



Team 2025/26

President
Stephen Castelli

Secretary
Genevieve Carr

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

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| Total Members | 26 |
| Apologies | |
| Make-up | 3 |
| Attended | 11 |
| Hon. Member | |
| LOA | |
| Guests | 1 |
| Visitors | 1 |
| Partners | |

58.3%

Raffle
Alan & Kelvin

Heads & Tails
Terry



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact is
0417 904 419

The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



No 06 04/08/2025



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

Good meeting tonight, numbers were certainly light-on, only 11 attended.

Former Rotarian Kelvin Lemalu came along again and is keen to join us, the necessary formalities have been actioned, and Kelvin will be welcomed to our club in the near future. Kelvin was a Rotarian in the Cook Islands in 2008.

We also welcomed visitor PDG Brian Foley, (Genevieve's Dad) who visits us from Mordialloc in Victoria.

Brian joined Mordialloc Rotary in 1990, served as their President on 3 occasions, District 9810 District Governor in 2001/2002.

Brian Foley has dedicated his career to improving water management both here and overseas. With almost 40 years professional experience in the private and public sectors, he has also developed several water projects in developing countries through his involvement with Rotary.

https://issuu.com/delasalle/docs/rollcall_sept2022_digital/s/16778443

We were shown a video featuring Abigail Pratt, Senior Program Officer at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation talking on 'Health Care is a Basic Human Right' Abigail was addressing the 2025 International Assembly.

Abigail was Policy Manager for 'Malaria No More UK' Timor-Leste was certified malaria free on July 24, 2025

PDG John Iriks wished to sincerely thank everyone for their assistance at the recent Busy-Bee, cleaning-up the Furniture Factory Sheds at Rotary Hall.



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



Aug. 2025 – Membership & Club Development

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| Mon 04th | Club Meeting | Video Presentation, Abigail Pratt |
| Mon 11th | Club Meeting | Erin Hegarty: Mamma Respond |
| Mon 18th | Club Meeting | Club Forum. |
| Mon 24th | Club Meeting | Xmas in August, Partners Night. |

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





Still looking to fill the following positions for 2025/2026

- Secretary – Vacant (Genevieve will act in this role until a replacement can be found)
- Community Service – Vacant
- International Service – Vacant

Please remember that with Greg Williams away, we need to fill his roles in Bread Projects, Furniture Factory and Programs Manager.

We are a 'team', and just like the Marines, we never leave a 'man' behind, so please put your hand up where possible.

Thanks to PP Bob for stepping in to continue the Programs Manager role in Greg's absence.

There will be a quick board meeting after the general mtg to discuss the Budget for 2025/2026 and to approve expenditure for the Providence School Greenhouse.

Providence Permaculture School Project:

At the last board meeting the board agreed in principle to support the school.

The Providence Permaculture School has requested support from the club for a Greenhouse for their horticulture part of the school.

President Stephen visited a commercial property on Thomas Rd that has a number of disused/in disrepair greenhouses but was unable to make contact with anyone.

These units are way too big, and are all joined together, so they are not easily broken down and then reinstalled.

As a result, the school and I did some searching on the web and have found an Australian made unit from a company called Sagehort. The cost for a 8m x 4 m " tunnel is \$5,201.

This will go to a board meeting to approve.

President Stephen delivered a donation of a whipper Snipper, fuel cans and a bulki bag for their Cash for Containers to the school.

Indonesian School Renovation Project:

President Stephen is working with Yanti and our contacts in Ciampea to identify up to 3 schools that badly need work done to them. The budget cost for each school is \$5,000.

\$5,000 doesn't do much in Australia, but if required can completely replace the roof and ceilings on a small school.

Once we have all the details, then this will go to the board for approval.

Weekly Program:

- Thanks to John and Chris Iriks who spoke about their recent trip to East Timor. These talks are valuable reminders to the club (including partners) as to the good work that is sometimes forgotten or overlooked that this club does.
- The Bread Project is going well, but there is always the need for further assistance from time to time.
At this stage, I am looking for someone to help on the following 2 Fridays to help with getting the bread to MCCO Victory Life.
- 11/09 will be RUOK Day BBQ at Gilmore College. We need a team of 5-6 to cook 1,000 Sausages in quick time for the student's lunch. This is twice the number that we have done in the past.
- PDG John will update on the Furniture Factory.

Member Update

- Bevan is back in hospital after another fall
- Anne Samut goes into hospital this Friday for a hip replacement
- Sam Cuplovic is in need of a stent, however the waiting list is 6 months.
- The club is moving forward on Kelvin Lemalu's membership, and hopefully we will have an induction in the next couple of weeks.
- I will be away for the next 2 weeks. Holiday in Indonesia visiting family. PP Terry will run the meetings in my absence.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 04th August 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina





Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



1. Meeting on Monday 25 August: “Christmas in August” theme. This will be a partner’s night.
2. Monday 15 September 2025: District Governor’s visit. This will be a partner’s night.
3. Sunday 21 September: Fellowship brunch with members and partners of the Rotary Club of Harvey; to be held at the “Curious Cockatoo” café in Harvey. Please advise asap if you are intending to go.
4. Friday 24 October 2025: Train Ride for Polio. Please register via the trybooking site <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP>. End Polio Now t-shirts can be ordered through this site – closing date for orders will be Monday 1 September. The theme for the day is promoting public awareness of end Polio Now while enjoying good fellowship with other Rotarians.
5. Club Weekend away: Planning for a weekend away in Katanning over the 2026 Anzac Day long weekend (Saturday 25 April – Monday 27 April 2026) so that we can catch up with former Club members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant. Kim and Paul have room on their property for folks to park caravans or pitch a tent; alternatively, contact Genevieve for other accommodation options.

PE Genevieve Carr

Each limestone/granite block that makes up the Great Pyramid of Giza weighs 2.5 tons. And there are 2.3 million of them. Yes, you read that correctly.

It would take you approximately *18 months* to walk all the way along The Great Wall of China. (It’s over 5,000 miles long).

Identical twins don’t have the same fingerprints. You can’t blame your crimes on your twin, after all. This is because environmental factors during development in the womb (umbilical cord length, position in the womb, and the rate of finger growth) impact your fingerprint.

Water might not be wet. This is because most scientists define wetness as a liquid’s ability to maintain contact with a solid surface, meaning that water itself is not wet, but can make other objects wet.

The world’s oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old. While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, ‘Bluey’, survived to the ripe old age of 29.5.

The world’s oldest cat lived to 38 years and three days old. Creme Puff was the oldest cat to ever live.



PP Genevieve Carr August 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Invoice from Barefoot Property Services
- Quote for Greenhouses for Providence School
- ShelterBox newsletter
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Invoice for contribution towards freezer truck for PortCare
- Invitation to be a “Brick in the Wall” at the Frank Konecny Centre
- ROMAC newsletter
- District Newsletter #31
- RDU Supplies update
- RDU magazine

Outward Correspondence:
None



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



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



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

PP Terry: Caught on the phone while Sergeant was opening the meeting.

Furniture Factory shed clean-up, who was responsible? No beers at the end!!!

Alan J: Heard commenting that he had not won anything since joining Rotary, won the raffle tonight.

President Stephen had a fish & chip tea at the Bowling Club last Friday, complaining that Chris and Karen were being 'noisy'

John I: Owned-up to discovering that he had his shirt on inside-out recently.

Abigail Pratt, Senior Program Officer
at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation





Guest Speaker: Abigail Pratt



As I sat down to prepare my remarks for the International Assembly, Rotary's annual training event for incoming leaders, my little boy came down with a fever. As his temperature climbed, I felt that deep fear we all experience when caring for a sick child – whether you're a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend.

My immediate thought was: What do I need to do to help him now? I live in London. I live three minutes from a pharmacy, 10 minutes from urgent care, and I have a medicine cabinet stocked with treatments that work. That peace of mind is something I'm deeply grateful for.

But tragically, this is not the reality for so many families around the world. Millions of parents face the same fear I felt, but without the assurance of nearby care, without access to medicine, and often without any viable options. This is why I show up to work every. Millions of children die each year of preventable, treatable illnesses like malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea because they simply can't access care.

It is unacceptable. **Health care is a basic human right**, and together, we can take concrete actions to address this inequity.

Over the last two decades, the partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation to eradicate polio has been one of the most impactful collaborations in public health history. Thanks to your leadership, vision, and commitment, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio.

But the end of polio is not the end of our work together. The infrastructure and lessons from polio eradication have already been repurposed to address other critical health challenges. One of the most urgent is malaria – and at the heart of this fight are community health workers.

Community health workers save lives. They are trusted and trained caregivers who play a crucial role in educating and delivering care directly to families, to their neighbors, often without pay. They treat the most pressing local health issues, including malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea — the top three killers of children under five – bringing primary health care within reach.

I lived in South Sudan for years, working to support a fledgling health system broken after decades of war, and the best part of my job was working with the local community health workers. I remember one woman vividly, Mary Lucy Iyobo, who was tireless in her commitment, demanding services for her community, and pushing all of us to work harder every day. She wasn't just a health worker – but a lifeline for her community, saving lives, inspiring hope and demanding action!

The model is not new: Community health workers have been providing essential care for centuries, from China's "Barefoot Doctors" in the 1930s, who helped eliminate smallpox, to containing the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, and playing a vital role during the COVID-19 response. And as you know better than anyone, they have fought courageously against polio since the beginning.

So it was thrilling to join hands with Rotary and World Vision again on the Programs of Scale award in Zambia "Partners for a Malaria-free Zambia" – that trained 2,500 community health workers to protect over 1.3 million people from severe illness and death. These workers delivered integrated care, tackled malaria head-on, and provided a transformative blueprint for public health projects.

Building on this success, we knew that we wanted to work with Rotary on something similar, but even bigger. It needed to stay locally led by Rotary members but implemented in partnership with government, and key organizations who have expertise and resources in the public health systems. Together we launched the **Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge**. This \$30 million program spans four countries – the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Mozambique, and Zambia – where the need is greatest and where you all – locally and globally – are ready to step in. Though newly launched, RHCC is already saving lives and demonstrating that this partnership model can be replicated worldwide.

We already see opportunities to scale; places where Rotary members are energized and committed to establishing community health worker programs and have already forged longstanding, trusting relationships with local health authorities.

RHCC is more than just a program; it's a model for how Rotary and the Gates Foundation and others can continue to work together to address systemic health challenges. By leveraging each other's strengths, we can create sustainable, scalable solutions that have a lasting impact.

But there is still much to be done. Malaria is facing resistance on every front. Many programs face fragmentation, insufficient resources, and challenges in scaling effectively. And moving beyond a project-by-project mindset to engaging in longer-term planning and resource mobilization is critical to moving from helping one child at a time to eliminating a preventable and treatable disease like malaria.

This is where Rotary shines. You are “local everywhere,” which means you can ensure community voices are heard, solutions are appropriate, and programs are locally owned.

I'm asking you to take action to help support community health workers and advance the fight against malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea. Learn about what community health workers are doing in your communities. Take the time to understand the impact they're having and the challenges they face. They are the bridge to care for millions of families, and knowing their stories will inspire and inform your work.

- Follow what your fellow members are doing to support community health workers and engage in the fight against malaria.
- The Global Malaria Eradication Congress scheduled immediately prior to the Rotary International Convention in Calgary will be a unique opportunity to learn more about the Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge and the growing coalition to continue Rotary's legacy of supporting healthy communities.
- Rotary's area of focus lead for global health, Dr. Nyreese Castro-Espadas is a great expert and now a friend through this incredible partnership. She and I are available to provide technical partnership to make sure Rotary programs align with global guidance and integrate seamlessly into national Ministry of Health plans.
- Coordinate in your districts and zones to develop global grants. These grants are powerful tools to fund community health worker programs, and we at the Gates Foundation are ready to join and support your efforts.
- Engage community members in the design, implementation, and monitoring of programming. Melinda French Gates always talked to us about being humble, being open to listen and to maintain perspective. Listen to those who are most affected, they are actually your most important partner, not us.

Let's reflect on the incredible legacy you've already built through polio eradication efforts and know that each new investment in strong community health systems is not only protecting the legacy and promise of a polio-free world. It is a commitment to healthy communities. Because I know that each of you want your children, grandchildren, and all of their neighbours to have access to the care they need when they need it.

Abigail Pratt is a Senior Program Officer on the Malaria Team at the Gates Foundation. This post is adapted from the speech Pratt gave to incoming leaders at Rotary's annual training event in Orlando, Florida, USA, 12 February.

Malaria

- Globally in 2023, there were an estimated 263 million malaria cases and 597 000 malaria deaths in 83 countries.
- The WHO African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden.
- In 2023, the WHO African Region was home to 94% of malaria cases (246 million) and 95% (569 000) of malaria deaths.
- Children under 5 accounted for about 76% of all malaria deaths in the Region.
- Malaria is a life-threatening disease spread to humans by some types of mosquitoes. It is mostly found in tropical countries. It is preventable and curable.
- The infection is caused by a parasite and does not spread from person to person.
- Symptoms can be mild or life-threatening. Mild symptoms are fever, chills and headache. Severe symptoms include fatigue, confusion, seizures, and difficulty breathing.
- Infants, children under 5 years, pregnant women and girls, travellers and people with HIV or AIDS are at higher risk of severe infection.
- Malaria can be prevented by avoiding mosquito bites and with medicines. Treatments can stop mild cases from getting worse.
- Malaria mostly spreads to people through the bites of some infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes. Blood transfusion and contaminated needles may also transmit malaria. The first symptoms may be mild, similar to many febrile illnesses, and difficult to recognize as malaria. Left untreated, *P. falciparum* malaria can progress to severe illness and death within 24 hours.

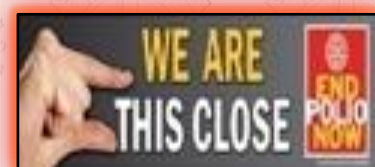
Polio This Week

04th Aug. 2025

- The statement from the Forty-second meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) on the international spread of poliovirus which was convened by the WHO Director-General on 18 June 2025 is now [available here](#).

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

- Pakistan: three WPV1 cases and one positive environmental sample
- Côte d'Ivoire: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Ethiopia: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: five cVDPV2 cases
- Papua New Guinea: six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Yemen: 43 cVDPV2 cases



Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Sam and Lucy 13th 59 years



Club Anniversaries:

Stephen Castelli 14th 36 years
Bill Rowe 15th 7 years

Congratulations

Blast from the Past May 2001
Edd the 'Charmer' (Snake charmer)





What happened this week in history?



Aug. 4th to Aug 10th



04th

1693: Date traditionally ascribed to Dom Pérignon's invention of Champagne
1830: Plans for city of Chicago laid out
1870: British Red Cross Society forms
1944: Anne Frank arrested in Amsterdam by German Security Police

5th

910: The last major Viking army to raid England is defeated at the Battle of Tettenhall
1861: US Army abolishes flogging
1884: Cornerstone for Statue of Liberty laid on Bedloe's Island (NYC)
1914: 1st electric traffic light installed in the USA Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio

6th

1198: Richard the Lionheart is crowned King of England,
1560: England and Scotland sign Treaty of Edinburgh
Louis Pasteur successfully give an anti-rabies vaccine to Joseph Meister
1924: 1st photo sent experimentally across Atlantic by radio, US-England

1885:

7th

1753: British parliament grants Jews citizenship
1850: Scottish explorer Edward Eyre reaches Albany, Western Australia
1916: The New Zealand Labour party is formed
1928: Sliced bread sold for the first time by the Chillicothe Baking Company, Missouri

8th

1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama will become the 1st European to reach India by sea
1870: US Congress authorizes registration of trademarks
1889: Wall Street Journal begins publishing
1969: US troop withdrawal begins in Vietnam

9th

1173: Construction of the Tower of Pisa begins, and it takes two centuries to complete
1483: Opening of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican
1655: Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell divides England into 11 districts
1898: Rudolf Diesel of Germany obtains patent #608,845 for his diesel engine

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



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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