eradication.

It features Team End Polio Champion and polio survivor Anne Wafula Strike, who speaks about the lifelong impact of polio and the role of advocacy in keeping attention on eradication.

Professor Sir Andrew Pollard, Director of the Oxford Vaccine Group, discusses polio vaccines, wastewater detection and barriers to childhood immunisation in the UK. And Dr. Zubair Wadood from WHO addresses vaccine misinformation and outlines some of the geopolitical, conflict-related and community trust challenges that continue to shape eradication efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The episode frames polio as a continued global health security concern, particularly in the context of recent polio wastewater detections in London, declining immunisation rates and pressure on surveillance funding.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan : three WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV3 case
- Ethiopia: two cVDPV1 cases
- Madagascar: one cVDPV1 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case



A man goes to the doctor, looking very worried.

"Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts!" he exclaims.

"What do you mean?" asks the doctor.

"If I touch my arm, it hurts. If I touch my leg, it hurts. If I touch my head, it hurts!"

The doctor frowns, checks his charts, and says, "I know exactly what's wrong with you."

The man is relieved. "What is it, doctor?"

The doctor sighs, "You have a broken finger."

Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola is the President of Rotary International for the 2026–2027 term.

He is a Nigerian business leader and long-time humanitarian. Babalola made history as only the second African—and second Nigerian—to lead the global organization.



A summary of his background, career, and Rotary achievements includes:

- **Rotary Leadership:** A Rotarian since 1994, he previously served Rotary International as Vice President (2019–2020), as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a District Governor. Babalola is also a key figure in Rotary's global polio eradication efforts, advising the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.
- **Professional Career:** Babalola is an engineering graduate of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University. He spent over 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior executive positions at Shell before focusing on organizational performance coaching and his global humanitarian work.
- **Awards:** His service has been recognized globally with Rotary's *Service Above Self Award*, the *Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World*, and the *Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service*.

Birthdays and Anniversaries July 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Karen Mulchay	2nd
Rosemary Johnson	4th
Janet Armstrong	8th
Carol Adams	13th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Barry and Sam Winmar 11th 34 years



Club Anniversaries:

Bob Cooper	02nd	42 years in Rotary
Soren Houlberg	01st	37 years since first joining Rotary
Kelvin Lemalu	01st	18 years since first joining Rotary

Congratulations

SmartAid UltraFilter Program Expands Clean Water Access for Students Across Timor-Leste

Rotary Projects Timor-Leste East (RPTLE), Disaster Aid Australia (DAA), and Don Bosco Comoro continue to strengthen their partnership in delivering safe drinking water to schools across Timor-Leste through the SmartAid UltraFilter Program.

The initiative has reached a significant milestone, with 52 water filtration systems now fully installed throughout the country, providing clean, safe drinking water to more than 60,000 students in both government and non-government schools.

This progress reflects the strong collaboration between local school leadership, the Ministry of Rural Development Timor-Leste, the Região Administrativa Especial de Oe-Cusse, Rotary partners, and dedicated community volunteers who remain committed to improving student health and wellbeing.

Looking ahead, the program is set for further expansion. An additional 46 SmartAid UltraFilter systems are scheduled for installation over the next two years, extending reliable access to safe water for another 20,000 students. This growth supports national priorities in reducing waterborne illness, strengthening school attendance, and improving learning outcomes.

The SmartAid UltraFilter Program continues to demonstrate how practical, community-driven solutions can deliver lasting impact for children and families across Timor-Leste.



Max Bird Project Manager

Rotary Projects Timor-Leste East



What happened this week in history?



July 13th to July 19th



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

14th

1789: Bastille Day - the French Revolution begins (France's national day)
1850: 1st public demonstration of ice made by refrigeration by Florida physician John Gorrie
1933: Germany begins mandatory sterilization of people with hereditary illnesses
1946: Dr Benjamin Spock's "Common Sense Book of Baby & Child Care" published

15th

1763: 1st steamboat, Pyroscaphe, 1st run in France
1815: Napoleon surrenders to Captain Frederick Maitland after his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo
1815: 1st flat horse race held at English race track Cheltenham on Nottingham Hill
1869: Margarine is patented by Hippolye Mège-Mouriès for use by French Navy

16th

1439: Kissing is banned in England (to stop the Black Death from spreading)
1661: 1st banknotes in Europe are issued by Bank of Stockholm
1867: Joseph Monier patents reinforced concrete
1969: Apollo 11 launched, carrying 1st men to land on Moon

17th

1585: English secret service discovers Anthony Babington's murder plot against Queen Elizabeth I
1774: Captain James Cook arrives in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu)
1861: US Congress authorizes paper money
1902: Lord Tennyson, son of the poet, is named to succeed Lord Hopetown, first governor general of Australia

18th

1536: Pope's authority declared void in England
1743: 1st half-page newspaper ad is published (NY Weekly Journal)
1872: The Ballot Act introduces the secret ballot in elections in Britain; previously votes made openly
1972: The 100th British soldier to die in the Northern Ireland "troubles" is shot by a sniper in Belfast

19th

1545: King Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose sinks at Portsmouth; 73 die.
1843: HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin arrives in Ascension Island
1940: Adolf Hitler orders Great Britain to surrender
1952: "Paint Your Wagon" closes at Shubert Theatre NYC after 289 performances

Join us for

*Christmas
in July!*

25th of July

6pm for 6:30pm start

KWINANA ROTARY HALL

\$25 per head

*Fundraising to buy educational toys for the
children staying with their Mothers attending
the school of Sols*

RSVP by 20th of July to

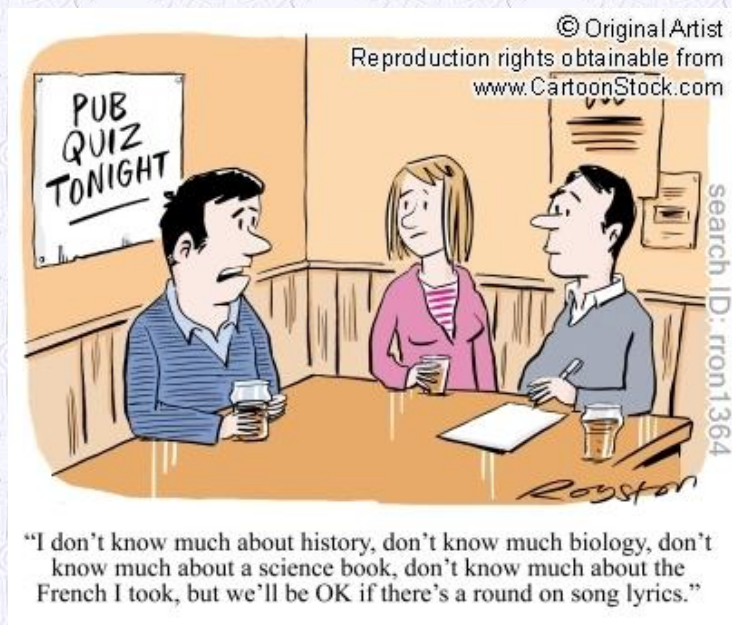
CHRIS IRIKS: 0412472769

Paddy and his missus are lying in bed listening to the next-door neighbours' dog barking. It had been barking for hours and hours.

Suddenly Paddy jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this". He goes downstairs.

Paddy finally comes back up to bed and his wife says, "The dog is still barking. What have you been doing?"

Paddy says "I've put the dog in our yard . see how THEY like it !"



"THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN I SAID I WANTED TO BE IRON MAN!"



Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham
Palm beach
Baldivis
Cockburn

Monday 6pm
Wednesday 6.30pm
Tuesday 6.30pm
Wednesday 6pm

Armadale
Mandurah Districts
Pinjarra
Byford & Districts

Tuesday 7pm
Tuesday 6pm
Thursday 6.45pm
Monday 7pm