



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 17/08/2026



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

Quiet meeting tonight, no guest speaker and only ten members attended, this unfortunately I believe sets a record low attendance for a normal meeting without external influence.

PDG John tells us that the bookings for stalls at the Kwinana Community Fair in November are progressing well, 50 plus to date.

What originally started in the 50's as the Medina Fair and was held on Medina Oval and on Thomas Oval, and now on Calista Oval.

Historical records show that the original Medina Fair was championed by long-time local councillor Len Chipperton.

The Rotary Club of Kwinana through the guidance of PDG John Iriks has been successfully involved in running the Kwinana Community Fair since 2021.

In August 1910, the 16 independent Rotary clubs then in existence held their very first national convention in Chicago, Illinois, establishing the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now known as Rotary International) and electing founder Paul Harris as its first president.

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up 3
Attended 10
Guests
Visitors
Partners

57.0 %

Raffle

Heads & Tails



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

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



August 2026



No Report this week.

Cheers,
Terry



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 17th August 2026





Tony Miller President 2027/28 August 2026



- The battle continues with the email addresses, but I am on the home stretch now and will have the task finished this week.
- I will approach the new primary school in the newish suburb of Sunrise (Wellard) to introduce our club and discuss our services with the principle.
- I have had correspondence with the Rotary Homeless Hub Which I hope to attend again as a representative of our club.
- Calendar construction continues.

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller



Inward Correspondence.

- Letters from the Orelia Primary school and the Calista Primary school seeking continued support at their upcoming events.

Outward Correspondence:

Nil

Why are snails slow? Because they're carrying a house on their back.

What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between us, something smells!

Why do birds fly south in the winter? It's faster than walking!

Sandy's mum has four kids; North, West, East. What is the name of the fourth child? Sandy, obviously!



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PP James Sharkey

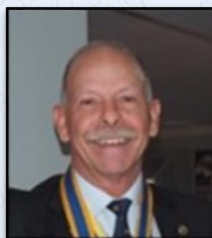


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



John I: No badge

Terry and AJ: No cash for meal, eftpos machine out of action.

John I: Giving jobs to Terry.

A little-known fact...

The first testicular guard (box) was used in cricket in 1874 and . . . the first helmet was used in 1974.

It took 100 years for cricketers to realise that the brain is also important.





Western SWSL Supervisor Report – August 2026



Max Bird – Rotary Projects Timor-Leste East (RPTLE)

1. June 2026 Installation Program – 16 New Filters Installed

RPTLE completed another 16 clean-water filtration installations across Timor-Leste during June 2026, including six units in Oecusse. This brings the total number of installed systems to 52, providing safe, filtered drinking water to more than 60,000 students, plus their families and surrounding communities.

2. June Target & October Follow-Up

Our June target was 20 units. We fell short by four due to several communities not being ready to receive installations. These communities are now prepared, and I expect to return in October 2026 to install the remaining four units, completing the full 2026 program.

3. Priority Sites for October 2026

The four pending installations include:

- Two hospitals in Dili
- One hospital in Oecusse
- One new school in Ermera, serving students from kindergarten through to university level. None of these facilities currently have access to clean filtered water, making them high-priority sites.

4. Government Partnerships Strengthened

RPTLE has now signed **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)** with:

- The Acting Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, who also serves as Minister for Rural Development
- The President of Oecusse

These agreements formalise government support for expanding water-filter installations nationwide and mark a significant milestone in the program's long-term sustainability.

5. Western Region Meeting – Apology

I will unfortunately miss the Western Region meeting on Monday, 17 August, as I will be visiting Rotary Clubs in Bridgetown, Kojonup, Albany Port, and Mount Barker throughout that week, beginning in Bridgetown on Monday.

6. RPTLE Membership Growth

RPTLE continues to strengthen its leadership and volunteer capacity:

- **Michael Nella** (Rotary Club of Kwinana) appointed Deputy Manager
- **Michael Bird** (Rotary Club of Longford) appointed Committee Member
- **Rotary Club of Longford, D9830** added as an interested partner

7. Planning for 2027 – Further 20 Units

In partnership with **Disaster Aid Australia (DAA)**, RPTLE is planning a further 20 installations in 2027. This will help reduce the current backlog of 48 requests down to approximately 18, although demand continues to grow — especially now that government agencies are formally joining the project.

Polio This Week 19th August 2026

African youth issue open letter calling for renewed commitment to ending polio

Young advocates from across Africa have issued an [open letter](#) urging African leaders to sustain political commitment and investment in immunization, strengthen health systems and disease surveillance, and ensure that every child is reached with life-saving vaccines. The letter calls on leaders to help deliver a lasting victory against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

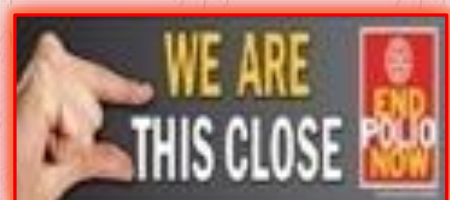
The appeal is part of the [#KickOutPolio campaign](#), launched during the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) to harness the power of sport, athletes and youth advocates to mobilize support for polio eradication and childhood immunization across the continent.

Nigeria polio laboratory strengthens regional surveillance capacity

Nigeria's National Polio Laboratory in Maiduguri has achieved [WHO accreditation](#) for Sanger sequencing of polioviruses, marking an important milestone for polio eradication efforts. The accreditation strengthens regional capacity to rapidly detect, characterize and track polioviruses, supporting faster outbreak detection and response while enhancing surveillance capabilities across the African Region.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan: five WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: ten WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Libya: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case, one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample and one cVDPV3-positive environmental sample
- Somalia: one cVDPV2 case and three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- South Sudan: one cVDPV1 case and one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample



When a hospital runs out of maternity nurses do they have a mid-wife crisis?

A man goes into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for the hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face.

"What did you do that for?" the man asks.

"Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore, do you?"

The man says, "No, but my wife out in the car still doe

My wife told me the car wasn't running well, that there was water in the carburettor.

I asked where the car was and she told me 'It's in the lake

Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Lucy Cuplovic 13th 62 years



Club Anniversaries:

Stephen Castelli 14th 37 years in Rotary

Congratulations

Blast from the past
Participants in one of our Car Rally days, this one 2004





What happened this week in history?



Aug. 17th to Aug 23rd



17th

1563: King Charles IX of France declared an adult at 13
1836: British parliament accepts registration of births, marriages, and deaths
1836: Charles Darwin leaves South America for the last time on HMS Beagle
1891: Electric self-starter for automobile patented

18th

1612: Pendle Witch trial begins with 10 people accused of witchcraft in Lancaster, England
1700: Swedish, English & Dutch army lands on Seeland, Denmark
1769: A lightning strike in Brescia, Italy, ignites 90 tonnes of gunpowder, killing 3,000 people
1917: The Queen's Hospital opens to provide pioneering plastic surgery for WWI soldiers

19th

1692: Five more people hanged for witchcraft (19 in all) in Salem, Massachusetts
1796: Spain & France sign anti-British alliance
1897: 1st electric taxis driven in London
1909: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of Indianapolis 500, opens in Speedway, Indiana

20th

1578: Francis Drake renames his flagship the Pelican to the Golden Hind
1641: England & Scotland sign Treaty of Pacification
1866: President Andrew Johnson formally declares US Civil War over
1908: America's Great White Fleet arrives in Sydney, Australia, to be greeted with a tremendous welcome; 221 American sailors desert to remain in Australia

21st

1841: John Hampton patents venetian blind
1842: The city of Hobart, Tasmania, is founded.
1888: American inventor William Seward Burroughs patents the adding machine
1911: "Mona Lisa" stolen from the Louvre by Vincenzo Perugia; recovered in 1913

22nd

565: St Columba reports seeing monster in Loch Ness
1642: English Civil War begins between Royalists and Parliament
1770: James Cook's expedition lands on the east coast of Australia
1851: Gold fields discovered in Australia

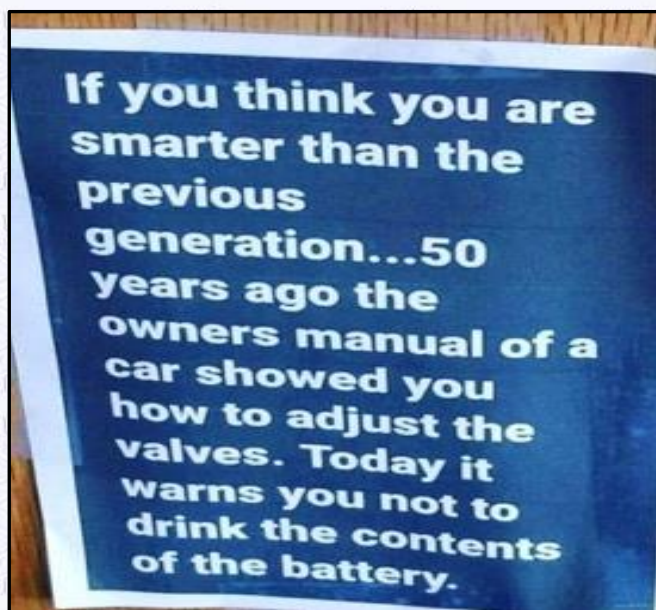
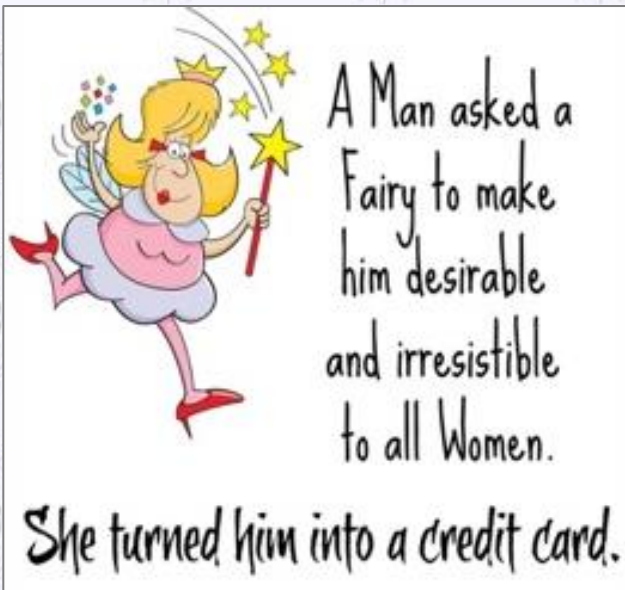
23rd

1541: French explorer Jacques Cartier lands near Quebec City in his third voyage to Canada
1617: 1st one-way streets open (London)
1839: British capture Hong Kong from China
1921: British declare a truce with Irish Nationalists Sinn Féin

The nurse handed her a urine specimen container and said, "The bathroom is over there on your right. The doctor will be with you in a few minutes."

A few minutes later the lady came out of the bathroom with an empty container and a relieved look on her face.

She said to the nurse, "Thanks, but they had a toilet in there, so I didn't need this after all."



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