



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 27

Apologies

Make-up 1

Attended 16

Hon. Member

LOA

Guests

Visitors 1

Partners

68.0%

Raffle

Norm & Bob T

Heads & Tails

Bob C



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact
0414 614 464



No 10 01/09/2025



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

Very interesting Club Forum tonight. Mostly the results from the latest Board Meeting held last Thursday at Rotary Hall. I won't outline the significant changes ahead for our club, read about them in our President's report below.

President Stephen , officially welcomed Kelvin Lemalu into our club by presenting him with his badge etc. Kelvin is a former Rotarian having previously been a member in the Cook Islands.

The Cook Islands is a nation in the South Pacific, with political links to New Zealand. Its 15 islands are scattered over a vast area. The largest island, Rarotonga, is home to rugged mountains and Avarua, the national capital. Their currency is the NZ dollar.

DG Veronica Lawrance will be making her official visit to our club on Monday 15th September. I appreciate that Veronica is visiting our club personally, the last couple at least have been joint visits with our group clubs, understandably so, as we now have 87 clubs in 9423, covering the whole of Western Australia, a logistical nightmare, I'm sure.



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



September 2025 – Basic Education and Literacy

Mon 01st Club Forum
Mon 08th Thumbnail
Mon 15th DG visit Veronica Lawrance (Partners Night)
Mon 22nd Tamar Anderson Kwinana Reach
Mon 29th No Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



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President's Report

Kelvin Lemalu was inducted into the club on Monday night. Kelvin was previously a Rotarian in the Cook Islands.

Please make sure that you make Kelvin feel very welcome.

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
- Programs Manager - Vacant

Providence School Greenhouse update. Board approved \$3,201 at last board meeting. Bendigo Bank have contributed the \$2,000 that was requested. Over to Providence School to now order and install. There will be an “opening ceremony” in due course.

PP Bob Thompson is arranging for a plaque for the 40ft sea container donated by Rotary, as well as another for the greenhouse.

CLUB FORUM

Tonight was a club forum, with the following updates/discussion items:

- BREAD PROJECT.

In the last 10 years of my involvement with this project it has done the following:

- 50,000 Loaves to MCCO – Victory Life
- 30,000 Loaves to Frank Konecny
- 540,000 slices of bread to the breakfast clubs at the schools.

This makes a grand total of 60 tonne of bread that we have put to great use.

A review was done of the projects to rationalise the volunteer hours.

The bread project does not bring any money into the club, and there is little recognition for the efforts of members and their partners.

So, with the need to increase our volunteer hours for the Furniture Factory, the board has agreed that we need to “pivot” these volunteer hours from the Bread Project to the Furniture Factory.

Hence from Friday the 11th of October, the club will no longer participate in the bread project.

Stephen has already made contact with Gilmore College, Margaret Court Community Outreach, Frank Konecny Centre and the Salvation Army to give them a “heads up” on this matter.

The question was asked if anyone disagreed and wanted to take on this project, and there were no volunteers.

Now that a decision has been made, Stephen will advise all the parties involved of this matter and provide them the contact details for Bakers Delight Baldvis and Bakers Delight Waikiki, so that they can make their own direct arrangements for the collection of the bread.

Gilmore College have already requested if they could have the bread cutter so that they can continue with their breakfast club. (Stephen has given approval).

- **MEALS:**

Our Chef Stephen Riordan has advised that due to his busy schedule that does not allow for any time off for himself, that he will not be doing meals at the meetings after Monday the 13th of October.

The board discussed this and agreed that meetings will continue as they are, but without a meal.

When we have a 'special' event, or a partner's night, then "other" arrangements will be made to include a meal.

With no meals, the cost to all each Monday will be \$0, as we will not be providing a meal to any guest speakers, etc.

- **FURNITURE FACTORY:**

Whilst the project is returning on average similar sales figures to what was achieved for the whole of 2024/2025, there is always the need for more members to participate.

The Furniture Factory is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 08:30 to 2pm.

When deliveries and pickups are required to be done, we need at least 3 people (2 in the truck doing the lifting) and 1 in the shop, but there is plenty of scope for more than 3 to be involved each day.

Please commit to a particular roster, so that pickups and deliveries can be scheduled.

- **RUOK DAY:**

This is on Thursday the 11th of September at Gilmore College. We need to have 1,000 sausages ready to serve at 12:00 when the lunch break begins.

This means that the cooking needs to commence at 10:30am.

We need at least 7-8 volunteers. Please advise PP James if you can help.

- **COMMUNITY BBQ'S:**

The board also reviewed this and once again due to a lack of volunteers, decided that going forward, we need to very carefully consider each and every request on its merits.

The club has Declined to participate in the Satterley Sausage Sizzle on 25/10.

- **INDONESIAN SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT:**

There was a lot of discussion on this subject and whether the project should continue.

Stephen and Norm are already scheduled to give a presentation on the project on Monday the 6th of October to bring the club up to date on the project.

A further club forum will be held on Monday the 3rd of November to discuss whether this project continues in the future.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26



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



- 1. Monday 15 September:** District Governor's visit. This will be a partner's night. Karen will be confirming numbers.
- 2. Sunday 21 September:** Brunch with members and partners of the Rotary Club of Harvey at the Curious Cockatoo café in Harvey. Please let Genevieve know if you intend to go.
- 3. Friday 24 October:** Polio Train Ride
- 4. Christmas function:** Genevieve to investigate other suggested options, including Golden Pond, Two Fat Indians Restaurant

The message below was provided by PP Edd Samut, Edd and Ann have been heavily involved in caring for PP Bevan Piper (96) who is currently in hospital palliative care.

Last night I rang Dr Herman of the United Church Nedlands and asked him to visit Bevan and give him his last rights. I have just messaged him to see if he got there. This was his response.

*"Hi,
Yes, last night. sorry for not letting you know. I had a hectic day. He was very weak. He was fully conscious, responded positively, accepted all my words, affirmation of faith and very, very appreciated, thanking me three times. He is very near to the end.
Thank you for allowing me and asking me as it was an honour.
Kindest regards,
Herman*

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 1st Sept. 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina





PP Genevieve Carr August 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- ROMAC newsletter
- Information re Movie Fundraiser for End Polio Now
- Rotary District Newsletter
- Invitation to International Service Dinner and Presentations
- RDU Supplies update
- Update from End Polio Now Coordinator
- New member pack
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter

Outward Correspondence:

- Letter of acknowledgement sent to Greg Williams



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



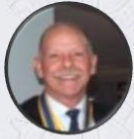
Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



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



PP Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

Chris O: That number 3, looking good. Happy Birthday.

John M: Sporting a 'new' different badge.

Terry: Sitting the newly designated 'Lepper Colony'

Eric: Also had a haircut.

James: 'Bagman' all that stuff for sale??

John W: Those 'socks'

John I: No badge.

Karen: Taking home a 'meal' for hubby.

Sam: Congratulations on PHF

Dockers, hope paying a fine brings 'good luck on Saturday'



Welcome to
our newest
member.

Kelvin Lemalu

Rotnest weekend 2004



Car Rally 2004



The most remote place in the world is the **Tristan da Cunha islands** in the Southern Atlantic Ocean. They're 2,434km from Saint Helena, the nearest inhabited place.

When you do a Google query, 1000 computers are used to find the answer in 0.2 seconds.

There are almost 5 billion internet users in the world.

The median age of the world's population is around 30 years, as of 2019.

We actually produce enough food to feed everyone on the planet; the problem is distribution.

In 2010, Google tried to find out how many books there were in the world. They reckon there are about 130,000,000 of them. (Let's call this one a semi-fact, though, ok?)

You can actually die laughing. And a number of people have, typically due to intense laughter causing a heart attack or suffocation.

Polio This Week 01st Sept. 2025

- **From Eradication Gains to Final Victory: African Ministers Pledge to End Polio Once and For All**

Gathering at the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Lusaka, Zambia, health ministers reaffirmed their commitment to finish the job of polio eradication. Building on decades of progress that have spared millions of children from paralysis, leaders pledged renewed action to eliminate all forms of poliovirus and safeguard Africa's historic gains. [More](#).

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

- Afghanistan: one WPV1 case
- Pakistan: six WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV3 case
- Germany: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Israel: one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: 25 cVDPV2 cases



Birthdays and Anniversaries September 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

James Sharkey 11th
Max Bird 18th
Greg Williams 21st

Peter Zabiela 7th
Jo Thompson 25th
Damian Carr 27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Genevieve & Damian 9th 25 years
Eric & Gladys 12th 61 years
Alan & Rosemary 30th 30 years



Club Anniversaries:

Eric Blogg 01st 36 years
James Sharkey 22nd 17 years
Brian Thompson 26th 9 years

Congratulations

Are we multicultural or what?

MOST COMMON LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN AUSTRALIA 2025

1. English – 72%
2. Mandarin – 2.7%
3. Arabic – 1.4%
4. Vietnamese – 1.3%
5. Cantonese – 1.2%
6. Punjabi – 0.9%
7. Greek – 0.9%
8. Italian – 0.9%
9. Hindi – 0.9%
10. Spanish – 0.8%
11. Nepali – 0.7%
12. Tagalog – 0.6%
13. Korean – 0.5%
14. Urdu – 0.4%
15. Tamil – 0.4%
16. Sinhalese – 0.3%
17. Gujarati – 0.3%
18. Malayalam – 0.3%
19. Indonesian – 0.3%
20. Persian – 0.3%
21. French – 0.3%
22. German – 0.3%
23. Bengali – 0.3%
24. Portuguese – 0.3%



What happened this week in history?



Sept. 1st to Sept. 7th



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

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

What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?

A clock.

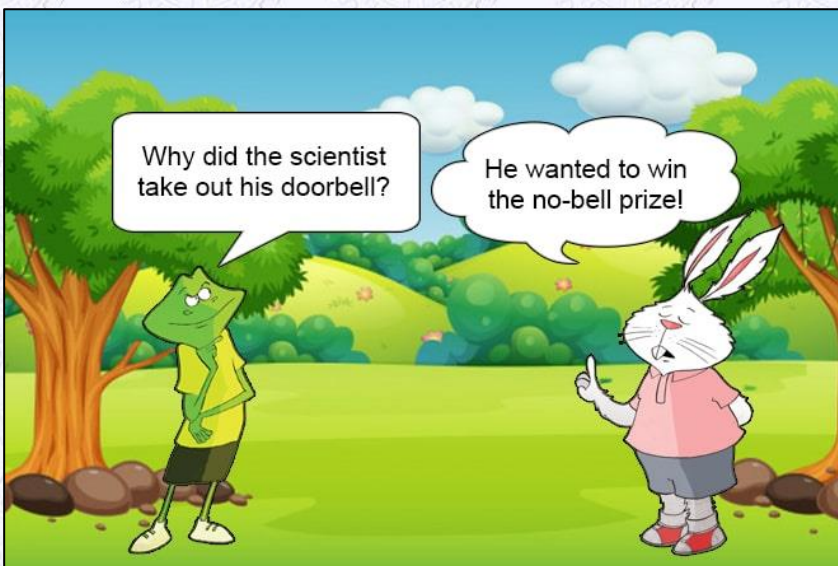
Where would you take a sick boat?

To the dock.

Why did the fly never land on the computer? He was afraid of the world wide web.

What kind of murderer is full of fiber?

A cereal killer.



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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