



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 04 27/07/2026



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 17
Guests 3
Visitors
Partners 3

68.0 %

Raffle
Terry & Tony

Heads & Tails
Terry

Great meeting tonight, guest speaker was Paul Daly, OIC WA Police Air Wing. Paul gave us an eye view into WA Police Air Wing operations. Today they use drones extensively to assist in many operational duties. Paul, a long-time and current Rotarian gave us a very detailed and interesting presentation.

A pleasure to welcome back PP Michael Nella and Kylee to our Rotary Club, Michael resigned in June 2025 for personal reasons, and I'm pleased to learn of his decision to return.

We have unfortunately recently lost John Maskell who has decided to return to Melbourne, John was a very valuable member of our club, very sorry to see him go.

Last Saturday night, a Christmas-in-July was held at Rotary Hall. The event was put on by three of our ladies, Chris Iriks, Cathy Sharkey and Lynne Bennett who are supporting the School of Sols, in Timor Leste.

No meeting at Rotary Hall next Monday 3rd Aug. we are attending Palm Beach meeting at the Hotel Clipper on Wednesday 5th Aug 6pm for 6.30pm



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



August: - Membership and New Club Development Month

Mon 3rd No Meeting at Rotary Hall
Wed 5th Meeting with Palm Beach at Hotel Clipper
Mon 10th Club Meeting at Rotary Hall
Mon 17th Club Meeting at Rotary Hall
Mon 24th Club Meeting at Rotary Hall
Mon 31st Club Meeting at Rotary Hall

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'

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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603





President's Pen



July 2026



GKR Karate World Cup Championships in Telford UK done and dusted! No medals won by myself, but an incredible experience to be here competing in the UK. Huge thanks to Sensei Allan Redpath, Mark Ingleand Tabatha Ingle for all their help with preparing for this big event. A special thanks to my kata team mates Sandy Kalmar and Jazmin Kalmar; we have all grown together over the past three months as we put together this team, together with the invaluable help of Liam Fagan.

As always, the greatest aspect of attending National and World Championships is the opportunity to bond with fellow karate-ka from WA, together with having the opportunity to make new connections. Wonderful to meet and compete alongside World Champion Libby Connor - such an inspirational lady! Great spending time out to dinner with Sandy, Jaz, Ernő Kalmár, Max Majedi, Jo Roades, Liam, Grant West Gkr, Teresa, and Laura Swift.

Wishing everybody safe travels and will look forward to hearing about everyone's experiences when we return home. Deepest thanks to my wonderful husband Damian Carr for being here and supporting me along the way. Now we are about to head across to Ireland!

(Genevieve left this post on social media)

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 27th July 2026
Guest speaker was Supt. Paul Daly, OIC WA Police Air Wing





Tony Miller President 2027/28 July 27th 2026



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Bunning's BBQ on Sunday 9th August.

Discussions are ongoing with Chris Oughton with the aim of a club trip to the Kwinana Energy Recovery facility, owned and operated by ACCIONA <https://kwinana.energy/about/>. This will be a fun and educational outing for the club members, more information to follow.

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli 2026



Inward Correspondence.

Outward Correspondence:

President Genevieve and Damian are currently in the UK



On their way to the Emerald Isle





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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

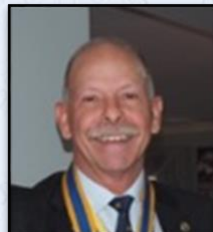


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Old friends here tonight, Edd, Greg and Michael.

Terry: On the 'Hoover' making plenty of noise.

Alan A: Sergeant is trying to lift the dress standard, so Alan wears 'that' shirt

John I: Wrong 'code' John, Hall and Furniture Factory have a different alarm code.

Helen: Phone call.

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

John I: Does John wear a Christmas theme shirt, no, sporting a 'Dockers' shirt!!!

Q: Why was the picture sent to jail?

A: It was framed.

Q: Why do we tell actors to break a leg?

A: Because every play has a cast.

Q: What's worse than raining cats & dogs?

A: Hailing taxis.

Q: Why was the librarian kicked off the plane?

A: Because it was overbooked.



Guest Speaker: Supt. Paul Daly
OIC WA Police Air Wing



The association between Rotary and Paul has been strong over the years. He was selected as a Youth Exchange student in 1991 to spend a year abroad in the USA and Canada.

He has been a member of a group study exchange team to the UK (2007) and lead a team of Police to Virginia (2012).

He has been a member of the District Youth Exchange committee, a member of the Rotary Clubs of Mill Point South Perth, Willetton and Margaret River and awarded a Paul Harris fellow in recognition of his service to the community of Margaret River in the aftermath of the devastating fires that ravaged the area in 2011.

Professionally, Paul has almost 30 years of experience with the WA Police Force and has served in numerous regional and metropolitan stations. He is a nationally recognized trained Police commander for major emergency response and counter terrorism incidents and a member of the WA Police Senior Command Cadre.

Paul is currently the officer in Charge of Police Airwing and also chair the National Law enforcement RPAS working group seeking regulatory changes in the use of drones. He and his team were recently recognized at a National level for leading industry through significant changes to the drone landscape having successfully negotiated legislative exemptions for emergency services.

Paul is recognized as the only officer in the history of WA Police to win the Police officer of the Year award twice (2007 and 2012).

Married to Jodi, his bride of 22 years and two children Alexis (20) and Matthew (18), He enjoys prospecting, fishing and yacht racing.

The Western Australia Police Force uses drones (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) for search and rescue, public safety response, traffic crash reconstruction, and tactical surveillance.

Core Uses and Capabilities

- Search and Rescue: Locating missing people quickly in both regional areas and urban environments]
- First Responder Trials: Operating "Drone in a Box" technology contracted via Sphere Drones to launch remotely from docking stations upon triple-zero calls
- Indoor and Tactical Operations: Utilizing trial exemptions to fly small drones indoors or near structures to assess armed offenders before officers enter.
- Crime Scene Mapping: Capturing 4K video and thermal imagery (FLIR) to reconstruct major traffic crashes and crime scenes in minutes instead of hours

The expansion of automated and thermal-equipped police drones greatly increases operational safety, though the technology builds upon years of incremental rollout across regional districts like Broome and the Perth metropolitan area.

The Western Australia Police Force is expanding its tactical capabilities with Drone as a First Responder (DFR) and Drone-in-a-Box (DiaB)

Program Overview and Deployment

- **Drone-in-a-Box (DiaB):** Automated, transportable docking stations that allow remote launching, surveillance, and self-charging without direct on-site pilot intervention.
- **First Responder Integration:** Drones are dispatched directly ahead of ground units to high-priority calls to provide immediate overhead intelligence.
- **Regional Rollout:** Expanded past initial trials (such as in Yanchep) into regional and daily operational use across Western Australia, including regional hubs like the Northwest and Broome.

Key Capabilities

- **Thermal Vision:** Equipped with FLIR infrared technology for night operations and tracking suspects or missing persons.
- **Live Streaming:** Real-time video feeds transmitted directly to mobile devices of frontline police and the State Operations Command Centre (SOCC).
- **Operational Uses:** Search and rescue, tracking fleeing or wanted vehicles, mapping crime scenes, and managing public safety incidents



The Western Australia Police Force utilizes a statewide fleet of remote-controlled aerial units, featuring over 40 drones and advanced "Drone-in-a-Box" (DiaB) live-streaming technology supplied by contractors like Sphere Drones and RocketDNA.

Fleet and Capabilities

- More than 60 to 72 trained remote pilots deployed across metropolitan and regional districts from Broome to Albany.
- Real-time video streaming directly to frontline officer mobile phones and the State Operations Command Centre (SOCC).
- Thermal imaging equipment utilized for nighttime search-and-rescue

Stretching across 2.5 million square kilometres Western Australia is a land where vast distances and rugged terrain challenge law enforcement in ways few other regions can understand. Overcoming those challenges requires more than just a strong presence on the ground—it demands a fleet of highly capable aircraft and a dedicated team that can think quickly and act decisively. For decades, the Western Australia Police Force (WAPOL) Air Wing has done just that, providing critical aerial support to law enforcement, search-and-rescue, and tactical operations across the state.

But even the best fleets age, and by the mid-2010s, WAPOL found itself facing a hard truth: their helicopters, once the pride of their operation, were no longer cutting edge. In fact, they were struggling to keep up with the demands placed on them. The unit needed a serious upgrade, and it wasn't just about keeping up with the times, it was about ensuring they could continue to operate effectively across such a vast, diverse landscape. Enter the Airbus H145 D3, two of the state-of-the-art helicopters aimed to carry WAPOL's Air Wing into the future.



The new Pilatus PC-24 jet will be the fastest aircraft in the history of the WA Police Force and be able to deploy officers anywhere in Western Australia to provide critical support in regional communities.

The twin-engine jet will slash current travel time approximately in half and can land on unsealed airstrips in outback WA. It means specialist police from Perth such as Tactical Response Group Officers, detectives, forensic teams or Chaplains can be on the ground in Kununurra, for example, around three hours faster.



Polio This Week 27th July 2026

Science for the final mile: researchers gather to shape the future of polio eradication

For more than half a century, scientific discovery has helped protect millions of children from one of the world's most feared diseases.

Today, researchers continue to push the boundaries of innovation – not for the sake of science itself, but to ensure that every child, everywhere, can grow up free from the threat of polio.

Last week, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Research and Analytics Group (PRAG) brought together scientists from around the world for high-level research convening in Seattle. The meeting gathered experts in immunology, virology, vaccinology, epidemiology and related disciplines to discuss the program's priority research questions and strengthen collaboration across the scientific community, with the goal of sparking new ideas to inform eradication strategies.

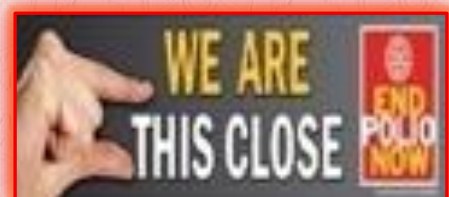
Convening attendees explored a broad range of topics, from improving mucosal immunity and understanding vaccine performance to strengthening genomic surveillance and designing the next generation of vaccines. They also examined how scientific advances in other areas of vaccine development and immunity could inform progress toward a polio-free world, while continuing to strengthen global public health. [More](#).

GPEI High-Level Interview: Chair of Polio Oversight Board (POB) & Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Mike McGovern

As part of a continuing series of high-level GPEI interviews, POB Chair and Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair shares his views on the global polio eradication effort [here](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Afghanistan: four WPV1 cases and 7 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic (CAR): one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: two cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- South Sudan: one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample



Why does it take pirates a long time to learn the alphabet?

Because they can spend years at C!

Why is grass so dangerous?

Because it's full of blades!

Why does a moon rock taste better than an Earth rock?

It's a little meteor.

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

Their flag is a big plus.

What word can you make shorter by adding two letters?

Short

Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

John Iriks 19th
Chris Iriks 29th
Chris Oughton 31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Lucy Cuplovic 13th 60 years +?



Club Anniversaries:

Stephen Castelli 14th 37 years in Rotary

Congratulations

Blast from the past
President Chris signing the Lease Agreement for Rotary Hall June 2007
PP Rodger Hamilton and PP Harry Tebbutt arranging the banners





What happened this week in history?



July 27th to Aug 02nd



27th

1586: Walter Raleigh brings the 1st tobacco to England from Virginia
1661: English Parliament confirms Navigation Act
1836: The ship the "Duke of York" arrives, the 1st colonists at Kangaroo Island, South Australia
1866: 1st transatlantic telegraph cable comes ashore at Heart's Content, Newfoundland.

28th

1586: Sir Thomas Harriot introduces potatoes to Europe on return to England
1800: Thames River Police established by act of British parliament
1858: First use of fingerprints as a means of identification is made by Sir William James Herschel
1900: Hamburger created by Louis Lassing in Connecticut

29th

1566: Britain executes Agnes Waterhouse, the first British woman convicted of witchcraft
1836: Inauguration of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris
1907: 1st helicopter ascent in Douai, France
1907: Sir Robert Baden-Powell forms Boy Scouts in England

30th

762: City of Baghdad founded by Abbasid caliph Al-Mansur, just north of ancient Baghdad
1775: Captain James Cook with Resolution returns to England
1869: The Charles, considered the world's first "oil tanker", departs from the United States
1928: George Eastman shows first amateur colour motion pictures

31st

781: The oldest recorded eruption of Mt. Fuji (Traditional Japanese date: July 6, 781)
1498: Christopher Columbus discovers the island of Trinidad on his third voyage
1856: Christchurch, New Zealand, is chartered as a city.
1865: The first narrow gauge mainline railway in the world opens at Grandchester, Australia

01st

1086: Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury
1732: Foundations laid for Bank of England
1774: English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state
1834: Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout British Empire

02nd

1610: English explorer Henry Hudson enters the bay later named after him, the Hudson Bay
1776: Formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence by 56 people
1858: Government of India transferred from East India Company to the British Crown
1870: Tower Subway, the world's first underground tube railway, opens in London

In 2006 Raj Ridvan Singh set up a university in Timor Leste for the poorest of the poor. The aim was to help the bottom 40% of household income earners by equipping them with knowledge and skills to progress out of poverty . This idea has gone from strength to strength.

While on a visit to Timor Leste we were taken to the SOLS University and introduced to Mrs. Singh who had just started up a program for some young single mums from outlying villages. This was a twelve-month course for the ladies to learn English to go back to their villages and teach the language to others. It was a live in course the so ladies had to bring their children with them. As it was a new program there were very limited activities for the young ones. Mrs. Singh really wanted to be able to provide more for them but had no funding. Last year we managed to send some toys and money for the children.

This week our Christmas in July event raised more than \$1,600 which Max Bird will take back to Timor Leste so that the funds can be spent on toys in their community with the added benefit of helping their economy.

Chris, Lynne and Cathy thanked everyone for supporting the project.





Supt. Paul Daly OIC WA Police Air Wing with PP Terry Evans

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**



RSVP by phone, email or scan the QR code.



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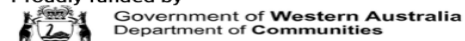
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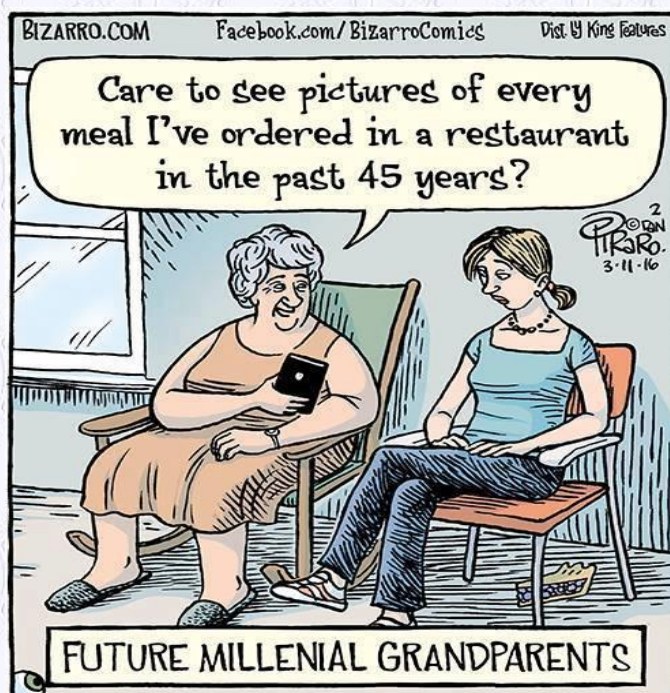


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Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham
Palm beach
Baldvis
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