



Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 11
Guests 1
Visitors
Partners

71.0 %

Raffle
Eric

Heads & Tails
Andrew



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



Bulletin

No 02 20/07/2026



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

Quiet meeting tonight, only 11 attended, chaired by PP Terry in the absence of VP Stephen, plus 1 guest, Les ? who Alan Armstrong brought along, Les is a Men's Shed mate and is keen to check us out.

By the time you read this President Genevieve will be settled in the UK and preparing for her Karate comp, good luck Gen, hope you bring home the gold!!!

Not a lot to write about, Bunnings BBQ coming up on the 9th of August, PDG John has preparations in hand.

Christmas-in-July night this Saturday at Rotary Hall, John & Chris have a great night planned, all for a very good cause.

AJ moving along the promotion of the Fathering Project after the success of the Medina School event.

Alan Armstrong tells us that the Kwinana Men's Shed is officially under-way. Incorporation is complete, Alan is the elected President, committee voted in. Much work to do, on top off that list is finding a suitable 'Shed'



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



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



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.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 20th July 2026



This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey.... but I turned myself around

What do you call a pony with a cough?

A little horse.

What is an astronaut's favorite part on a computer?

The space bar.

Why do French people eat snails?

They don't like fast food.



Tony Miller President 2027/28 July 2026



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 20th July 2026



I would like to advise the members that I have met with the board, and effective immediately, I will be taking a 3-month Leave of Absence due to health reasons.

Inward Correspondence.

Outward Correspondence:

Don't you wish our BBQ trailer looked like that again??





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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

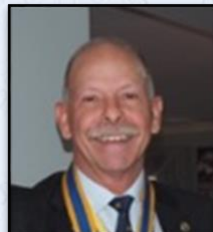


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Bob C: Something about eating peanuts and a gun going off!!!

John I: "I can be bought"

Norm: In his absence, leaving me to be Sergeant.

Karen and John: Leaving the Furniture Factory signs out.

There was a king once who was 12 inches tall. Terrible king, great ruler.

People are usually shocked when they find out I'm not a very good electrician.

I once got stuck in an elevator. Now I take steps to avoid them

I bought an expensive Rolls Royce but didn't pay for a driver. All that money and nothing to chauffeur it.

Why did the cross-eyed teacher get fired? He couldn't control his pupils.

Free event



Kwinana WayFairer Program - Cafe Connect

Dementia Awareness Talk

Join us for a cuppa and a chat. Discover the WayFairer Program and hear from guest speaker Alzheimer's WA about dementia, its signs, and the supports available in your community. Q&A to follow.

Light refreshments provided.



Tuesday 18th of August 2026



9 am - 12 pm



**Ken Jackman Hall,
2 Robbos Way Kwinana 6167**



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A born leader: Rotary President Olayinka H. Babalola

Babalola's leadership journey began early. The eldest of six children, he was born in Ibadan, one of the largest cities in Nigeria. His mother was a teacher and his father an accountant.

"From my part of the world, when you're the first child, that has some leadership responsibilities," he says.

He went to college at what was then called the Federal University of Technology in Bauchi, an ethnically diverse city in the north where Nigeria's savanna woodlands begin to give way to the semiarid Sahel on the edge of the Sahara. The school's public image director, a member of the Rotary Club of Bauchi, asked him during his second year if he'd help organize a Rotaract club. Babalola became the club's charter president.



After earning his degree in electronics engineering, Babalola completed a year in the National Youth Service Corps. Aiming to bridge ethnic and religious divides, members of the corps serve in states other than their own. Babalola was posted to Port Harcourt in Rivers state, where the French tire manufacturer Michelin had requested electronics engineering graduates to help retool its equipment. Before arriving in Port Harcourt, Babalola joined other newly mobilized corps members at an orientation camp. He figured since they were all fresh out of university, there must be Rotaractors among them. He posted a notice and gathered everybody together. "We started a mini Rotaract fellowship while in camp," he recalls.

Then in Port Harcourt, Babalola joined the Rotaract Club of Trans Amadi, an industrial area of the city where Michelin was located. With other Rotaract corps members, he volunteered at a facility for children with disabilities that was supported by the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt.

When his mandatory service was over, Babalola landed a job with the Nigerian branch of the Shell oil company. Only in his mid-20s, he was beginning to outgrow his Rotaract club; his job gave him the privilege of a better income than others his age. The next logical step, he thought, was to join Rotary, where he could find inspiration from successful older members. "I wanted to be in a place where I could aspire to other things," he says.

But when he went to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi and said he wanted to join, club members were stunned. One Rotarian erupted: "What's wrong with this young man? You think this is how you join Rotary?" But another Rotarian volunteered to be his sponsor, later becoming a mentor. "If that man hadn't spoken up for me, maybe I wouldn't be here," Babalola reflects. "I may have left the place and never considered joining Rotary, and that would have been the end of it."

In Rotary, Babalola found career mentors, including the chief operating officer of Shell Nigeria. "There are some people who when you see their signature on a letter addressed to you, it means only two things: You've been promoted or you've been sacked," he says. "That's the kind of person he was." Another executive in the Nigerian oil industry also took Babalola under his wing when his father died.

But most of all, he found a place to grow up. "At 27, you have some money in your pocket, you're single, you're a boy, you can imagine the kind of things that will be on your mind," he says. "But because I was in Rotary, that didn't happen for me. People are talking about taxation; they're talking about the budget. They're talking about real estate, about investment opportunities, and suddenly somebody is telling you what you need to do with your money."

Through Rotary, Babalola also met his wife, Precy, the first female president of her university's Rotaract club in Port Harcourt. She pulled back from Rotary when their children were young, rejoining in 2018. Today she is a lawyer and a member of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport.

"Our stories as members may be different, but Rotary impacts us in many ways — our careers, our businesses, our family lives," Yinka Babalola says. "I think if you talk to any Rotarian, you will find they have a story, something that made them stay."

Rotary International

The 'Gavel pilfering' prank is not new, this with Palm Beach 2007



Blast from the past
RC of Safety Bay members inducted into the RC of Rockingham, September 3rd 2007



Polio This Week 20th July 2026

GPEI leadership in endemic countries: polio eradication and strengthening health systems go hand in hand

Last week, the Polio Oversight Board (POB) of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) met with programme and public health leaders in both [Afghanistan](#) and [Pakistan](#). Leaders from Rotary International, WHO, UNICEF, Gavi and KSR relief met with frontline health workers, religious leaders, government representatives, donors and partners, to underscore the urgent need to eradicate polio while protecting essential health services.

Throughout the visits, the message that emerged was very clear: end polio and strengthening health systems go hand in hand. With sustained commitment and support, efforts can protect children, strengthen communities and advance health security across the region.

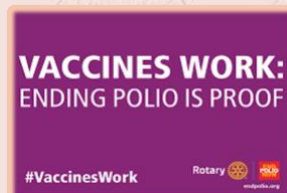
New outbreak response standards to stop polio faster

As the world moves closer to polio eradication, stopping outbreaks quickly and decisively has never been more important. To reflect evolving epidemiology, new scientific evidence and years of operational experience, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has updated its outbreak response [Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#).

The updated SOPs sharpen how countries detect, assess and respond to poliovirus outbreaks — with a particular focus on the type 2 outbreaks that now account for most global transmission. They introduce clearer outbreak definitions, stronger risk assessment, and more tailored response strategies, helping programmes close immunity gaps faster and prevent outbreaks from becoming prolonged. For a high-level overview of polio outbreaks and how to stop them, partners at the UN Foundation have developed a short explainer fact sheet [here](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Afghanistan : four WPV1 cases and 12 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- DR Congo: two cVDPV2 cases
- Ethiopia: two cVDPV1 cases
- Madagascar: two cVDPV1-positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV3 case
- South Sudan: one cVDPV1 case



On her first day at the retirement home, the new manager gathered all the seniors and announced her most important rule:

“The female sleeping quarters are off-limits to all males, and likewise, the male dormitory is off-limits to all females. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time.”

She went on... “The second time, it’s a \$60 fine. The third time? \$180. Any questions?”

An older lady named Katy slowly stood up, looked around the room, and asked:

“How much for a season ticket?”

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

Obituary

We mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us oldies for many years.

No one knows for sure how old they were, since their birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

They will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain,

Why the early bird gets the worm,

Life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies.

(don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies

(adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Right, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is to Blame, I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because, so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.



What happened this week in history?



July 20th to July 26th



20th

1712: The Riot Act takes effect in Great Britain.
1837: Euston railway station opens in London as the terminus, London and Birmingham Railway
1871: British Columbia joins the confederation of Canada.
1960: 1st submerged submarine to fire Polaris missile (George Washington)

21st

1545: The first landing of French troops onto the Isle of Wight during the French invasion
1588: First engagement between the English fleet and the Spanish Armada off the Eddystone Rocks
1853: Central Park in New York created, New York State, 750 acres of land on Manhattan Island
1884: 1st Test Cricket match played at Lord's

22nd

1298: English defeat Scots at Battle of Falkirk
1812: Duke of Wellington defeats French at Battle of Salamanca, Spain
1901: House of Lords, in its role as court, rules trade unions can be sued for actions of its members
1933: Wiley Post completes the 1st solo flight round the world, takes 7 days and 19 hours

23rd

1579: Francis Drake departs San Francisco to cross the Pacific Ocean
1829: William Austin Burt patents America's first "typographer" (typewriter)
1888: John Boyd Dunlop applies to patent pneumatic tire
1904: Ice cream cone created during St Louis World Fair - reputedly by Charles E. Menches

24th

411: Battle of Harlaw, one of the bloodiest battles in Scotland, takes place
1534: Jacques Cartier lands in Canada, claims it for France
1704: English and Dutch troops occupy Gibraltar
1935: 1st greetings telegram sent in Britain

25th

1446: Foundation stone laid for King's College Chapel in Cambridge by King Henry VI
1797: Horatio Nelson loses more than 300 men and his right arm, Tenerife (Spain)
1814: English engineer George Stephenson introduces his first steam locomotive
1907: Korea becomes a protectorate of Japan

26th

1267: Inquisition forms in Rome under Pope Clement IV
1656: Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn declares he is insolvent
1865: The capital of New Zealand moves from Auckland to Wellington
1917: J. Edgar Hoover gets job in US Department of Justice



"I love reading. I read about 3 hours a day.
My favorite book is Facebook."



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Woman has Man in it;
Mrs. has Mr. in it;
Female has Male in it;
She has He in it;
Madam has Adam in it;

Okay, it all makes sense now...

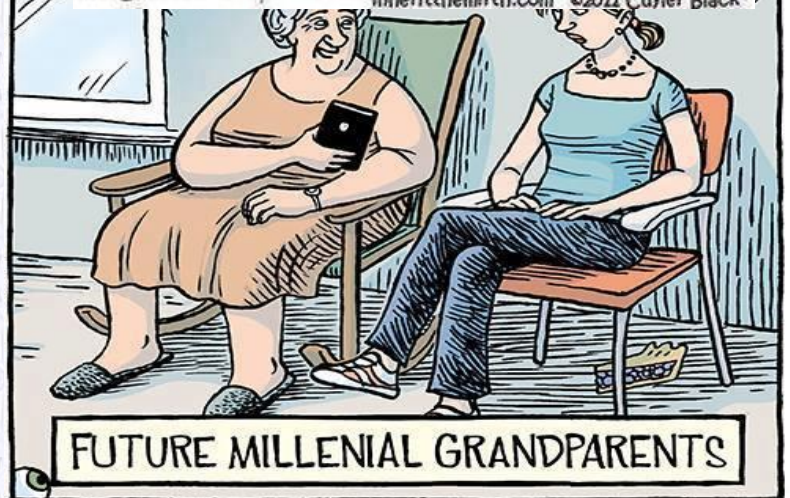
I never looked at it this way before:

MEN tal illness
MEN tal breakdown
MEN opause
GUY necoligist
AND...

When we have REAL trouble, it's a

HIS terectomy.

Ever notice how all of women's problems
start with MEN?



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