



Team 2026/27

**President**  
**Genevieve Carr**

**Secretary**  
**Stephen Castelli**

**Treasurer**  
**Karen Zabiela**

### Facts & Figures

Attendance this week  
**Total Members 25**  
**Apologies**  
**Make-up 3**  
**Attended 12**  
**Guests 2**  
**Visitors**  
**Partners**

**50.0 %**

**Raffle**  
**Bob & Max**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Club won**



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

**Visitors/New members**  
**always welcome**  
**Contact**  
**0400 837 603**

# The Rotary Club of Kwinana

**District 9423 Western Australia**

**Chartered: 22 April 1971**



## Bulletin

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

Quick meeting tonight, no guest speaker, no meal, just reports and fellowship. We did however have two visitors, Rotarian Mary Bryant, sister to PDG John, and Roxanne Davies who came along to check us out.

We do however have a guest speaker next week, our own PP Soren Houlberg who will be telling us about 'Bees'. Soren, the WA Apiarists' Society vice-president and facilitator of the R/Ham Kwinana Bee Buddy Group. Soren began keeping bees when he was 6 years old.

President Genevieve and Damian have concluded their travels in the UK and have been enjoying the atmosphere and tastes of Paris before starting their journey home on Thursday 27th, "safe travels"

Kwinana Rotary is hosting the semi-finals of the 4/Way Test Speaking comp being held at the Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells on Tuesday 1st September from 6pm to 8pm. Kwinana members are requested to be there at 5.30pm to set-up.

Kwinana Men's Shed meeting at Kwinana Golf Club, Wed 2nd Sept. 6 for 7pm



**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 Soren, subject bees

**Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'**





Goodbye UK. We have had the most incredible time here. The hospitality of the locals, the scenery, the history - everything has been fabulous! A few more pictures to share as we sit aboard the Eurostar train, about to depart for Paris

Nous sommes en France! Arrived here in Paris yesterday evening and managed a short stroll along the Seine River. After enjoying breakfast at an authentic French Cafe, we toured central Paris via the hop-on hop-off bus. Stopped off at a French creperie for lunch and later spent time at the famous Arc de Triomph. The elevator at the Arc de Triomph was out of action, so instead we had to climb the stairs to get to the top. However, we were rewarded by the spectacular view at the top. More sightseeing tomorrow

Monday 24 August: Departed early for a day trip to the Loire Valley. After a two-hour drive from Paris, we spent the morning at the magnificent Chambord Chateau, built in the early 16th century by King Francis I of France.

Monday 24 August Part 2: After a pleasant lunch at the picturesque town of Blois, we enjoyed wine-tasting and sight-seeing at Chenonceaux Chateau. The architecture of the chateau is astounding and the gardens are beautiful, but equally enthralling is the story behind Chenonceaux Chateau - a gift from French King Henry II to his mistress Diane de Poitiers, but upon his death was reclaimed by his wife Catherine de Medici. History's ultimate menage a trois!

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

(From Genevieve's posting on Facebook)

### Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 24th August 2026





**Tony Miller    President 2027/28    August 2026**



- Board member emails are as promised completed and the appropriate IT admin done with the board members that requested help.
- The meeting with the principal of the Sunrise Primary School situated in Wellard was successful and hopes are held for a continuing strong relationship with the school.

PE Tony Miller



**PP Stephen Castelli    2026**

**Stand-in PE Tony Miller**



Inward Correspondence.

Nil

Outward Correspondence:

Nil

A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world." The woman replies, "I'll miss you..."

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?"  
"Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manuals"



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Genevieve Carr



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela



Project Director  
PP James Sharkey

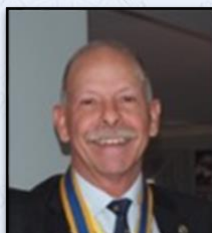


Foundation Dir.  
PP Terry Evans

### 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



James: Seen 'Lurking- in-the -Shadows'

All those wearing 'Hearing Aids' who should be able to hear me, all those not wearing hearing aids and should be!!

Tony: Reminder that it still Winter, the T shirt is not proper attire?

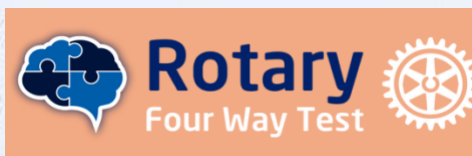
Terry: Still doing a top-notch job of filling-in, fined anyway.

John I: Should have a truck driving-test.

Alan A: Reported for being 15 minutes late last Saturday.

A guy walks into a doctor's surgery.  
He says, "Dr. I think I have a problem. I think I'm a moth."  
The Doctor replies, "You probably need to see a psychiatrist, not a doctor."  
The guy says, "I understand."  
The Doctor says, "Then why did you come here?"  
The guy says, "Your light was on."

## The Four Way Test - The things we say and do



The Rotary Four Way Test Speech contest is part of the School Link Program, initiated in WA by PDG Fred Marsh in his year as Governor [1988-89] This public speaking competition was first held at the District Conference, in March 1989.

The Rotary Four Way Test encourages teachers and students from each club's link school to take part in this opportunity for public speaking, confidence building and ethics consideration. The Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest is a state-wide competition with a State final being conducted in Geraldton this year (2025).

### Aims

The aims of the competition are to:

- bring the concepts of the Rotary Four-Way Test to the attention of students.
- provide students with an opportunity to compete in a public speaking competition
- provide Rotary and the Rotary Four-Way Test with valuable exposure in the community.
- develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

The Rotary Speech Contest is an activity for students in Year 6 and Year 10. The Rotary Speech Contest supports the STEM English curriculum with speaking and listening opportunities.

The aim is to encourage TALENTED teachers to include the Rotary Speech Competition as part of their Term 2 curriculum. Students choose any topic, write an essay on the topic, include the four values of Rotary within their topic, then deliver a six-minute speech that explains to an audience why Rotary values are important within the topic and for everyday life.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships?
3. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
4. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Every Rotary club is linked with a secondary school and local primary schools. Rotary Youth Directors develop relationships with their linked schools to promote the Rotary Speech Contest and in doing so assist teachers and students to raise the pro-file of English within the STEM curriculum. Individual Rotary clubs are invited to sponsor students who provide fresh insight into important topics of the world today and beyond.

The Rotary Speech Contest consists of Rotary Club heats, semi-finals, and State Final. Prizes are awarded at each level with trophy and state-wide recognition to the student and to the winning school. The Rotary Speech Contest is supported with adjudicators from Rostrum, Toastmasters and Rotary.

The Contest District Coordinator : Grant Woodhams (RC of Greater Geraldton)

Information from District 9423 Website.

**Invitation**

# Rotary Kwinana

**Rotary Armadale & Rotary Mandurah Districts**

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## **Year 10 semi-final speaking competition**



**Tuesday 1 September 2026**

6.00-8.00 pm

Ken Jackman Hall

Darius Wells Complex,

Kwinana Town Centre

Year 10 students will deliver specially prepared 6-minutes speeches on a topic of their choice

Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided. There is no cost for attendees. For something more substantial Dome Cafe & Kwinana Hotel are close by



### **The Four Way Test**

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**Register - no later than Mon 31 August**

**SMS: 0419 929 830**

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Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful'

'The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

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## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

≡ LET'S START THE DAY WITH CONNECTION ≡



**THURSDAY  
10TH SEPTEMBER 2026**



**8-9AM**



**COFFEE VAN**  
will be attending  
(FOR A FEE)

**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS  
MORNING TO CONNECT!**

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- ♥ BAKED GOODS
- ♥ FRUIT
- ♥ JUICE



*Including*  
**LIVE STUDENT PERFORMANCES!**



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Village**

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
OUTSIDE DJART BLOCK  
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ANNIVERSARY

## 70 YEARS OF SERVICE.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF DEDICATION,  
COURAGE AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT.



**SATURDAY  
19TH SEPTEMBER**



**10AM-12.30PM**



**CNR CHISHAM AND  
MEARES AVE, PARMELIA**

**FREE EVENT**



### EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

See modern firefighting appliances alongside a vintage fire engine showcasing the brigade's proud history.



### FREE COMMUNITY SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Enjoy a snag and catch up with friends and family.



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Meet the members, ask questions, share memories and be part of the story.



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## Polio This Week 26th August 2026

### Five African countries end polio outbreaks

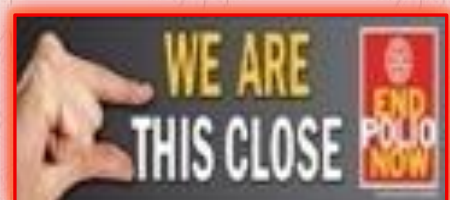
Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of the Congo and Uganda have successfully stopped their polio outbreaks, following rigorous independent assessments that confirmed the interruption of virus transmission. The milestone reflects years of sustained government leadership, strong surveillance, high-quality immunization campaigns and community engagement, supported by partners and donors. Continued vigilance to ensure strong surveillance and high population immunity is required to prevent future outbreaks and guard against the risk of poliovirus reintroduction.

### GPEI 3-2-1 Interview: UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell

In our latest quick-fire interview, UNICEF ED Catherine Russell makes the case that every investment in polio is an investment in stronger health systems. Drawing on her experiences in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria and Somalia, she speaks about building community trust and innovating at the final mile – including why working with local partners to deliver essential health services alongside the polio vaccine is a key strategy to reach zero-dose children.

### Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan: four WPV1 cases
- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: five cVDPV2 cases
- Niger: one cVDPV3 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case, one cVDPV3 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Sudan: three cVDPV2 cases



An elderly gentleman... ..

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2026*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

James Sharkey 11th  
Max Bird 18th  
Helen Souter 19th

Peter Zabiela 7th  
Damian Carr 17th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

|                         |      |          |
|-------------------------|------|----------|
| Genevieve & Damian      | 09th | 26 years |
| Eric & Gladys Blogg     | 12th | 62 years |
| Alan & Rosemary Johnson | 30th | 31 years |



### **Club Anniversaries:**

|                |      |          |
|----------------|------|----------|
| Eric Blogg     | 01st | 37 years |
| James Sharkey  | 22nd | 18 years |
| Brian Thompson | 26th | 10 years |

*Congratulations*

Genevieve and Damian

On the final days of their recent trip to the UK, Ireland and Paris





# What happened this week in history?



Aug. 24th to Aug 30th



24<sup>th</sup>

1349: 6,000 Jews, blamed for the Black Death Plague, are killed in Mainz  
1456: The printing of the Gutenberg Bible is completed  
1608: 1st English convoy lands at Surat, India  
1891: Thomas Edison patents motion picture camera.

25<sup>th</sup>

1537: The Honourable Artillery Company, the oldest regiment in the British Army, is formed  
1609: Galileo demonstrates his 1st telescope to Venetian lawmakers  
1768: Captain James Cook departs from Plymouth, on his first voyage on board the Endeavour  
1875: Captain Matthew Webb makes the 1st unassisted swim across the English Channel

26<sup>th</sup>

1682: English astronomer Edmond Halley first observes the comet named after him  
1843: American inventor Charles Thurber patents a typewriter  
1895: Electric generator at Niagara Falls produces first power  
1959: British Motor Corporation introduces the Morris Mini-Minor, designed by Alec Issigonis

27<sup>th</sup>

1783: First hydrogen balloon flight (unmanned); reaches an altitude of 900m  
1859: 1st successful oil well drilled, near Titusville, Pennsylvania, by Edwin Drake  
1913: Swedish engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken applies to patent all-purpose zipper  
1918: Spanish flu arrives in Boston, beginning of the second wave and deadliest wave in the US

28<sup>th</sup>

1833: Britain's Slavery Abolition Act gains royal assent  
1837: Pharmacists John Lea & William Perrins manufacture Worcestershire Sauce  
1907: UPS: United Parcel Service is founded by James E. Casey in Seattle, Washington.  
1937: Toyota Motors becomes an independent company.

29<sup>th</sup>

1640: English King Charles I signs a peace treaty with Scotland  
1831: Michael Faraday demonstrates 1st electric transformer  
1885: Gottlieb Daimler receives German patent for a motorcycle  
1898: The Goodyear tire company founded

30<sup>th</sup>

1146: European leaders outlaw the crossbow, intending to end war for all time  
1835: City of Melbourne, Australia, is founded  
1860: 1st British tram begins operating in Birkenhead  
1901: English engineer Hubert Cecil Booth patents the powered vacuum cleaner

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he's going.  
 "I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body."  
 The policeman asks, "Really? And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"  
 "My wife", he replied.



### Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

|            |           |        |                    |          |        |
|------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Rockingham | Monday    | 6pm    | Armadale           | Tuesday  | 7pm    |
| Palm beach | Wednesday | 6.30pm | Mandurah Districts | Tuesday  | 6pm    |
| Baldivis   | Tuesday   | 6.30pm | Pinjarra           | Thursday | 6.45pm |
| Cockburn   | Wednesday | 6pm    | Byford & Districts | Monday   | 7pm    |