



Team 2025/26

President
Stephen Castelli

Secretary
Genevieve Carr

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

Total Members	26
Apologies	
Make-up	4
Attended	16
Hon. Member	
LOA	
Guests	1
Visitors	
Partners	9

80.0%

Raffle
Soren & Bob C

Heads & Tails
James



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact is
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The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



No 05 28/07/2025



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

President Stephen attended to duties tonight; we were also joined by Kelvin Lemalu, a former Rotarian from the Cook Islands. The Cook Islands is a nation in the South Pacific, with political links to New Zealand. Its 15 islands are scattered over a vast area. They are a self-governing island nation in free association with New Zealand. While they are part of the Realm of New Zealand, they have their own government and conduct their own internal affairs. New Zealand retains some responsibility for defence and foreign affairs.

Partners were invited to listen to a presentation by PDG John Iriks and Chris on their recent fact-finding trip to Timor Leste. They were joined on that trip by a number of Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs involved with PP Max Bird in continuing to supply and install water filtering systems to schools and villages throughout Timor Leste. John and Chris gave an insight into background and development of Timor since, prior to and from Independence to today. They were touched by the gratefulness and enthusiasm of the children and the adults they were helping by providing fresh drinking water.

Unfortunately, PP Bevan has suffered another fall recently and is presently residing in Hollywood Hospital, I understand his injuries are minor this time, as minor as they can be when you are 96 years old. Many thanks again to Edd and Ann for the continuous support they offer to Bevan.



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	Joel Whitwell on triumphs of his life
Mon 28th	Club Meeting	John & Chris Iriks on their Timor Visit

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen

July 28th 2025



We welcomed our partners to the meeting and also welcomed potential new member Kelvin Lemalu. Kelvin was a Rotarian in the Cook Islands and has lived in Wellard for the last 6 years. He works as a Security Officer in both Rockingham and Guilford.

I reverted back to my position last year as Club Services Director to present the 2024/2025 Fellowship Award to PPO Terry Evans.

In my role as Club Services Director, Indonesian School Renovation Project member and Bread Project Manager, Terry was of invaluable assistance and was always wanting to help with each of these projects. Congratulations Terry well deserved.

A Board meeting was conducted last week and there were a number of things that I followed up on. With respect to vacant positions, we have been able to fill 2 of the roles:

Youth Services Manager - Alan Johnson

Vocational Services Manager - John Maskell

PP James Sharkey has agreed to continue with the role of BBQ Coordinator, with PP Terry Evans coming in as his assistant.

Genevieve Carr will continue to act in the role of Secretary until we can find someone to accept this role.

We still have vacancies for the following:

International Manager

Community Manager

In Greg William's absence, we need help to fill the big hole that we have for the next 3-4 weeks.

Greg is involved in the Bread Project, Furniture Factory and is the current Programs Manager. Any assistance that anyone can provide would be most welcome.

Please do not wait for 'others' to step up if you are able to help.

I will be away in Indonesia from Friday 7th of August for 2 weeks.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26

Club Meeting Monday 28th July 2025 at Rotary Hall





Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



1. Partners Night on Monday 28 July: John and Chris Iriks will be guest speakers at this meeting, speaking about their experiences in Timor. Have liaised with caterer Steve for the meal to be Timorese/Asian theme
2. Monday 25 August: Christmas in August
3. Monday 15 September: District Governor's visit. This will be a partner's night.
4. Sunday 21 September: Brunch at the "Curious Cockatoo" café in Harvey will members and partners of the Rotary Club of Harvey.
5. Friday 24 October: Polio Train Ride. Join Rotarians from around the District as we ride the Perth train network promoting End Polio Now. The aim of the event is to promote public awareness of End Polio Now. Participants need to register in order to be covered by Rotary Insurance. To register, visit the TryBooking website: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP>. In addition to registration, can also purchase an End Polio Now shirt, and/or make a donation to the cause. ***Cut-off date for t-shirt orders is 1 September.** At the end of the day there will be a social gathering at "The Shoe Bar" bar in Yagan Square
6. Christmas function: Looking to have lunch at King Road Brewing Company on Sunday 14 December. Will contact the venue in September for booking.

PE Genevieve Carr

Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Tim?" "My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully without looking up, "and I've just buried him." The neighbour was concerned. "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Tim patted down the last heap of earth, then replied, "That's because he's still inside your cat!"

I've been in love with the same woman for many years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!

My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, a little wine, good food... She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

My wife told me the car wasn't running well; there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was, and she told me it was in the lake.

My wife drives the wrong way on a one-way street. The cop pulled her over and asked, "Where are you going?" My wife said, "I must be late, everyone is all coming back!"



PP Genevieve Carr July 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Notification from Fremantle Port that they will support our Kwinana Community Fair –
- Promotion of “Lift the Lid” walks
- Notification of upcoming membership webinar
- RDU Supplies update

Outward Correspondence:

- Information regarding RYPEN sent to Providence School



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Public Relations
PP Bob Thompson



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy

Team 2025/26



Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Programs
PP Greg Williams



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure.
 I can handle pain until it hurts.
 If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane.
 They told me I was gullible...and I believed them.
 According to my best recollection, I don't remember.



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



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

Bill R: Showing up tonight with his 'Girlfriend'

James: Cathy has raspy voice, to much yelling at James, probably deserved.

John M: Suggesting that members who didn't bring a partner should be fined.

Pam B: Thanks for the joke sheets, we do appreciate.

John I: No E in Seabrook, what about the second letter??

Table 3: Had to be reminded to go for Soup and Meal, will be demoted to table 4.

John I, Bill R and Eric for wearing shirts cut from tablecloths, Bob C wearing a shrunken cape.

Stephen: No electricity last Friday at the Furniture Factory, have to thank Alan for his assistance.

Karen fined Eric for sitting in his usual seat, the sergeant didn't.

Recent Busy-Bee at Rotary Hall, clearing out the Furniture Factory Sheds





Guest Speaker: John & Chris Iriks
Team 3 Timor Leste June 2025

John and Chris travelled to Timor Leste as part of a group of Rotarians from several Rotary Clubs. (Rotarians working together)

The SkyHydrant installations were carried out by the Don Bosco Foundation Training Centre in Comoro, all under the guidance of our own Max Bird.

John kindly provided me with a narration of the ppt presentation he and Chris presented tonight.



Timor Leste is the southeast Asia's newest country. In June 2025 John and Chris joined Max Bird and members from Rotary Clubs of Bunbury, Albany and Launceston Tasmania forming three teams to finish water purification projects and attend official openings of completed projects. John and Chris were part of team three and spent time in Dili, Lautem, Baguia and Los Palos visiting other projects along the way.

Timor Leste declared itself independent from Portugal in 1975 but was immediately invaded by Indonesia and remained under their often-violent rule for 24 years. The people voted for independence in 1999 and became a republic in 2002.

John showed a scaled overlay showing Timor Leste over Western Australia. The graphic illustrated that this country of 15,000 square kilometers would sit on a line commencing at Bunbury Busselton and extending to just past Katanning. The country is 90 km wide at its widest point and 50km wide at its midpoint.

Although the main purpose of the trip was to visit schools and communities which had sponsored and supported the water filter system, the teams also spent time with the locals and loved interacting with the children, playing football and sharing coloring books and pencils.

Chris described the water projects, the way the locals built their own storage facilities and joined the Rotary team installing overhead tanks and clean water storage tanks. The communities assisted with connecting the systems and were confident and capable of maintaining the systems going forward, which to the visitors was one of the highlights of the trip.

John and Chris spoke of the tremendous support of the whole village displayed by their attendance in large numbers at the official opening and provision of a sumptuous celebration meal. The attendance of community leaders, school parents and friends and students in National costume gave them a real buzz and emphasized how much the locals appreciated the work that Max and his Rotary teams have done over the last ten years.

On return to Dili the team visited Timor Roofing, the supplier of all tanks and stands and in Dili SOLS Foundation. This science of life studies university educated, fed and housed the poorest of poor for \$US 400 per year. After the students qualify, they return and teach the next intake of students free of charge for one year, a further proof that what is happening in Timor Leste is community supported and community driven.

The presentation concluded with the introduction of the trade studies school where they have educators, students and buildings but no resources such as tools to help them learn. Another opening for a Rotary project maybe.

The final slides showed the happy satisfied team and a few tourist shots of highlights, beaches, beautiful weather, gorgeous scenery and some very scary mountain roads and potholed tracks feigning to be a road.

Rotary Team 1



Greater Bunbury
Rotary 

Rotary Team 2



Longford
Rotary 

Rotary Team 3



Rotary 
Rotary Club of Kwinana Inc.

Rotary Club of
Albany Port WA 

Greater Bunbury
Rotary 



Polio This Week

28th July 2025

Women health workers leading efforts to end polio in Pakistan

Click [here](#) for a powerful message by WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Director Dr Hanan Balkhy, on the incredible work by women health workers to end polio in their communities, during a recent visit to Peshawar, Pakistan.

Nelson Mandela: “We are not free until every child is free from polio.”

Celebrating Nelson Mandela Day with our South African colleagues

This month, as we mark Nelson Mandela Day, we are reminded of the power of courage, unity, and collective resolve in the face of daunting challenges. In 1996, Nelson Mandela lent his voice and stature to the campaign to “Kick Polio Out of Africa,” joining forces with Rotary International at a time when polio paralysed over 75,000 children across the continent every year. Thanks to that bold initiative — and decades of unrelenting effort since — Africa is now free of wild poliovirus. But we must keep fighting until variant forms of the virus are gone for good, as well. Nelson Mandela understood that. In his words: “We are not free until every child is free from polio.” His call resonates even more urgently today than ever before.

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

- Afghanistan: four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Angola: one cVDPV2 case
- Cameroon: one cVDPV3 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Papua New Guinea: ten cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Somalia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: 22 cVDPV2 cases and 17 cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



The first hand-held mobile phone call was made on April 3rd, 1973, in NYC.

In Ancient Egypt, the word for ‘cat’ was actually pronounced ‘mew’, or ‘meow’

The printing press, which revolutionized the sharing of information, was invented by Gutenberg around the year 1440.

The most-visited country on the planet is **France**, with 90M visitors, according to figures from the UNWTO in 2018. Who’s at number two? Spain.

The wealthiest company in the world is Saudi Aramco, officially the Saudi Arabian Oil Company, is a majority state-owned petroleum and natural gas company and the national oil company of Saudi Arabia. It is the world's largest oil producer.

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

Blast from the past 15th July 2000
Suggest a 'caption' for this pic?





What happened this week in history?



July 28th to Aug 3rd



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

03rd

1492: Christopher Columbus sets sail on his first voyage with 3 ships, Santa María, Pinta and Niña
1704: English/Dutch fleet under Rooke/Callenburgh occupy Gibraltar
1860: The Second Maori War begins in New Zealand
1914: 1st unofficial trip through the Panama Canal by the SS Christobel

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is too tired
 A chicken crossing the road - poultry in motion.
 If you don't pay your exorcist, you will get repossessed.
 With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
 When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds
 You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
 Local Area Network in Australia - The LAN down under.
 A calendar's days are numbered.
 A will is a dead giveaway



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

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