



Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 15
Guests
Visitors
Partners

62.5 %

Raffle

Heads & Tails
Eric



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
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The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



Bulletin

No 10/08/2026



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

No meeting at Rotary Hall on the 3rd of August, we travelled to Rockingham on Wednesday 5th to attend a joint meeting with the Palm Beach RC to attend a presentation on 'Clean Water' in Timor-Leste by our own PP Max Bird. 40+ were in attendance to witness a very interesting presentation by Max.

Back at Rotary Hall Monday 10th August, 15 members present, no guest speaker but we were shown a 30-minute replay of a recent ABC Foreign Correspondence episode on the EV Revolution in China, the figures and statistics are difficult to get your head around, currently 70% of the world's EV's are manufactured in China, cars roll off the assembly lines at the rate of one every minute.

In 2024, USA, hit Chinese EV's with 100% duty, plus all Chinese vehicles connected to the internet are banned.

PP James wished to thank everyone who assisted last Sunday at our Bunnings BBQ, great day, great financial result, Thank You.

We are missing attendance officer Karen Zabiela, Karen is currently visiting the UK, Safe travels Karen. President Genevieve and Damian are currently touring the UK and now exploring Scotland.



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 EV Revolution

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'





President's Pen



July 2026



Well, here I am, filling the big boots of Gen and Steve in the Presidential seat again. I ran into Josh at the football on Sunday. He tells me Mum is thoroughly enjoying herself doing the rounds in England. Steve is well and making the most of his free time on his sabbatical. Norm is working hard and going well. Our thoughts are with Karen as she spends time with her dad and family back in England. Best wishes to all.

It was wonderful to see Soren back on deck Monday night and making a great recovery from his recent illness. Welcome back to the fold Mike, it was good to see you at a recent meeting.

Many thanks to James and all the team who helped out at our Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, especially newer members Helen, Andrew and the Alans. I am very grateful to John and Tony for very capably stepping in, to fill the rolls of our missing Rotarians at the moment. Thanks to Mike for flying the Kwinana flag and taking on the role of Deputy Project Manager for Timor-Leste.

See you all next Monday,
Cheers,
Terry



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 10th August 2026





Tony Miller President 2027/28 July 27th 2026



Bunning's BBQ on Sunday 9th August, great success, thanks to all involved.

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:



Bharat Pandya, a member of the Rotary Club of Borivli, Mumbai, India, is the selection of the nominating committee for Rotary International president for 2028-29. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if there are no other challenging candidates.

After receiving undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from Seth G. S. Medical College and King Edward Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, Pandya practiced as a general and laparoscopic surgeon for 38 years.

Among other professional recognitions, he was awarded fellowships by the Association of Surgeons of India and the International College of Surgeons and earned the Borivli Medical Brotherhood's Outstanding Performance Award.

He is a founding member of the Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India and was a board member and vice chair of Jan Shikshan Sansthan, a government-sponsored vocational training and skill development institute.

He received the Mumbai Gaurav (Pride of Mumbai) Award from Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha and the Indian Global Foundation.

Pandya has served as an RI director and treasurer and on numerous committees, among them the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

He has served in multiple positions for The Rotary Foundation: trustee, vice chair, Executive Committee chair, and vice chair of the Finance and Stewardship committees.

He is currently chair of the RI Programs Committee and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Programs Committee.

He served on the India PolioPlus Committee in 2011-15, during which time India was certified polio-free. Pandya and his wife, Madhavi, a past district chair of Inner Wheel District 314, are Major Donors and Benefactors.

They have two daughters and one granddaughter.



Rotary International 4th Aug. 2026



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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

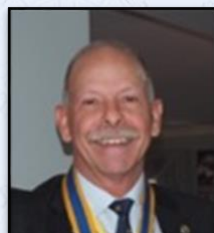


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Some fines from last week's meeting at Palm Beach, plus a couple from tonight.

Alan A: Turned up at Rockingham, no booking???

Max B: Won the 'Loud Shirt' award.

John I: Chris washed his jeans with tissues in the pocket.

John I: Backing his car trailer without the pin in place, they parted company!!!

John I: took on the role of "Tosser" tonight.

James: Some thing about 'slimy sausages' I'm not going there!!!

Two elderly Rotarian gentlemen from a retirement village were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Jim, I'm 83 years old, now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'
Jim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really! Jim? Like a newborn baby!?' Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Meeting with Palm Beach RC, guest speaker our own PP Max Bird
Timor-Leste Clean-Water-Project





Guest Speaker:

Chinese EV evolution

Once an 'embarrassment' China's EV industry now leads the world

In some Chinese-made electric vehicles, you can swap your empty battery for a new one in under five minutes.

It sounds too good to be true, but the process is simple: drive your car into a special swapping station, take your hands off the steering wheel, then let robots take out the old battery and pop in a fresh one.

The tech is just one example of how Chinese EV companies have pushed the boundaries of automotive invention on their path to electric worldwide domination.

Other Chinese companies have developed super-fast EV chargers that can replenish a car's power to nearly 80 per cent in five minutes.

And finding a place to charge your car, a challenge in other parts of the world, is rarely a problem in China.

The country now boasts the largest EV charging network in the world with about one public charger for every 10 cars.

Australia, by comparison, has one public charger available for every 45 electric vehicles.

The extraordinary infrastructure and technology advancements have seen China largely overcome the problem of EV "range anxiety", the fear of not having enough power to complete a trip and helped put China at the forefront of the world's electric vehicle revolution.

China is now the undisputed global leader of the EV industry, producing almost 75 per cent of the world's EVs.

And it is not just production where China dominates.

The country is widely considered superior in all stages of the EV process: from conception and development through to manufacturing and exporting to the rest of the world.

But China's EV juggernaut did not happen by accident.

China's government decided to prioritise EVs in 2001 and developed a long-term plan that would eventually catapult the country to the forefront of the future automotive industry.

The government focused on bankrolling new EV companies, giving loans to and partnering with existing companies, funding research and development programs, providing buyer rebates and tax exemptions, and building the infrastructure needed to support an electric revolution.

More than \$US230 billion (\$328 billion) of state capital was invested into the emerging sector over a 15-year period to establish China's lead, and in the process transform China into an electric society.

Global auto analyst Bill Russo, who has lived in China for more than 20 years, said China had won the EV race by achieving total self-reliance.

"[China wanted to] solve multiple problems at the same time: energy security, environmental pollution concerns and industrial competitiveness," he said. "In order to get that different path to take root, it invested in infrastructure, in tax incentives, put subsidies in early and then, over time, gradually removed them as the consumers started to accept the product."

Mr Russo said that instead of trying to replicate what other countries were doing in the automotive space, China decided to transform the sector.

China worked on breaking its dependency on the part of the energy supply chain it did not control, oil and gas, by developing new technology and new ways of manufacturing, Mr Russo said.

Then the country re-imagined what a car could be.

"The entrepreneurial part of China said ... 'We can be leaders — we don't have to catch up,'" Mr Russo said.

"Now they're introducing a whole new product configuration to the world which is the smart device on wheels.

"A moving living space with digital connectivity features. That's the really transformative innovation coming from China."

Part of the success of China's EV grand plan was making cheap cars with the luxury trimmings usually reserved for higher-end brands.

China-based car reviewer Ethan Robertson said a standard EV in China now included TVs, fridges, massage chairs with zero gravity (that is, seats that recline to near-flat), surround-sound audio, and above all else, digital connectivity.

An EV with those features could be available for about \$30,000 in China.

One of the best-selling EVs in China is priced at under \$15,000 and is made by the world's biggest EV brand, Chinese-owned Build Your Dreams (BYD).

Close to 55 per cent of all new cars sold in China last year were electric.

Mr Robertson said China was now leading the pack when it came to the combination of technology, features and price — a mix he believed would leave many global competitors struggling to keep up.

"It's a meme in China ... if you don't have a big screen, a refrigerator that also heats things, and individual seats with heating, cooling, massage, zero gravity and everything else, you are uncompetitive," he said.

"These used to be stuff that you would have to pay thousands and thousands of dollars extra on cars from foreign manufacturers. "But now that's the standard here."

Mr Robertson said China could create the cheap but high-quality cars because it dominated the entire supply chain from conception through to the finished product.

"So long as these other manufacturers from other countries struggle to produce electric vehicles with the technology and the features and the price the consumers around the world want, I think they're going to lag behind the Chinese," he said.

The rapid advancement of automation and robotic development in China has redefined the speed at which cars can be produced.

Inside the manufacturing workshop of one of China's best-known EV brands, Nio, there is barely a person in sight. Instead, robots on wheels carry car frames between stations, where other robots piece the rest of the vehicle together.

Nio's promotional director Yang Yi said production technology had become so advanced in China that his company was able to produce a car every minute.

That pace of development is known across the globe as "China speed".

"So, in this factory there's over 1,200 robots [including] 300 to 400 AGV [automated guided vehicles] to transport the components," he said. "In China, that's pretty much the standard now.

"This factory, it's amazing. It's becoming more and more smart."

As a result of China's supply chain dominance, foreign car companies have flocked to the country to learn, develop and build cars there.

Even European brand Renault, which does not sell cars in China, has set up a top-level research and development lab in Shanghai to get the China advantage. Renault's director of innovation technology Shao Xin said the Chinese know-how was helping them develop cars three times quicker than ever before.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-07-21/china-ev-dominance-over-europe-united->

Tradie Nicknames in Australia

Nicknames for the Workmates Who Are Just Lazy!

- **Wicket-keeper** - puts on the gloves and stands back.
- **Sensor light** - only works if someone walks past.
- **Wheelbarrow** - only works when pushed.
- **Cordless** - charges all night but only works for 2 hours.
- **English fog** - someone who won't lift anything.
- **Muffler** - someone who is always exhausted.
- **Cane toad** - every time he stops working, he sits down.
- **Devondale** - someone who always does the cream jobs.
- **Paper straw** - someone who works but not for long.
- **Seaweed** - just floats around all day and stinks.
- **Blister** - appears when the hard work is done.
- **Brake Pad** - gets worn out easily then starts to squeal.

Nicknames for the Workmates Who Are Just Hopeless

- **Deck chair** - always folds under pressure.
- **Perth** - he's always 3 hours behind everyone else.
- **Kinder Surprise** - melts in the heat.
- **Lightning** - someone who can never hit the same spot twice.
- **Morphine** - slow-moving dope.
- **Shania** - they don't impress you much.
- **Feta** - always crumbles under pressure.
- **Platypus** - boss's son. Protected species.
- **Slinky** - good for nothing but fun to push down the stairs.
- **Cold Sore** - keeps coming back, no matter how much crap you put on them.
- **Pluto** - far out and not very bright.
- **Bottle** - empty from the neck up.
- **Lantern** - not very bright, always has to be carried.

Nicknames for the Workmates Who Do Everything Else Other Than Work

- **Show bag** - full of shit
- **G - Spot** - you can never find him.
- **Golf ball** - someone who is hard to find.
- **2-Stroke** (lawn mower) - hard to start and always smoking.
- **Pothole** - always in the road.
- **Harvey Norman** - it's been 3 years with no interest.
- **Mastercard** - someone who always takes credit for someone else's work.
- **Noodles** - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes.
- **Hostage** - always tied up with something.
- **Grenade** - always waiting for him to pull the pin.
- **Egon** - where has he gone again?
- **Trapdoor** - grabs anyone who walks past for a gossip.
- **10 mm Socket** - can never be found when you need him.
- **Stingrays** - stand around with hands on hips (aka safety officers).
- **Bushranger** - always holding everyone up.
- **Broken Arrow** - doesn't work and can't be fired

Polio This Week 12th August 2026

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- - Pakistan: six WPV1-positive environmental samples
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo: 12 cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
 - Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV3 case
 - Somalia: four cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



One Wish

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were stranded on a little island in the middle of The Pacific Ocean and one day they found a magic lamp.

When they rubbed it, a genie appeared and granted them each any one wish, anything they wanted.

'I'd like to be back in London,' said The Englishman and he was whisked back to London.

'I'd like to be back in Glasgow,' said The Scotsman and he too was whisked away.

'I'm very lonely here all on my own,' said The Irishman, 'I wish my friends were back again.'

Last week, I checked into the Four Seasons in Palm Beach and was a bit lonely. I thought, "I'll call one of those men you see advertised in phone books for escorts and sensual massages."

I looked through the phone book, found a full-page ad for a guy calling himself Tender Tony -a very handsome man with assorted physical skills flexing in the photo. He had all the right muscles in all the right places, thick wavy hair, long powerful legs, dazzling smile, six pack abs and I felt quite certain I could bounce a sixpence off his well-oiled bum.... you get the picture. I figured, what the heck, I'll give him a call.

"Hello, ma'am, how may I help you?" . . . Oh my, he sounded sooo sexy!

Afraid I would lose my nerve if I hesitated, I rushed right in, "Hi, I hear you give a great massage, I'd like you to come to my room and give me one. No, wait, I should be straight with you. I'm in town all alone and what I really want is sex. I want it hard, I want it hot, and I want it now. Bring implements, toys, rubber, leather, whips, everything you've got in your bag of tricks. We'll go hot and heavy all night -tie me up, cover me in chocolate syrup and whipped cream, anything and everything baby. Now how does that sound?"

He says, "Oh my God... that sounds absolutely fantastic, but you need to press 9 for an outside line."

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
Weekend trip to Mt Barker, November 2005





What happened this week in history?



Aug. 10th to Aug 16th



10th

1675: King Charles II lays the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London
1743: Earliest recorded prize fighting rules formulated
1833: Chicago incorporates as a village of about 200
1961: UK applies for membership of the European Common Market

11th

1093: Foundation stone for the new Norman Durham cathedral laid by Bishop William of St. Calais
1863: Cambodia becomes French protectorate
1874: Harry S Parmelee patents sprinkler head
1984: Carl Lewis duplicates Jesse Owens' 1936 feat, winning his 4th Olympic gold medal

12th

1492: Christopher Columbus arrives in the Canary Islands on his first voyage to the New World
1658: 1st American police force forms (New Amsterdam)
1851: American inventor Isaac Singer patents the sewing machine
1908: Henry Ford's company builds the first Model T car

13th

1415: King Henry V of England lands his army at the mouth of Seine River in France
1784: Britain accepts East India Company Act 1784, bringing rule in India under the British
1889: William Gray of Hartford, Connecticut patents the coin-operated telephone
1913: Invention of stainless steel by Harry Brearley of Sheffield, England

14th

457: Oldest known exactly dated printed book (c 3 years after Gutenberg)
1498: Christopher Columbus landed at the mouth of the Orinoco River in what is now Venezuela
1893: France introduces motor vehicle registration, includes a driving test
1932: Philips makes 1 millionth radio

15th

1457: Earliest dated book, "Mainz Psalter," completed, 1st to be printed in three colours
1620: Mayflower sets sail from Southampton, England, with 102 Pilgrims
1906: 1st freight delivery tunnel system begins, underneath Chicago
1939: "The Wizard of Oz", film adaptation of L. Frank Baum's book, premieres at Grauman's.

16th

1501: Michelangelo awarded the contract to create his statue of David at Florence Cathedral
1858: Queen Victoria telegraphs US President James Buchanan for 1st time by transatlantic cable
1898: Edwin Prescott patents roller coaster
1930: I British Empire Games open in Hamilton, Canada

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,
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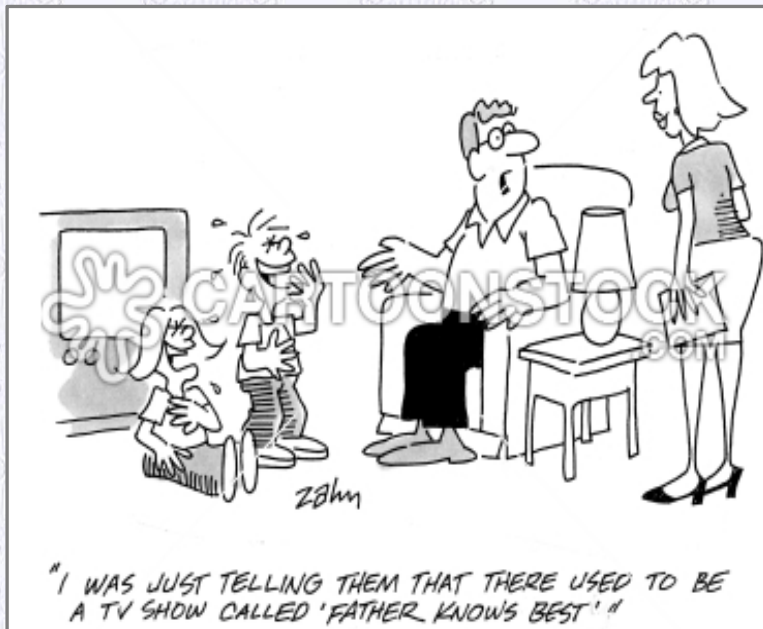
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Department of **Communities**

Three old Rotarians are out walking.
First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"
Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKEN: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead



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