



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	2
Attended	12
Hon. Member	
LOA	
Guests	1
Visitors	1
Partners	

56.0%

Raffle
James & Genevieve

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



Bulletin

No 07 11/08/2025



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

VP Terry again officiated at tonight's meeting, President Stephen is back next week, I think.?

Meeting next week is a 'Christmas in July. Oops no sorry, Christmas in August, partners are invited.

Very saddened to learn the PP Greg Williams has tendered his resignation from our Rotary Club. Greg, Marge and family are currently dealing with some very stressful family issues, we can only continue to offer our support and thoughts as they recover from the recent very sad times. Greg joined Kwinana Rotary on July 1st, 1990, President 1997/98, awarded a PHF January 2000. District Youth Exchange from 1994/99. Greg has held many club positions over the years and has been a tireless worker for this Rotary Club.

On behalf of Rotary Kwinana, we send our very best wishes and thanks for your 35 years of friendship and commitment to this Rotary Club and the Kwinana Community, you will be very sadly missed.



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 04 th	Club Meeting	Video Presentation, Abigail Pratt
Mon 11 th	Club Meeting	Erin Hegarty: Mamma Respond
Mon 18 th	Club Meeting	Club Forum.
Mon 24 th	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

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 was 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**



Bevan Piper has had another fall at home.
Would encourage members to keep in contact with him.

“Christmas in August” night on Monday 25 August. This will be a partner’s night.
We need to know numbers attending by Wednesday 20 August.

District Governor’s visit on Monday 15 September 2025. This will be a partner’s night.

Sunday 21 September: Brunch at “The Curious Cockatoo” café with members of the Rotary Club of Harvey.

Polio train ride on Friday 24 October. Bookings, shirt orders, and donations to End Polio Now can all be made through the link <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP>. **Shirt orders need to be in by Monday 1 September**

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr August 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Message from RI President Francesco Arezzo regarding theme *Unite for Good*
- Invitation to Rotary club of Perth social function
- Acknowledgement from Rockingham Bunnings regarding upcoming BBQ on Sunday 5 October
- Polio update from Rotary South Pacific
- Rotary District Newsletter
- RDU Supplies update
- Invitation to Orelia Primary School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 17 December at 9am
- RDU.One publication
- Letter of resignation from Greg Williams

Outward Correspondence:

- Badge order sent to Imprint Plastic for new member badge



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



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



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



PP Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

Norm: Fined in your absence, because your not here and I've got to be Sergeant again. I'll take an IOU.

Bob C: Moved to another seat tonight, to avoid a fine. Previously thought to be immovable.

John I: Owned up to needing change from the raffle, fined for being ultra honest.

John M: No badge.

Terry: Fined for the urgent call-out to John I on Saturday afternoon.

Terry: Fined for missing out the Project Director's report.

Eagles, Dockers and Collingwood all fined because they all lost.



Larry A. Lunsford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2027-28. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Lunsford attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on an academic scholarship, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia. Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25).

23rd March 2002 Jo, Sue, Chris and Gladys



June 2004, we welcome Chris Oughton



You Can't Hum While Holding Your Nose

Go on, give it a try! It's harder than it sounds

There's a Species of Jellyfish that is Immortal

The *Turritopsis dohrnii* jellyfish can revert back to its juvenile form after reaching maturity, and it can do this process over and over again.

Cows Have Best Friends

Just like humans, cows form close bonds with certain individuals in their herd. When separated from their best friend, they can become stressed.

Australia Has More Camels than Egypt

In fact, Australia exports camels to Saudi Arabia. These camels are descendants of those introduced in the 19th century to help with exploration and construction

More Than 70% of the Earth's Surface is Covered by Water

While most of us live on land, the vast majority of our planet's surface is submerged beneath oceans, seas, lakes, and rivers. Yet over 95% of the underwater world remains unexplored!

A Jiffy is an Actual Unit of Time

It's 1/100th of a second! So, when someone says they'll be back in a "jiffy", they better be quick.

The Smallest Bone in Your Body is in Your Ear

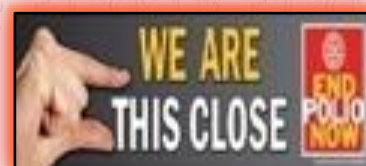
It's called the stapes bone and is just about the size of a grain of rice.

Polio This Week 18th Aug. 2025

- The WHO African Region has published an [update](#) on polio eradication progress and challenges throughout quarter 1, 2025.
- Papua New Guinea recently launched a nationwide immunization campaign to protect nearly 3 million children against polio. While no cases of paralysis have been reported, detections of variant type 2 poliovirus (cVDPV2) have been confirmed through environmental and community surveillance. [More.](#)
- This [piece in Al Jazeera](#) highlights the critical importance of women in outbreak response in Nigeria. It was written by United Nations Foundation press fellow Hanan Zaffar. UNF's Polio Press Fellowship supports journalists to travel to polio-affected areas to report on eradication efforts and broader health impacts.

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

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case
- Ethiopia: six cVDPV2 cases
- Israel: three cVDPV1-positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case
- Yemen: 46 cVDPV2 cases



Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

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



Wedding Anniversaries

Sam and Lucy 13th 59 years



Club Anniversaries:

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

Congratulations

When horsepower is unavailable





What happened this week in history?



Aug. 18th to Aug 24th



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

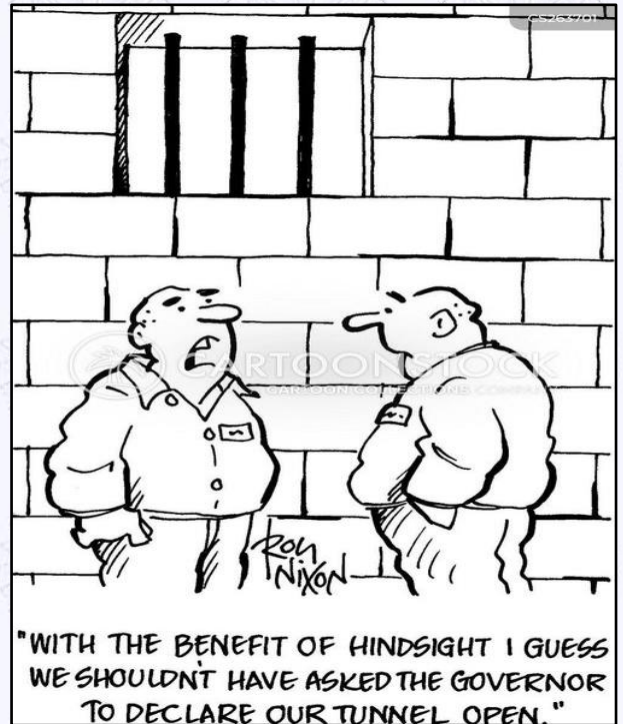
24th

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.

I just got a new ceiling. It may not be the best I've ever seen, but it's up there.

Why did the man get laid off from the blanket factory? Apparently, it folded.

Why did the teacher go to the eye doctor? She was missing a pupil.



Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham
Palm beach
Baldvis
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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