



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



Bulletin

No 10 14/9/2026



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up 2
Attended 12
Guests 1
Visitors
Partners 5

58.0 %

Raffle

Restaurant meeting this week at the Suburban Bar & Grill, Bertram, 18 attended including 12 members, 5 partners and 1 guest.
Food menu very good, something for everyone. I must admit I find the many TV screens surrounding the walls piping out sports/music etc. a little irritating, having said that TV screens all around the venue seems to be the normal décor.
Thursday, 17 September, is a very sad day for our club as we mourn the loss of Cyril Bennett — a dedicated member and, more importantly, a valued friend. Cyril sadly passed away at Fiona Stanley Hospital following complications from stage 4 cancer.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Lynne and the family at this very difficult time. Cyril joined our club in October 2016 and made a valuable contribution to everything we do. Rest in peace, mate — we will miss your humour, your infectious laugh, and the joy you brought to our club.

Condolences must also go out to Chris and Carol and to Karen and Peter who also lost close family members this week.

On a brighter note, congratulations to PP Max Bird who reached a significant birthday on the 18th. Happy Birthday Max.

Heads & Tails



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

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 14th 2026



This past week has brought much sad news to many of us. Viv Adams, mother of Carol Adams and mother-in-law of Chris Oughton, passed away suddenly on Friday 11 September. On that same day, Treasurer Karen's father passed away in the UK after a period of illness. Karen has been with her family in the UK for the past few weeks helping to look after her father, and yet still showed her dedication to our Club by communicating regularly and attending Board meetings via Zoom. Early Thursday morning our much-loved Cyril Bennett passed away in hospital. Since joining our Club in 2016 Cyril was a very distinctive presence with his wide grin and infectious laugh. Over the years he was a very hardworking member, readily helping with activities such as Swimathon, Australia Day breakfasts (who could forget the Australiana shirt he wore every year?), Anzac Day breakfasts, hall and yard maintenance, driving the bus for Camp Inspiration, and being our Club Sergeant. Additionally, Cyril and Lynne have regularly opened their home to us for many social gatherings. Cyril will be greatly missed by members and partners.

Our deepest sympathies to Carol and Chris, Karen and Peter, and Lynne and family at this sad time. Situations such as these are a reminder for us all to look out for each other.

Notwithstanding the above news, there have been positive notes during the week. On Monday evening a number of members and partners enjoyed an evening of fellowship at The Suburban Bar/Restaurant in Bertram. It was a great pleasure to have Mike Nella and Kylee back with us again, along with everyone else. In the weeks ahead there will be opportunities to get together with Rockingham, Palm Beach and Baldivis Rotary Clubs.

Wishing John and Chris Iriks a very enjoyable trip to Melbourne – well-deserved after all their hard work.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at The Suburban Monday 14th September 2026





Tony Miller

President 2027/28

September 2026



PE Tony Miller





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Treasurer
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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

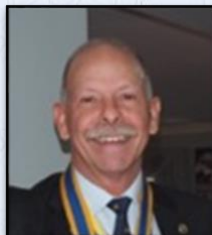


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



- Bananas are radioactive. But the levels are so low you'd need to eat 10 million at once for the radiation to kill you.
- The country that eats the most ice cream per person is New Zealand — over 28 liters per person each year, apparently! Pass the spoon.
- The most stolen food in the world is cheese.
- Around 60 gallons (272 litres) of water are needed to grow a single avocado.
- Carrots were originally white. Around 5,000 years ago, Europeans started to selectively breed carrot plants to grow with purple, yellow, and the iconic orange roots that we love today.

Rotary Fun Facts

First Project of World's First Service Club

The first service project of the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917.

This project made Rotary the **World's First Service Club**.

Rotary's primary motto is "**Service Above Self**."

There's a secondary motto: "**One profits most who serves best**."

There are more than **1.2 Million Rotarians** all over the world
35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all
geographic areas.

The **first women** joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than
196,000 women are members of Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation **Ambassadorial Scholarships** are the world's largest, privately funded
scholarships.

The **first Rotaract Club** was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rotarians in the United States make up 28 percent of all Rotarians worldwide.

The country of Nauru has the **least number of Rotarians** of any country in the world, 11. Formerly
known as Pleasant Island, Nauru is in Micronesia in the South Pacific. Its nearest neighbor is Banaba
Island in Kiribati, 182 miles to the east.

The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative **stamp** for the first time in 1931, at the time of the
Vienna Convention.

Rotary became bilingual in 1916, when it organized a **non-English-speaking Club** in Cuba.

Arch Klumph established the "**Rotary Endowment Fund**" in 1917, when the Kansas City, MO Club
donated \$26.50. In 1928, it became The Rotary Foundation.

In 1929, **The Rotary Foundation** made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled
Children.

Rotary first adopted the name "**Rotary International**" in 1922, when the name was changed from the
International Association of Rotary Clubs.

Rotary first established **Paul Harris Fellowships** in 1957, for contributors of \$1,000 to The Rotary
Foundation.

In 1968, the first Rotary **Club banner to orbit the moon** was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a
member of the Houston Space Center Rotary Club.



The first Rotary **convention** was in Chicago in 1910. There were 16 Rotary Clubs.

The first **head of state** to address a Rotary convention was President Warren G. Harding in 1923, in St. Louis.

In 1979, Rotary began a project to immunize six million children against polio in the Philippines. This led to Rotary making **polio eradication** its top priority.

In 1988, Rotary began the **PolioPlus** campaign with an initial fundraising pledge of \$120 million.

Providing vitamin A supplements during polio immunization has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – the "**plus**" in PolioPlus.

Rotary's **fiscal year** began the day after its conventions until 1913. Starting in 1913, it begins on July 1st.

The first Rotary **Boys' Week** was held in New York City in May 1920, by the Rotary Club of New York.

In 1934, Boys' Week became known as Youth Week, and in 1936, **Boys' and Girls' Week**.

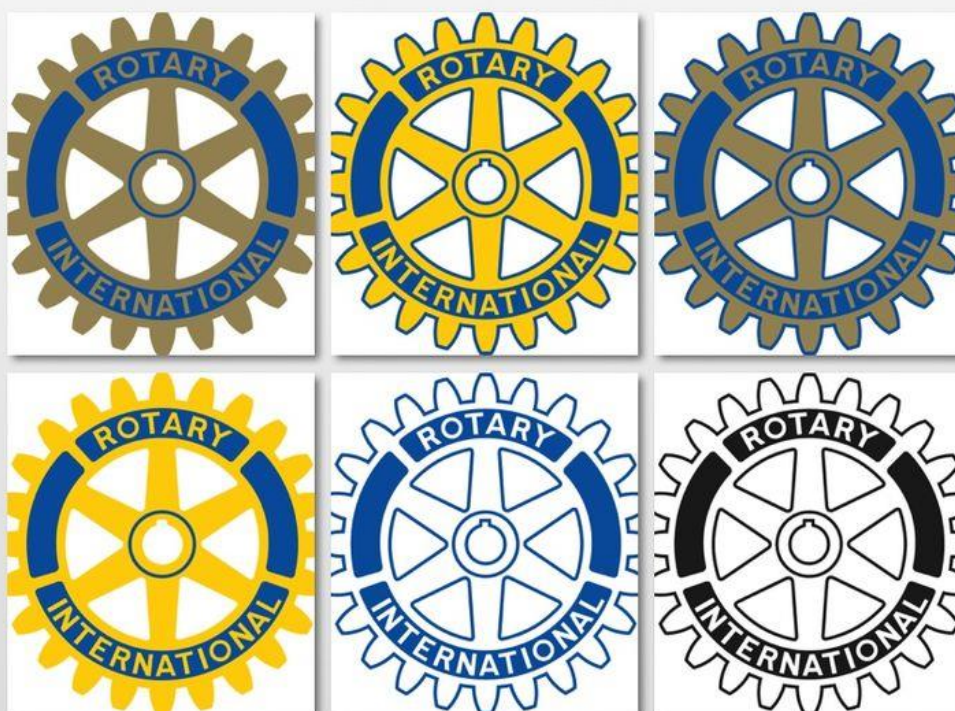
In 2010, **Youth Service** became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service.

During the 1920s and 1930s, Paul Harris traveled extensively, ceremoniously **planting trees** to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

January of 1911 was the first issue of *The National Rotarian*. The name was changed to ***The Rotarian*** in 1912, when Clubs were organized in Canada.

The **largest Rotary Club** is the Oklahoma City Downtown Club with over 600 members.

The fifth Rotary Test: **Is It Fun?**



The current approved version of the Rotary Wheel is the modernized 2013 design featuring 24 teeth, six spokes, and a keyway, standardized in royal blue and gold (or solid gold/white depending on application) as outlined by the Rotary Brand Centre

Polio This Week 14th September 2026

Containment Advisory Group Clarifies Containment Requirements for Polio Virus-Like Particles (VLP)

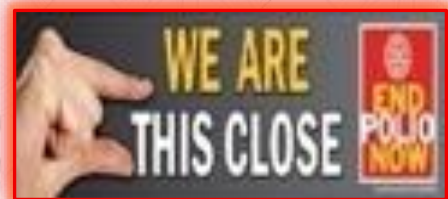
At its recent June 2026 meeting, the Containment Advisory Group (CAG) reviewed the application of poliovirus containment requirements to Polio Virus-Like Particles (VLPs) and related laboratory activities.

Following expert deliberations, the CAG concluded that polio VLPs, as non-infectious and non-replicating particles that do not contain poliovirus RNA, are not subject to poliovirus containment requirements. The CAG also clarified that containment requirements apply only when manufacturers or laboratories perform neutralization testing using live poliovirus, in accordance with the containment measures appropriate to the type of virus handled.

Testing based on pseudoviruses does not fall within the scope of containment requirements. This clarification provides important guidance to vaccine developers, manufacturers, laboratories, and National Authorities for Containment, supporting consistent implementation of the Global Action Plan for Poliovirus Containment while fostering innovation in polio vaccine research and development.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : four WPV1 cases
- Pakistan: three WPV1-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo : five cVDPV2 cases
- Madagascar : one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria : one cVDPV2 case
- Somalia : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



- Men in India have the smallest average shoe size in the world, while Germany and Austria have the largest.
- Identical twins share the same DNA but still have unique fingerprints.
- We also all have a unique tongue print.
- We shed over 30,000 dead skin cells every minute.
- Stomach acid is so strong it can dissolve metal. Don't put this to the test, though.

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

At a party, a woman admonished her husband, saying, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" He shrugged and answered, "Why should it? I keep telling them it's for you."

"I'd like a [bottle of wine](#)," a woman told her waiter. "What year, ma'am?" the waiter replied. She huffed and said, "Well, I'd like it right now."

Why can a hand not be 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot.

What is a lawyer's favorite outfit?

A lawsuit

Why did the sink ask if the toilet was feeling okay?

He looked flushed.

What do you call people who love ceilings?

Ceiling fans



What happened this week in history?



Sept. 14th to Sept. 20th



14th

1716: 1st lighthouse in American colonies lit at Boston Harbor
1899: Henry Bliss becomes 1st automobile fatality in the US (NY)
1901: Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the youngest man to serve as US President
1938: Graf Zeppelin II, world's largest airship, makes its maiden flight

15th

1812: French army under Napoleon Bonaparte reaches the Kremlin in Moscow
1830: First passenger to be killed by a railway train (William Huskisson in England)
1835: HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin on board reaches the Galapagos Islands
1916: 1st use of tanks in warfare, "Little Willies" at Battle of Flers-Courcelette, Battle of Somme

16th

1620: The Mayflower departs Plymouth, England, with 102 Pilgrims, 30 crew for the New World
1795: British capture Capetown, South Africa, from the Dutch
1848: Slavery abolished in all French territories
1869: Golf's 1st recorded hole-in-one by Tom Morris at Prestwick's 8th hole, Scotland

17th

1394: Jews are expelled from France by order of King Charles VI
1598: Dutch sailors discover island of Mauritius
1683: Dutch scientist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is the first to report the existence of bacteria
1900: The Commonwealth of Australia is proclaimed

18th

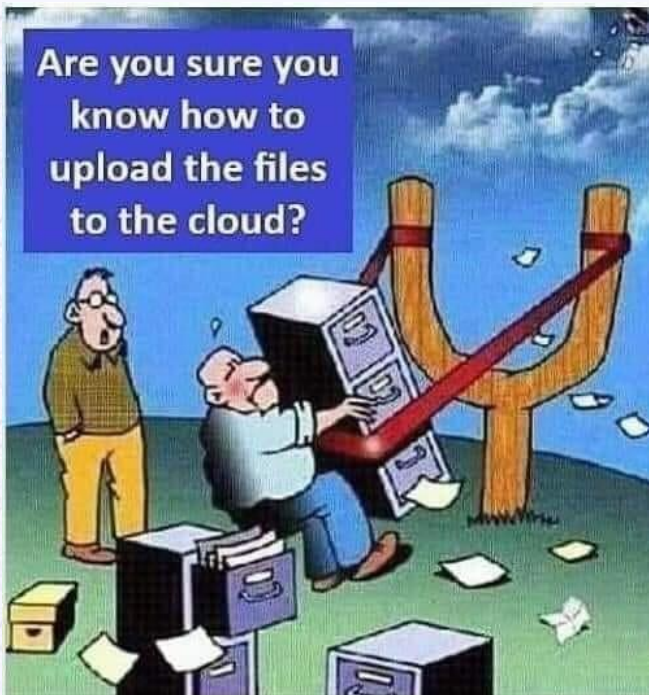
1502: Christopher Columbus lands at Costa Rica on his 4th & last voyage
1793: President George Washington lays the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington, DC
1851: New York Times starts publishing (2 cents a copy)
1947: The Central Intelligence Agency officially, established by President Truman

19th

1879: the Blackpool Illuminations are switched on for the first time.
1888: One of first known modern beauty contests held in Spa, Belgium
1893: New Zealand becomes the first country to grant all women the right to vote
1960: Chubby Checker's "The Twist" hits #1 on the Billboard Hot 100

20th

1519: Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st circumnavigation of the globe
1746: Bonnie Prince Charlie flees to France from Scotland
1860: First British royalty to visit US, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII)
1967: British liner Queen Elizabeth II launched at Clydebank Scotland



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