



# The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2025/26

President  
**Stephen Castelli**

Secretary  
**Genevieve Carr**

Treasurer  
**Karen Zabiela**

## Facts & Figures

Attendance this week	
Total Members	26
Apologies	
Make-up	3
Attended	16
Hon. Member	
LOA	
Guests	1
Visitors	2
Partners	
<b>76.0%</b>	



# Bulletin

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

VP Terry officiated at tonight's meeting, in the absence of President Stephen who currently is enjoying a short holiday in Indonesia with Yanti. 16 members present tonight, still quite a few away for various reasons. Good to hear that PP Bevan is home recovering from a recent fall. Ann Samut is also home recovering from a hip-replacement operation. Best wishes go to PP Bob T who is having a knee procedure this week.

Guest Speaker tonight was Erin Hegarty, founder and director at 'Mama Respond International', Mike Smith Erin's partner also attended. Erin and Mike are members of the Applecross Rotary Club. Kelvin Lemalu, our soon to be latest member, also came along.

Mama Respond was founded by Erin in 2020. The organization is based in Perth and focuses on supporting Kenyan families with special needs. Education is Mama Respond's preliminary response, as we observe the lack of decency and dignity that special needs children face within the education space. Their primary fund-raiser is Armadale Markets.

Raffle  
**James & Soren**

Heads & Tails  
**Erin**



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

Visitors are welcome  
Contact is  
0417 904 419



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

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.

**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, (Bevan back home recovering)
- Anne Samut goes into hospital this Friday for a hip replacement (back home, all well)
- 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



**Genevieve Carr President 2026/27  
August 2025**



Monday 25 August: Christmas in August theme. This will be a partner's night; will soon be calling for confirmation of numbers, including partners, attending.

Monday 15 September: District Governor's visit. This will be a partner's night.

Sunday 21 September: Brunch at the "Curious Cockatoo" café in Harvey will members and partners of the Rotary Club of Harvey.

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

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



PP Genevieve Carr August 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- BBQ information pack from Bunnings
- Invitation to use mobile payments at Bunnings BBQ
- Membership promotion from RI
- Regional Council update
- RDU Supplies update
- Invitation to view Tiny Homes project
- Rotary club of Perth newsletter
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Invitation to Gilmore College valedictory dinner

- Outward Correspondence:
- Response to Bunnings re BBQ details
  - Letter of request sent to Bendigo Bank for support for Providence Permaculture 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



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



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

James: Promoting 'Tiny Homes Project' do you have the required Real Estate licence?

Alan: Coffee Machine at the Furniture Factory 'on the blink' Alan is Now Mr. Fix-it

Terry: Sergeant returned 'Tie Downs' to Terry,

Bob T: fined for buying Soren's honey, should have been fined for spilling Bill's beer.

Pam: No fine for the Joke sheets, should be fined again for soliciting a husband for her daughter.

Couple of fines for sitting in the same seat, sergeant accused of sitting in same seat!!!

Dockers fined for their great win, Eagles fined anyway.

PP Terry with Erin Hagerty, Founder and Director at Mama Respond International





Guest Speaker: Erin Hagerty  
Mama Respond



Erin is a dynamic force in the Perth community, driven by an unyielding passion for transforming lives through grassroots initiatives and community empowerment. As the Manager of Mama Respond, she leads with a vision that is both bold and compassionate, ensuring that the organisation's mission to uplift the special needs community is realised in impactful, sustainable ways. Her studies profoundly influenced her approach to community development in International Relations at the University of Western Australia, where she discovered the transformative power of communities owning their destinies.

Erin's leadership at Mama Respond is marked by creativity and a deep connection to the people she serves. Her extensive experience spans family and domestic violence advocacy, healthcare, and housing, equipping her with a unique perspective on the challenges faced by vulnerable populations. She believes real change happens when communities are not just participants but leaders in their development. Her work goes beyond traditional charity—it's about igniting a sense of ownership and possibility within every person and community Mama Respond touches.

Mama Respond started by identifying children with disabilities and taking them to hospitals for diagnosis and treatment, after which some could return to mainstream learning, and others needed specialist support in an appropriate educational space.

This led us to build the only comprehensive special needs unit in Kajiado County, educating 80+ students annually. Noting the challenges in transporting children with special needs to school, we began shipping terrain-specific wheelchairs from Perth to Kenya to encourage independence and ease of mobility.

After several community assessments, we understood that to provide holistic support to children with special needs, we needed to engage their mothers.

This led us to facilitate a community group called Strong Mamas.

Mothers of children with special needs meet weekly to support one another, break down barriers, and have meaningful conversations.

## What began with 12 mothers is now 80 and counting.

These mothers have formed self-help community groups that enable income-generating activities and local initiatives.

Recognising the rapid growth in numbers and the needs of these mothers led us to establish an outreach program that aims to educate and train mothers of children with special needs in healthcare, life skills, and data collection, who can be mobilised to conduct community outreach focusing on disability prevention and care.

Each project we have established has been in response to the healthcare and educational needs of the community. We aim to improve health for better education.

<https://www.mamarespond.org/>



## You're taller in the morning than at night

Here's a weird fact about the human body: When you wake up in the morning, you're about one centimeter taller. That's because at night when you're lying down, the spine stretches and decompresses. But throughout the day, the soft cartilage between your bones gets squashed and compressed, explain British physicians (and twin brothers!) Chris and Xand van Tulleken, co-authors of *Operation Ouch!: The HuManual*.

## The oldest goldfish lived to be 43 years old

In the U.K., a goldfish named Tish, the beloved pet of Hilda and Gordon Hand, died in 1999, making her the longest living goldfish, according to Guinness World Records. The Hand family got Tish in 1956, after their son Peter won the fish at a fair.

## Honey never expires

As long as honey is sealed and stored properly, it can last an eternity. This is because the combo of honey's low water content, high acidity, and antibacterial properties keep it from spoiling. Maybe that's why modern archaeologists have discovered pots of edible honey in ancient Egyptian tombs, according to the book, *Letters from the Hive: An Intimate History of Bees, Honey, and Humankind*.

## Polio This Week

11th Aug. 2025

- GPEI has published an update on ongoing efforts in the final phase of the polio eradication effort, including progress made in key geographies and complex challenges faced to protect every child. Read [here](#).
- [This video](#) by UNICEF, highlights efforts in Mozambique and looks at what it takes to successfully vaccinate 18.2 million children over five days.

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

- Afghanistan: four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: one WPV1 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Germany: eight cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Israël: six positive cVDPV1 environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case



## *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 April 2001  
Celebrating 30 years





# What happened this week in history?



Aug. 11th to Aug 17th



11<sup>th</sup>

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

12<sup>th</sup>

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

13<sup>th</sup>

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

14<sup>th</sup>

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

15<sup>th</sup>

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.

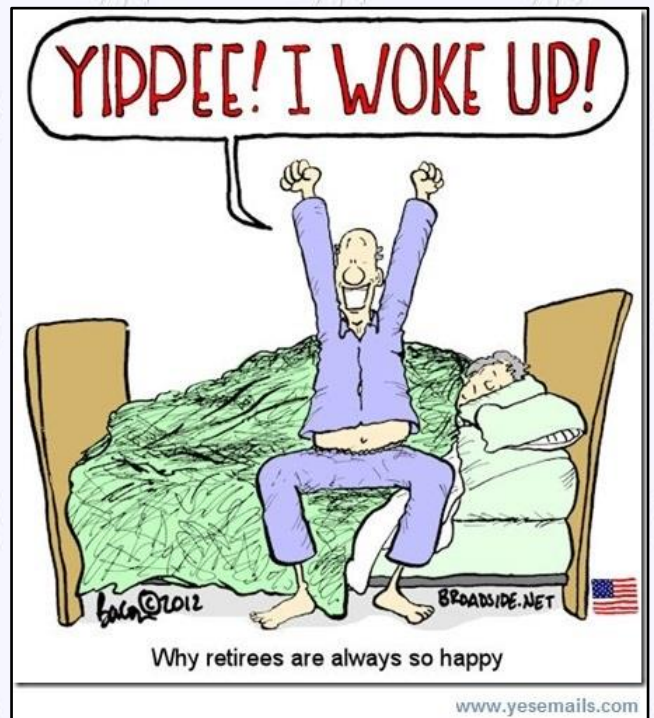
16<sup>th</sup>

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

17<sup>th</sup>

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

Never criticize your wife's faults.  
It might have been those faults that kept her from getting  
a better husband.



**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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