



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 3

Attended 19

Hon. Member

LOA

Guests 1

Visitors 1

Partners

73.0%

Raffle

Yanti & Chris O

Heads & Tails

Bob T



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact
0414 614 464



No 11 08/09/2025



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

We had a video address by the Rotary World President Francesco Arezzo. He told of his surprise appointment as Rotary World President after the unfortunate resignation of Mário César Martins de Camargo just 2 weeks before taking office.

We were again visited by Colin Brown, brother-in-law to PP James Sharkey. Colin says he is so impressed by our community service that he wished us to accept a monetary donation, which he promptly handed to President Stephen Castelli.

Stephen invited along Sunil Shrestha, proprietor of Bliss Momo's at Wellard Village.

PDG John Iriks reports that the Furniture Factory roster is working well, but added that there is always room for any members to become involved.

Received a message Tuesday am that PP Bevan Piper had passed away. Bevan had been in palliative care after enduring a number of falls at home over the last few weeks and now is at peace.

Bevan's funeral will be held on Wednesday 17th September at 10am at Bowra & O'Dea, Greenfields, Mandurah.



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 01 st	Club Forum
Mon 08 th	Address by the World President (Video)
Mon 15 th	DG visit Veronica Lawrance (Partners Night)
Mon 22 nd	Tamar Anderson Kwinana Reach
Mon 29 th	No Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



ShelterBox

Rotary





President's Report

Kelvin Lemalu was inducted into the club last 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.

Last week a club forum, with a number of interesting discussions.

. BREAD PROJECT.

Stephen has already made contact with Gilmore College, Margaret Court Community Outreach, Frank Konecny Centre and the Salvation Army and Baldivis Bakers Delight to give them an update on the matter. Stephen will advise all the parties involved of this matter and provide them the contact details for Bakers Delight Baldivis 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.

The last Bread pickup will be Friday the 10th of October 2025.

. 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 6th of October.

The club 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.

James Sharkey’s brother-in-Law Colin made a presentation/donation of \$1,020 to the club for the services that they provide.

Colin has been to the Furniture Factory and the Bread Project to see us at work and commented further that if he had seen us in action in his younger days, he would not have hesitated to become a Rotarian.

In Genevieve's absence, the club was reminded that next Monday 15/09 is the DG's visit. Please get your numbers into Karen for this event asap.

Also, a reminder that on Sunday 21/09, the club will be meeting with the Harvey Club at the Curious Cockatoo in Harvey for brunch.

The meal on Monday 22/09 will be roast.

The meal on Monday the 6th of Oct will be Indonesian, and all members are encouraged to come dressed in their Indonesian finery.

This is the night that Stephen and Norm will provide an update on the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project.

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

PE Genevieve Carr

R.I.P. PP Bevan Piper, born May 7th, 1929
Passed away Tuesday 9th September 2025, 96 years.

Bevan joined the RC Harvey Dec. 1993,
was a member for 9 years 6 months, President 1997/98

Joined Kwinana RC 2008, honorary member 2011/ 2025. PHF 2009



Bevan's funeral will be held on Wednesday 17th September at 10am at Bowra & O'Dea, Greenfields, Mandurah.



PP Genevieve Carr September 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Promotion of movie fundraiser for World Polio Day
- Notice of annual city of Kwinana Children's Party on Tuesday 21 October
- Notice of social media workshop in Rockingham on 24 September
- Correspondence from Providence Permaculture regarding greenhouse
- Notice from PolioPlus regarding World Polio Day on Friday 24 October
- RDU Supplies update
- Synergy bill

Outward Correspondence:
none

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 8th Sept. 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina



RYOK Day, 11th September, team were at Gilmore College cooking 1000 sausages for lunchtime.

Sunday 5th October, our next Bunnings BBQ

Tuesday 21st October, BBQ for the Smith Family



Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks

Team 2025/26



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Public Relations
PP Bob Thompson



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



Colin present's
President Stephen
with a donation to
our club



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



PP Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

John M: Something about 'Blood'

Yanti: No money, just a plastic card.

Stephen: Soft drinks and Uber-Eats

Karen: Complaining about parking, sergeant at fault?

Hall cleaner!! Not putting back chairs.

Bill R: Welcome back!!

John I: On phone while President talking!!!

Max B fined the sergeant, something about the quality of fines???

Dockers paid-up for their valiant, almost there effort.

Talking about cooking sausages



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo became president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June.

Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice.

He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations.

He is vice president of the

National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

His partner, Anna Maria Criscione, is an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



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.

The Largest Living Structure on Earth is the Great Barrier Reef

Stretching over 2,300 kilometres, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system.

You can't tickle yourself.

Your brain knows what's coming, so it cancels out the tickly feeling!

Hippos can't swim. Hippos really do have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they're barely buoyant at all. They don't swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or on the sea floor. In fact, hippos can even sleep underwater, thanks to a built-in reflex that allows them to bob up, take a breath, and sink back down without waking.

Polio This Week 8th Sept. 2025

- **GPEI stands with communities in Sudan, Afghanistan and Pakistan, amid devastating landslide, earthquake and floods**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Sudan, Afghanistan and Pakistan, following the devastating landslide affected a village in the Darfur region of Sudan, an earthquake in Afghanistan, and amid the ongoing flood crisis in Pakistan. Emergency relief efforts are continuing, to help alleviate suffering and maintain urgently needed health assistance.

- **Tribute to Professor Tony Adams**

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative mourns the passing of Professor Tony Adams, whose leadership and dedication left an enduring mark on public health in Australia and globally. He was a distinguished public servant, academic, and physician whose tireless work helped shape public health policy and led to major victories against infectious diseases worldwide. As Chief Medical Officer for Australia and later Chair of the WHO Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication, Tony was instrumental in guiding efforts that have brought the world closer to a polio-free future. He chaired the Western Pacific Regional Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication as the Region became only the second one to be certified as polio-free; and was a member of the South-east Asia Regional Commission at the time that Region was certified polio-free. His vision, integrity, and commitment to evidence-based action inspired countless colleagues and set a standard of excellence for generations of public health professionals, nationally, regionally and globally. Beyond his professional achievements, Tony will be remembered for his warmth, kindness, and the joy he brought to those around him. Many recall his ready smile and the way he lifted the spirits of colleagues and friends alike. For his work and service, Professor Adams was awarded numerous awards, including being named a Member of the Order of Australia, in 1998. His passing is a profound loss to the global health community, but his legacy lives on in the progress made against polio and in the lives of those he influenced. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, and we will remember him with gratitude and admiration. [More](#).

- **From GAVI.ORG – Masamba's story with polio**

Click [here](#) to read the inspiring story of five-year old Masamba, affected by polio three years ago in Malawi.

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

- Afghanistan: one WPV1 case
- Pakistan: three WPV1 cases
- Angola: two cVDPV2 cases
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case
- Papua New Guinea: one cVDPV2 case



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

R.I.P. Past President Bevan Piper. 1929 - 2025





Korean War veteran Bevan Piper says he doesn't feel like a hero, but there is an entire nation of people who are keen to adorn him with the label.

The Orelia man was recently presented with an Ambassador of Peace medal by a representative of the South Korean Government in recognition of his service during the Korean War.

After watching his siblings leave for World War II, Mr Piper felt the urge to serve and was taken into the Australian Army at age 18

It wasn't long before he was pulled into his commander's office and told to pack his bags.

"They asked me if I was married, which I was, and then they said, 'well you can have a week's leave because you're going to Korea'," Mr Piper said.

"I knew what I was getting into, and I was honestly pretty scared about heading over there, but I was also pretty happy to be travelling."

The word Busan still sends shivers down the 88-year-old's spine.

Mr Piper said he could smell the South Korean city from miles out to sea and encountered terrible conditions when he arrived.

He worked digging bunkers near the demilitarised zone in -20C temperatures using explosives and petrol fire to melt the ground, which was often frozen 1.8m deep.

While he doesn't like to dwell on the experiences of war, Mr Piper said receiving the medal with five of his fellow servicemen at the Rockingham RSL was a great honour.

The Korean War was fought between June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953, and involved more than 17,000 Australians, 340 of whom were killed, with more than 1500 wounded and 29 taken prisoners of war.

Veterans across the country have been handed the Ambassador of Peace medals following a drive by the South Korean Government to show gratitude for their service.

After 20 years in the Australian Army and a raft of jobs including working for Ansett Australia, Mr Piper now dedicates his time to giving back to the community through the Rotary Club of Kwinana.

The past president of the organisation said the ethos of Rotary resonated well with him.

"We have to do more for each other regardless of the colour of our skin, our religion, or race," he said. (Item from the local paper at the time)



What happened this week in history?



Sept. 8th to Sept. 14th



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

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)

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



"Now how am I supposed to squeeze all my stuff in the little space you've left me?"



When I die, I'm going to leave everything to you.

You already do, you lazy bastard!

Female Comebacks

Man: Haven't I seen you someplace before?
 Woman: Yes, that's why I don't go there anymore.

Man: Is this seat empty?
 Woman: Yes, and this one will be if you sit down.

Man: Your place or mine?
 Woman: Both. You go to yours, and I'll go to mine.

Man: So, what do you do for a living?
 Woman: I'm a female impersonator.

Man: Hey baby, what's your sign?
 Woman: Do not enter.

Man: How do you like your eggs in the morning?
 Woman: Unfertilized.

Man: Your body is like a temple.
 Woman: Sorry, there are no services today.

Man: I would go to the end of the world for you.
 Woman: But would you stay there?

Man: If I could see you naked, I'd die happy.
 Woman: If I saw you naked, I'd probably die laughing.

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

Rotary Club of Kwinana
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