



Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 13
Guests
Visitors 1
Partners

54.0 %

Raffle
Max

Heads & Tails
Alan A



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

No 8 31/08/2026



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

Spring has sprung, winter is behind us for another year.

Interesting meeting, guest speaker was our own Soren Houlberg talking to us about Bee Keeping. As noted last week Soren has been bee keeping since he was 6 years old.

Rotarian Mary Bryant joined us again.

Some lowlifes at about 3am Sunday morning, stole the batteries out of our furniture truck, pretty sad when thieves will target a truck being used for charity work helping needy people acquire good furniture at a price they can afford, and sometimes given to disadvantaged people free.

Tuesday 1st September, we hosted the semi-finals of the Four-Way Speaking Competition held at the Darius Wells Centre from 6pm.

The event went off extremely well, Kwinana Rotary club members set-up the venue, the event was very professionally conducted by the MC President Genevieve Carr.

The Five contestants each delivered their prepared speech extremely well.



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



September: - Basic Education and Literacy

Mon 7th Club Meeting

Mon 14th Club Meeting

Mon 21st Club Meeting

Mon 28th Club Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





Greetings to Everyone,

After an incredible six weeks of travelling around the UK and Paris, I am now back home and ready for action.

Our travels commenced with three nights in London before travelling up to the city of Telford for the GKR Karate World Cup Championships in which I was competing (in the older aged division, I hasten to add!).

After the competition we headed across to Ireland via ferry. We enjoyed a couple of days in Dublin and then embarked on a six-day tour around Ireland. A couple more nights in Dublin after the tour rounded off our time in Ireland very nicely before catching a flight to Liverpool. Here, we had our Beatles fix – visited the Beatles Museum and then partied the night away at the famous Cavern Club. From Liverpool it was on to Scotland for nine days, and then we travelled south to the city of York.

Our time in York entailed a combination of visiting the magnificent York Minster and then becoming acquainted with our inner Vikings.

We then felt we needed to move on before we overstayed our welcome in the UK, and so we caught the Eurostar train to Paris for four nights. As always, Paris was stunning with its landscape, famous buildings, and fabulous food.

It was then time to start heading for home, with a two-night stopover in Doha. With daytime temperatures in Doha ranging from 42 – 46 degrees Celsius, we inevitably spent approximately 95% of our time inside the air-conditioned hotel.

Finally, after sleeping in twenty different beds over the course of our trip, climbing umpteen stairs around castles and other notable landmarks, and consuming copious amounts of food and beverage, we returned home last Saturday evening.

My deepest thanks to John Iriks, James Sharkey, Terry Evans, and Anthony Miller for working so hard to keep our Club running whilst I was away.

I am particularly grateful for their assistance with preparing for the semi-final of the Four-Way Test Speech Competition, which was held on Tuesday evening.

I would also like to thank all those other members who attended on Tuesday in support of the event. Special acknowledgement to Anthony Miller, Chris Oughton, and Bob Cooper for acting as adjudicators for the evening. Their final decisions were well received.

Looking forward to working together with you all in the months ahead!

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

A husband and wife packed their suitcases in a rush and made it to the airport just in time.

"I wish I'd brought the refrigerator," said the wife.

"Whatever for?" asked her husband tetchily.

"Our tickets are on top of it."

A businessman called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him he needed a visa. "Oh no I don't, I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those." I double checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this, he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and they have accepted my American Express every time."



Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



Services

Last night's meeting was mostly concerning the 4-Way Test speaking competition semi-final that takes place on the 1st September 2026 (tomorrow), thanks to all the members that volunteered to help on the night.

Secretary

Incoming correspondence:

- David Paine the principal of Sunrise Primary School declined the invitation to attend the 4-Way Test speaking event.

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller



Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 31st August 2026





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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

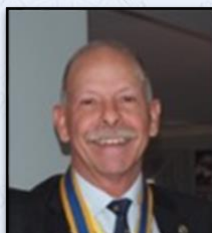


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Genevieve: Welcome back.

Honesty test, who did the clutch-in on the truck? ???

Terry: Thanks for the tip re the truck batteries being stolen, razor wire could provide DNA

Max: talking about 'badges' saving John I from a certain fine!!

Max: Won the raffle AGAIN.

Chris O: Yes, it's my birthday today, and "I'll cry if I want to "

Genevieve told a little story, to make room for a shopping spree in the UK before returning home, decided to make room in her case by posting her Karate gear home. Told by UK post they needed a local return address. No problem address supplied. Turns out the package was delivered to Bertram on two occasions, sadly no one home either time. One would presume the package would be held at the local post office. No, when Genevieve arrived home the package was residing at the UK return address. The other 'Bummer' is Genevieve has a Karate comp next weekend.



Guest Speaker: PP Soren Houlberg
Bee Keeping



Soren gave us a detailed description of how the honeybee produce the honey
Bees need Pollen, Nectar and water to produce honey.

Bees live for approximately 46 days and will die if they sting you.

Bee keeping is very popular in WA, Apiarist Society of WA has about 1300 members, 50+ in Kwinana.

European honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) were successfully introduced to Australia in 1822 when seven hives arrived in Sydney Cove aboard the merchant ship *Isabella*

1822: Captain Wallace brought the first surviving hives on the *Isabella* from Cork, Ireland.

1831: Honeybees were successfully introduced to Tasmania (then Van Diemen's Land).

1846: Hives were successfully brought to Western Australia.

Purpose: Settlers needed accessible sweeteners instead of expensive imported English sugar, and pastoralists needed bees for clover pollination.

Native Flora: Australia's vast eucalyptus and native Myrtaceae forests provided an ideal year-round nectar and pollen source

Today, Australia has over 850,000 commercially managed hives.

The industry produces thousands of tonnes of premium honey annually and generates billions of dollars in vital agricultural pollination services

Beekeeping is the practice of maintaining and caring for honeybee colonies, usually in man-made hives, to harvest honey and pollinate crops.

Home beekeeping is the rewarding practice of managing honeybee colonies right in your backyard or suburban garden. It allows you to produce your own raw honey, significantly boost the pollination of your local fruits and flowers, and directly support the local ecosystem.

Backyard Pollination: Your garden, fruit trees, and vegetables will thrive as the bees forage for nectar and pollen.

Liquid Gold: A single healthy hive can produce **20 to 40 kilograms** of fresh, raw honey each year once established.

Fascinating Hobby: Watching the intricate, highly organized social structure of a colony is incredibly educational and therapeutic.

The Gear: You will need a standard hive setup (like a Langstroth hive), protective clothing (a veil or full suit and gloves), a smoker to calm the bees, and a hive tool to move frames.

Space and Safety: You don't need a massive property, but you do need a sunny, sheltered spot. The hive entrance should ideally face away from main walkways or your neighbour's fence. You must also ensure no one in your household has a severe bee sting allergy.

The Rules: In most places, including Western Australia, home beekeepers are required by law to register their hives (usually with the Department of Primary Industries) and follow local council guidelines regarding the number of hives allowed per property.

Semi-Final Four-Way Test Speaking Competition
Tuesday 1st September 2026 at Darius Wells Centre, Kwinana



The 'Adjudication Team'
PE Tony Miller, PP Chris Oughton and PDG Bob Cooper



Blast from the past
24th July 2000 Exchange student Laure Callert returns home to Belgium



A conversation could change a life.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

LET'S START THE DAY WITH CONNECTION

**THURSDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

8-9AM

COFFEE VAN
will be attending
(FOR A FEE)

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- JUICE

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10AM-12.30PM

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Polio This Week 31st August 2026

'Leading to Zero' – Global Health Matters podcast featuring Jamal Ahmed

['Leading to Zero'](#), an episode of the award-winning Global Health Matters podcast series, features Dr Jamal Ahmed, Director for Polio Eradication and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean, speaking about leadership in polio eradication.

The episode explores polio eradication and malaria elimination, focusing on the determination and commitment required to finally end a disease.

The podcast addresses questions like:

What does it take to lead an effort all the way to zero?

How is commitment sustained across decades and changing governments?

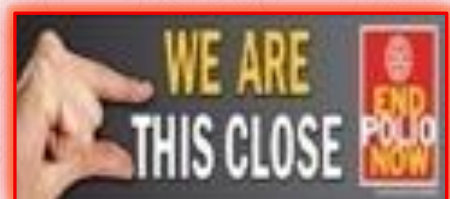
And what happens the day after certification, when the vector remains and imported cases still arrive?

African health leaders convene for annual Regional Committee

The 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa is meeting this week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to discuss urgent health issues affecting the region, including the Ebola outbreak response in DR Congo, responses to other outbreaks, as well as achieving and sustaining a lasting polio-free Africa.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : 18 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo : five cVDPV2 cases
- Nigeria : two cVDPV2 cases



As we get older, we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Scumberg is such a person.

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired'? Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, into urine.

Birthdays and Anniversaries September 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

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

Peter Zabiela 7th
Damian Carr 17th



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

An Irishman was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

'I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks.

The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 Kilo's.

When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 15 kilo's!

'Why, that's amazing!' the doctor said, 'Did you follow my instructions?

The Irishman nodded...'I'll tell you though, by jaesuz, I t'aut I were going to drop dead on dat 3rd day

'From the hunger, you mean?' asked the doctor.

'No, from the friggen skippin'



What happened this week in history?



Aug. 31st to Sept. 6th



31st

1492: Henry VI becomes King of England at the age of 9 months
1888: The body of Jack the Ripper's first victim, Mary Ann Nichols, is found in Whitechapel
1897: Thomas Edison patents the Kinetoscope camera, a device which produces moving pictures
1945: The Liberal Party of Australia is founded by Robert Menzies

01st

1752: Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia
1858: 1st transatlantic cable fails after less than 1 month
1874: Sydney General Post Office opens in Australia
1906: British New Guinea placed under Australian administration

02nd

1666: Great Fire of London begins at 2am in Pudding Lane, 80% of London is destroyed
1898: Machine gun 1st used in battle
1901: Theodore Roosevelt advises "Speak softly & carry a big stick"
1930: 1st non-stop airplane flight from Europe to US (37 hrs)

03rd

301: San Marino, the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence
1812: World's first cannery opens in London, England to supply food to the Royal Navy
1917: 1st night bombing of London by German aircraft
1935: 1st automobile to exceed 300mph, Malcolm Campbell, Bluebird to 301.129mph. Utah, USA

04th

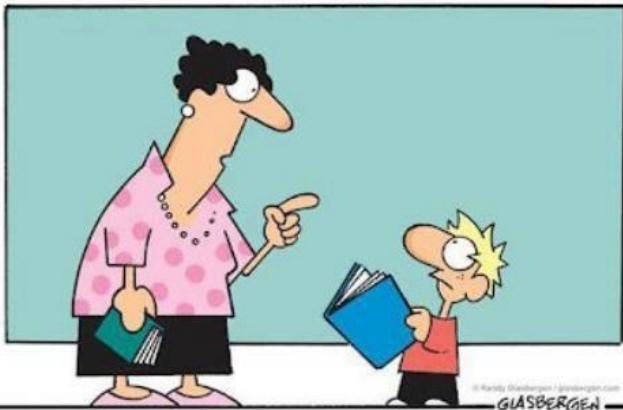
1609: Navigator Henry Hudson is the first European to discover island of Manhattan
1861: Brit. Advancement of Science proposes standard units of electrical measurement, the Volt
1884: Britain ends its policy of penal transportation to New South Wales in Australia
1888: George Eastman patents the first roll-film camera & registers "Kodak"

05th

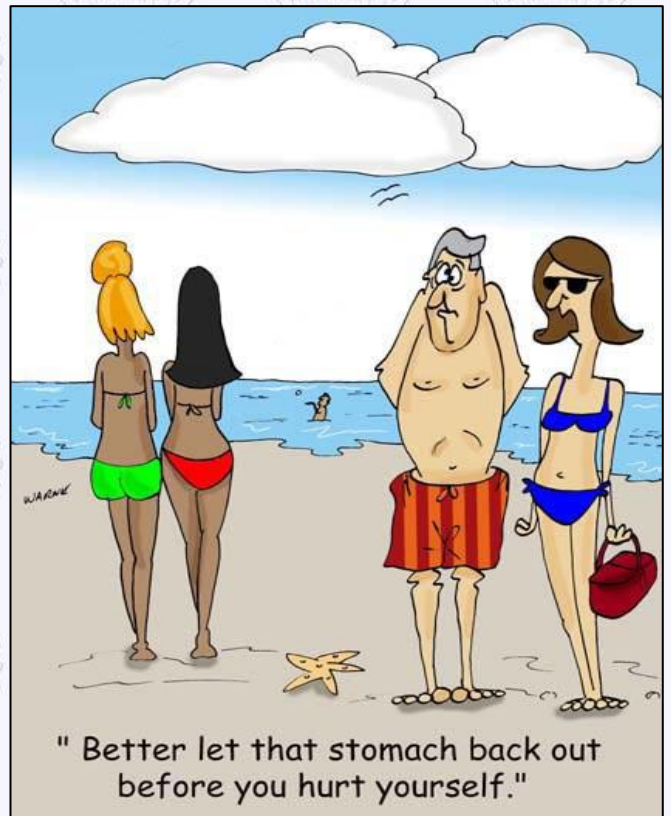
1666: Great Fire of London ends, leaving 13,200 houses destroyed and 8 dead
1698: Russian Tsar Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards
1800: Malta surrenders to British after they blockade French troops
1958: 1st colour video recording on magnetic tape presented, Charlotte, North Carolina

06th

1522: Ferdinand Magellan's Spanish expedition returns to Spain. First to circumnavigate the earth.
1880: Commencement of 1st Test Cricket match in England, v Australia at The Oval
1886: Queen Victoria establishes Distinguished Service Order (DSO)
1939: 1st German air attack on Great Britain in WW II



It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new
software into their brains.



Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham Monday 6pm
Palm beach Wednesday 6.30pm
Baldivis Tuesday 6.30pm
Cockburn Wednesday 6pm

Armadale Tuesday 7pm
Mandurah Districts Tuesday 6pm
Pinjarra Thursday 6.45pm
Byford & Districts Monday 7pm