



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up 2
Attended 14
Guests
Visitors
Partners

67.0 %

Raffle
Andrew

Heads & Tails
Alan J



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603



Bulletin

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

President Genevieve called a 'Club Forum' for tonight's meeting. 14 members were in attendance.

Two main subjects of discussion were, our continuing support for our overseas projects and the ongoing management and operation of the Furniture Factory. Worthwhile and productive discussion ensued, the results will be discussed and ratified by the board, thanks to members for their constructive comments.

Rtn Cyril Bennett is presently unwell and undergoing treatment, we send Cyril our very best wishes and look forward to having him back with us soon.

We received a very supportive email from the Four-Way-Test Speech Contest chair thanking us for hosting the semi-final last Tuesday, the final will be held at Cockburn Bowling Club, Thursday 10th September, a number of Kwinana members will be attending

Next week's meeting will be a restaurant meeting at The Suburban in Bertram. Partners and guests are very welcome, President Genevieve requires numbers.



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	Club Forum
Mon 14th	Club Meeting	Suburban Bar and Grill
Mon 21st	Club Meeting	
Mon 28th	Club Meeting	

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen

September 7th 2026



Greetings to Everyone,

It has certainly been a rollercoaster of a week. This evening I had the pleasure of representing our Club at the Final of the Four-Way Speaking Contest, and am very happy to report that Sasha Alebo, from Coodanup College, won the runner-up prize.

After our efforts with hosting the semi-final last week, it was very pleasant to be able to sit back and simply enjoy the speeches and fellowship.

The winner of the competition was a lad who attends Peter Moyes Anglican Community School in Mindarie. Witnessing the efforts of these young people and their respect for the values of Rotary gives great hope that Rotary International will continue to be relevant for future generations.

Our much-loved Rtn Cyril Bennett is currently in Fiona Stanley Hospital, not travelling that well and currently undergoing treatment. Please keep Cyril and Lynne in your thoughts.

My understanding is that visitors are welcome at the hospital, although it is worth sending a text in advance to either Cyril or Lynne. Otherwise, a text or phone call to either of them would be greatly appreciated. One way or another, please keep them in your thoughts.

Club Forum was held this week. For new members, it provided further insight as to how the Club operates. The chief topic for discussion at this week's forum was the Indonesian Schools Renovation Project. This project commenced over ten years ago under the management of PP Mike Nella and his team of Rotaractors, together with a team of Rotaractors and Rotarians in Indonesia. Funds were raised through numerous garage sales held at Mike's house. Over the years the project was taken over by PP Stephen Castelli, Norm Mulcahy, and John Maskell, with funding raised through the Furniture Factory. Club members recognise that much effort has been directed towards the Indonesian Schools Project; however, the majority vote from those present at the forum was for us to discontinue with this project, with the plan to direct more funds towards a new local project. Finding a suitable local project to adopt will be our next challenge.

Finishing on a positive note, we have a number of social events coming up in the near future. Monday 14 September will be a restaurant night for members and partners, to be held at The Suburban Restaurant in Bertram.

The Rotary Club of Rockingham is inviting us to attend their meeting on Monday 21 September to hear their guest speaker Paul Daly – Police Airwing Superintendent.

Melville Rotary is inviting us to attend their meeting on Wednesday 7 October to hear their guest speaker.

Train Ride for Polio will take place on Saturday 24 October. Finally, the Rockingham and Palm Beach Clubs are keen for us to have a group movie fundraiser for Polio Plus. Watch this space for further details!

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



"Rotary Four-Way Test Speaking Competition

What a fantastic evening of young people speaking with confidence, thoughtfulness and courage!

On Tuesday night, the Rotary Club of Kwinana was proud to be involved in our Four-Way Test Speaking Competition, with students representing two local schools.

Five students took to the stage, each delivering a six-minute speech on a topic of their own choosing and applying Rotary's Four-Way Test:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

A huge thank you to the students who put in the time and effort to prepare their speeches and had the courage to stand up and present them. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

This 4-way test subject makes sure that all the points within the test are covered within the lecture that is given by the students.

The schools that participated in the 4-way speaking competition is: Coodanup College and Piara Waters Senior High School.

Thank you also to the schools and teachers for supporting and encouraging their students, and to the parents and families who came along to support them.

Finally, thank you to the Rotarians, judges, organisers and volunteers who gave their time to make the evening possible.

Events like this are a wonderful reminder of what can happen when our schools, families and community come together to support young people.

Congratulations to every student who participated — you were the stars of the evening".

PE Tony Miller

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 07th September 2026





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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

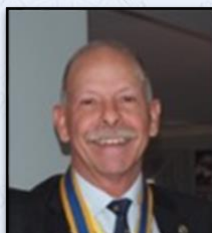


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Mike: Parking the ute 'on the fence'

Bob C: Nicked the 'Gavel'

Andrew: must have been hungry, 5 slices of pizza !!!!

Tony: Warned the sergeant, any fine would be paid with a IOU

John W: Phone call, being waiting for months to fine you!!!

A census enumerator is working out in the country when he knocks on the door of a farmhouse.

A woman opens the door, and the man explains he's with the census and she agrees to do the interview. Eventually he gets to the part where he asks if she has children.

"Let's see," says the woman, "There's Timmy and Tammy; they're 4. There's Molly and Holly; they're 8. There's Terry and Larry; they're—"

The census worker cuts her off, wide-eyed. "You mean to tell me," he says, "that you got twins EVERY time?!"

The woman laughs and says "Oh goodness, no! There were hundreds of times we didn't get anything!"

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



MC Kwinana President Genevieve Carr

The winner



2nd place

other three contestants also presented very well



The adjudicators and the timekeeper



Polio This Week 8th September 2026

High-level polio delegation visits Chad as President Déby is named champion for polio eradication and immunization

A high-level delegation of global polio and immunization partners met with Chadian authorities this week, including President Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, to advance political commitment and regional cooperation for polio eradication and stronger immunization in Chad and across the Lake Chad Basin. The visit was marked by the designation of President Déby as Regional Champion for Polio Eradication and Immunization in the Lake Chad Basin, recognizing Chad's important role in driving collective action across the region. In this role, President Déby will help keep polio eradication and immunization high on the regional agenda, promote stronger cooperation among countries and advocate for sustained action to reach every child, including those living in border areas and among mobile, displaced and underserved communities.

African Health Ministers adopt framework to safeguard Africa's polio gains

African ministers of health and high-level representatives last week adopted a ten-year plan to sustain polio eradication efforts by strengthening national health systems and reaffirmed commitment to protect decades of investment towards a polio-free continent. The Framework for Polio Transition and Sustainability in the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region 2026–2035 was adopted during the Seventy-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25–28 August 2026. [More](#).

SAGE Polio Working Group advocates for increased IPV use in high-risk and outbreak settings

Last week, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) Polio Working Group convened to take stock of progress toward eradication and to examine additional strategy interventions to help accelerate and sustain eradication. Discussions in particular focused on adding a third dose of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) to routine immunization schedules in high-risk countries, and a second dose of fractional IPV (fIPV) for outbreak response in those instances when circulation continues beyond six months, despite multiple vaccination campaigns. Experience from key outbreak countries suggests adding the second fIPV dose to OPV response significantly accelerates the stopping of outbreaks.

Latest IHR Emergency Committee report published

The [latest report](#) by the IHR Emergency Committee on the international spread of poliovirus has been published, following the Committee's recent meeting. The effort to eradicate polio remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and Temporary Recommendations associated with the PHEIC are extended.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Pakistan: six WPV1-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo : eight cVDPV2 cases
- Mali : one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria : two cVDPV3 cases
- South Sudan : one cVDPV1 case and three cVDPV2 cases



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 old man was sitting on his porch, when a young man walked up with a pad and pencil in his hand. "What are you selling, young man?" he asked.
"I'm not selling anything, sir," the young man replied. "I'm the census taker."
"A what?" the man asked.
"A census taker. We are trying to find out how many people are in Australia."
"Well," the man answered, "you're wasting your bloody time here mate; I have no idea."

You know you're Australian when...

- you know that there is a difference between thongs and underwear.
- stubbies are things that can either be worn by blokes or drank.
- a place called "woop woop" is not actually a place but is very far from civilisation.
- calling someone "mate" is a completely appropriate term to call anyone in Australia be they male or female.
- you answer most questions by saying "no worries" or "no drama".
- when you know the national anthem but have no idea what "girt" means.
- you know the best place to get a cooked sausage is Bunnings.



What happened this week in history?



Sept. 7th to Sept. 13th



07th

1630: City of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded
1813: "Uncle Sam" 1st used to refer to the US, by Troy Post of New York
1888: Edith Eleanor McLean is 1st baby to be placed in an incubator at Ward's Island, New York
1907: Ocean liner RMS Lusitania begins her maiden voyage sailing from Liverpool to New York

08th

1504: Michelangelo's statue of David is unveiled in Florence
1565: 1st permanent European settlement in the US founded at St. Augustine, Florida
1888: In England the first six Football League matches ever are played
1914: HMS (formerly RMS) Oceanic, sister ship of RMS Titanic, sinks off Scotland
2022: Queen Elizabeth 11 dies aged 96 at Balmoral, Scotland.

09th

1776: Congress officially renames the country the United States of America from United Colonies)
1839: English scientist and astronomer John Herschel takes 1st glass plate photograph
1908: Orville Wright makes 1st 1-hr airplane flight, Fort Myer, Va
1956: Elvis Presley appears on "The Ed Sullivan Show" for the 1st time

10th

1894: London taxi driver George Smith is the first to be fined for drunk driving
1919: China becomes a member of the League of Nations
1931: Lord Cecil of British government says War was never so improbable
1948: Bradman scores 153 in his last 1st-class cricket innings in England

11th

1773: Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or bad peace"
1853: 1st electric telegraph used - Merchant's Exchange, San Francisco to Pt Lobos, California
1914: Australia invades New Britain, defeating a German contingent there.
1922: Australian newspaper The Sun News-Pictorial is founded, now the Herald Sun of Melbourne
2011: 9/11 terrorist attack on New York and Washington.

12th

1624: 1st submarine publicly tested in London on the Thames for King James I
1792: Court martials begin for instigators of the mutiny on the Bounty on board HMS Duke
1824: Moreton Bay Penal Settlement established at Redcliffe, Queensland, now Brisbane
1878: Cleopatra Needle installed in London

13th

122: Building begins on Hadrian's Wall, Northern England
1501: Michelangelo begins work on his statue of David, a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture
1906: First airplane flight in Europe -Alberto Santos-Dumont test fly's his hybrid 14-bis plane
1931: British RAF pilot George Stainworth fly's world speed record (655 kph)

The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
'So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
In an email back to me.

Author - unknown

Why don't skeletons fight each other?
They don't have the guts.

What do you call a pony with a cough?
A little horse.

What do you call a fake noodle?
An impasta.

Why shouldn't you trust stairs?
They're always up to something

Pre internet chat room using
An old version of windows...



A Man asked a
Fairy to make
him desirable
and irresistible
to all Women.

She turned him into a credit card.

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