



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
Attended 15
Guests 15
Visitors
Partners 6

62.5 %

Raffle

Heads & Tails



Bulletin

No 11 21/9/2026



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

We held a Memorial Meeting tonight honouring the passing of our respected member Cyril Bennett. Cyril's wife Lynne attended together with six close family members.

Former members who also attended were Peter Schultz, Greg & Marge Williams, Bob & Jo Thompson, Edd & Ann Samut, Kertrina & Stephen Riordan. Other guests were, Damian and Josh Carr, Cathy Sharkey, Deryl Wallhead, Gladys Blogg and Diane Bird.

Family members and club members, both past and present, shared many interesting and humorous anecdotes as they fondly remembered Cyril.

Quite a number of black T shirts with "Team Cyril" on the front were to be seen. One minutes silence remembering Cyril was taken at the end of the meeting.

The BBQ/Sausage Sizzle recently held at Sunrise Primary School turned out to be a bit of a marathon, well done James, Tony, Chris and Andrew who stuck it out and it turned out to be very successful day.

No meeting next Monday, King's Birthday public holiday.



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	Cyril Bennett Memorial
Mon 28th	No Club Meeting	public holiday

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'

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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603





President's Pen

September 14th 2026



At present we are all coming to terms with the sad loss of Cyril Bennett. Cyril was a larger-than-life character – a very genuine and hard-working man with a great sense of humour. My thanks to members, partners, former Club members, and Lynne and family for gathering together this week to share our special memories of Cyril. Details of his funeral will be provided once such information is available.

On Friday 18 September several of our club members, under the direction of Project Manager James Sharkey, held a barbeque at Sunrise Primary School as part of the school's sports day. Many thanks to these folks, especially as the activity lasted significantly longer than originally anticipated.

A reminder that next Monday 28 September will be a public holiday, and thus there will be no Club meeting.

There are numerous activities to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

During October there will be the Train Ride for Polio taking place on World Polio Day (Saturday 24 October); I am also in the process of trying to organize a movie fundraiser for End Polio Now together with the Rockingham clubs.

In November we will have the Kwinana Community Fair, under the direction of the ever-capable PDG John Iriks. December will bring Christmas and all its festivities!

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 21st September 2026
Memorial meeting for Cyril Bennett.





Tony Miller

President 2027/28

September 2026



We as a club are enthusiastic about pursuing further relations and support with the Providence Permaculture Farm School. We are hoping to organise a visit to the school by as many club members as possible directly following the upcoming school holidays.

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli

2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller

Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:



We end our meeting with I minute silence to remember Cyril, our club member and friend





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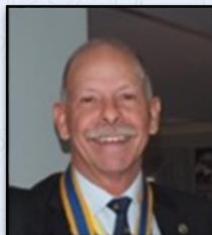


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



Bob C: Hat's off, not in our dress-code!!!

Welcome to past members, Greg Williams, Edd Samut and Bob Thompson.

Pam B: Cryptic jokes quite good, interesting that stationery provided by our Premier.

Greg: Forest Gump 'look-a-like. Pay up, beard looking good.

Honest Max, only one to own-up not wearing a badge.

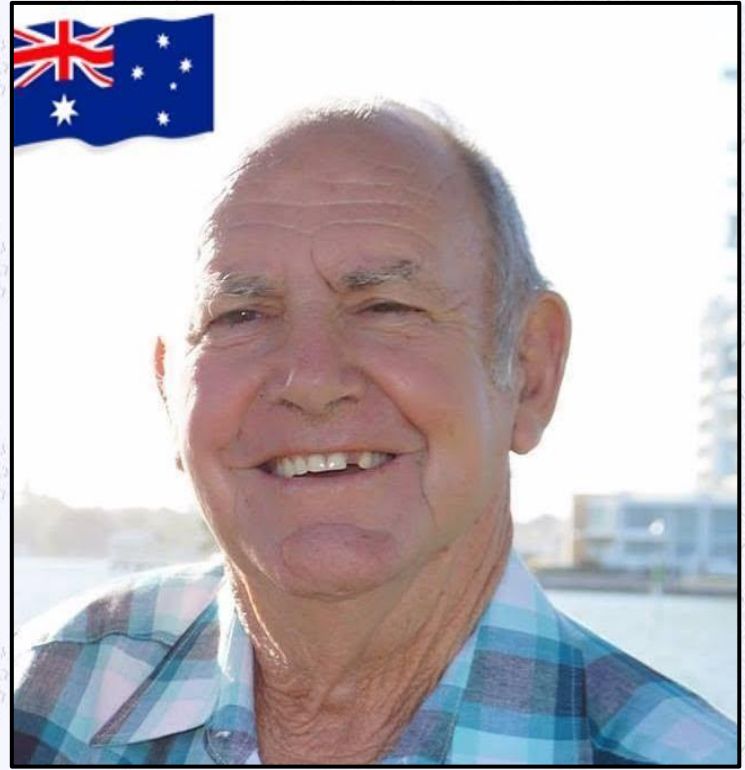
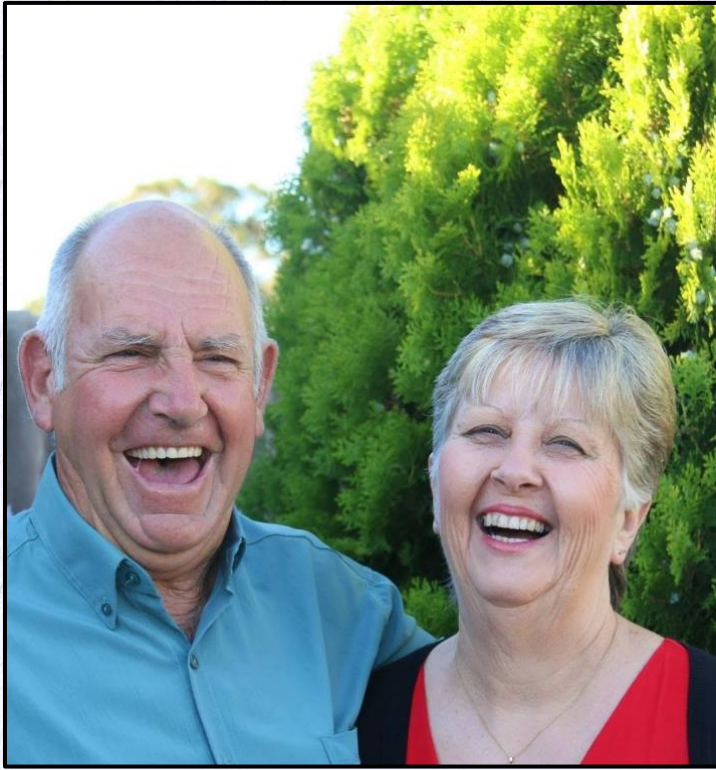
Tony: Assumed the role of 'Donger-Dinger' started the meeting 10 minutes late.

Craig M: Cyril's son-in-law dropped the 'F/Bomb' twice.

Greg W and Max B both turned 80 over last weekend, congratulations and pay-up.

Some photos of how we remember our dear friend and club member.
Rtn. Cyril Bennett 1945/2026 Joined Rotary Oct 31 2016





Polio This Week 21st September 2026

Rotary has helped bring the polio eradication message to a national audience in Uganda following the country's successful closure of its latest variant poliovirus outbreak. In an opinion piece published by the *Daily Monitor*, Uganda's leading independent daily newspaper, Rotary End Polio Now Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa Kenneth Mugisha, reflects on how wastewater surveillance detected the virus before any child was reported paralyzed, enabling a rapid vaccination response. He argues that Uganda's success is both a cause for celebration and a reminder that progress must be protected through sustained vaccination, surveillance and community engagement: the goal is to keep polio invisible by continuing the work that made it invisible in the first place.

21,000 Unvaccinated Children Are Not a Minor Problem, But a Warning Sign

What happens when vaccines become so successful that we forget the diseases they prevent?

Against the backdrop of new immunization data from Germany, Dr Frank Intert of Rotary International reflects on the paradox of vaccination success: as diseases disappear from everyday life, maintaining public awareness, trust and high population immunity becomes even more important. Polio offers a powerful reminder that progress cannot be taken for granted – and that as long as the virus circulates anywhere, the job is not finished.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : two WPV1 cases
- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- DR Congo : two cVDPV2 cases
- Mali : one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria : one cVDPV2 case
- Somalia : two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



BBC Science Focus

Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5 per cent. A [study in 2018](#) found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5 per cent, which can make you feel dizzy, nauseous and cause headaches. They can also increase the pressure in your eyes if on too tight and are great at carrying germs.

Former member PP Greg Williams cuts a cake to celebrate reaching a 'significant birthday'



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PP Max Bird also cuts a cake to celebrate reaching a 'significant birthday'



Birthdays and Anniversaries September 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

James Sharkey	11th
Max Bird	18th
Helen Souter	19th
Peter Zabiela	7th
Damian Carr	17th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

The team at Sunrise Primary School, James, Chris, Tony and Andrew





What happened this week in history?



Sept. 21st to Sept. 27th



21st

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

22nd

1735: Robert Walpole becomes the first British "Prime Minister to live at 10 Downing Street
1896: Queen Victoria surpasses King George III as the longest reigning monarch in British history
1906: In New Zealand Domestic workers call for a 68-hour working week
1955: Commercial television begins in the UK with the launch of ITV

23rd

1561: King Philip II of Spain forbids Spanish settlements in Florida
1879: Baldwin's steam motor tram 1st tried in Sydney Australia
1941: The first gas murder experiments are conducted at Auschwitz. concentration camp
1999: Qantas Flight 1 overruns the runway in Bangkok still the worst crash in Qantas's history

24th

1493: Christopher Columbus embarks on his 2nd expedition to the New World, fleet of 17 ships
1853: 1st round-the-world trip by yacht (Cornelius Vanderbilt)
1869: Black Friday; Wall St panic after Gould & Fisk attempt to corner gold
1952: US fast food restaurant chain "KFC" opens its first franchise in Salt Lake City, Utah

25th

1639: First printing press in America
1804: Twelfth Amendment to the US Constitution, electing the Pres. and VP becomes effective
1878: British physician Dr. Charles Drysdale warns against the use of tobacco, dangers of smoking
1924: Malcolm Campbell sets world auto speed record at 146.16 miles per hour

26th

1580: Francis Drake completes his circumnavigation of the world, aboard the Golden Hind
1665: Height of the Great Plague of London as 7,165 people die throughout the previous week
1907: New Zealand and Newfoundland each become dominions within the British Empire
1950: UN troops in Korean War recapture South Korean capital of Seoul

27th

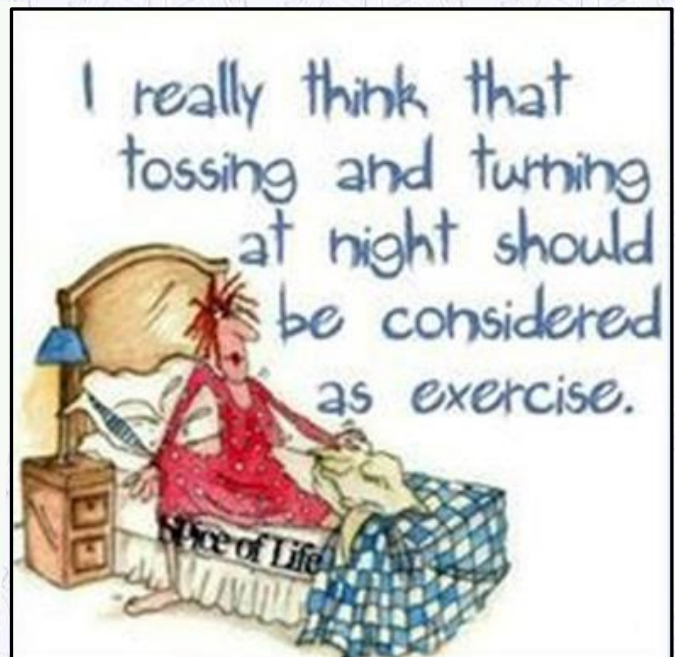
1066: William the Conqueror's troops set sail from Normandy to conquer England
1825: George Stephenson's "Locomotion No. 1" 1st steam locomotive to carry passengers.
1892: Book matches are patented by Diamond Match Company
1908: Henry Ford's first Ford Model T automobile leaves the Piquette Plant in Detroit, Michigan



"Chair to refrigerator. Chair to refrigerator. Chair to refrigerator. Chair to refrigerator. I no longer need to track your phone. Your location is pretty consistent."



Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'.
He said: "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome."
"Is it common?" I asked.
"It's not unusual" he replied.



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