



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 12 05/10/2026



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 15
Guests
Visitors
Partners

62.5 %

Raffle
John W

Heads & Tails
Chris O

Back after a public holiday last week, 15 members attended, no guest speaker. PDG John reports that preparations for the 2026 Rotary Kwinana Community Fair are progressing well with some 90 stalls booked to date. A very good suggestion was made by PP Chris, "perhaps we should be asking for a 'gold coin donation for parking on the oval'" A positive response followed. The fair is scheduled for Saturday 7th November, 10am-2pm, only 4 weeks away. Our sincere thanks must go to past member Kim Beciri who is again handling the stall booking procedures. Thank you to City of Kwinana and Fremantle Ports for their continuing valuable support.

PP Max Bird is off to Timor-Leste for a couple of weeks, have a safe and rewarding trip.

PE Tony is organising a 'busy bee' this Saturday morning at 9am to freshen-up the yard, a big 'thank-you' if you're turning up to assist.

Fathering Project: AJ is looking to include another school into the project.



Rotary International President
2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423
2026/27

Veronica Lawrance
Rotary Club of Mill Point



October: - Community Economic Development

Mon 5th	Club Meeting
Mon 12th	Club Meeting
Mon 19th	Club Meeting David Paine Sunrise School
Sat 24th	The Rotary Train Ride for Polio
Mon 26th	Combined Services Meeting/Rockingham

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

5th October 2026



Greetings to Everyone. Hope folks all enjoyed last week's break due to the long weekend.

Lynne Bennett sent a lovely card thanking us all as a club for the night of fellowship on 21 September as we shared our fond memories of Cyril. Cyril's funeral will be held on Thursday 15 October at 11am at St Vincent's Church, Parmelia; afterwards there will be a social gathering at their home, to which all of us are invited. Lynne has asked that attendees wear blue jeans to the funeral in recognition of Cyril's laid-back nature.

The Rotary Train Ride for Polio will take place on Saturday 24 October, World Polio Day. the plan is for members and friends from Kwinana and Rockingham Clubs to meet at Kwinana Station at 9.30am and travel together on the Perth railway network. Folks are asked to wear their shirts with the logo **End Polio Now** for purposes of promoting the program to the public. Along the way we can stop off at one place for morning tea, stop somewhere else for lunch (we can join folks from Bunbury who will be having lunch at Sienna's Restaurant in Leederville at 1pm), and then have an afternoon coffee at another location. An online sponsorship page has been set up where people can make a tax-deductible donation to End Polio Now. The sponsorship link is <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/2026-rotary-train-ride-for-polio>. Promotional t-shirts can be purchased for \$20.

Our Club has been invited to a Combined Services Meeting in Rockingham on Monday 26 October. Further details to be seen. We will attend this event instead of having our regular Club meeting.

Plans for a joint movie fundraiser night with the Rockingham clubs have been put on hold until early next year. This was agreed upon due to clubs having significant commitments in the weeks ahead.

The year 2027 will be the Centenary year of Rotary in WA. For this reason, the decision has been made that instead of having a regular District Conference, there will be a Rotary WA Centenary Expo in Perth on Saturday 24 April. Clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their significant projects at the Expo.

RYLA: We have an excellent candidate for the 2027 RYLA program. Jazmin Kalmar is a 20-year-old young lady who works at the creche at Kwinana Recquatic; she is also a karate instructor who conducts a range of karate classes. Jazmin has already submitted her application for RYLA.

Rotary Peace Pole Project. A peace pole has been ordered for St Vincent's Primary School. The school has chosen four languages for the peace message based on the school demographics. The languages chosen for the message of *May Peace Prevail on Earth* are English, Noongar, Tagalog (Filipino) and Malayalam (Indian).

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Letter of thanks that we received from St Vincent de Paul in relation to the Furniture Factory.



St Vincent de Paul Society
(WA) INC
good works

ABN: 18 332 550 061

Email: info@sudpwa.org.au
Website: www.vinnies.org.au
Donation Hotline: 13 18 12
Call Centre: 1300 794 054

Genevieve Carr
President Rotary Club of Kwinana
PO Box 118 KWINANA WA 6966

Dear Genevieve,

Rotary Kwinana Furniture Voucher Project Our Kwinana St Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you and your Club members for your initial trial issue to us of furniture vouchers for use at your Furniture Factory.

This has allowed us to be in a position, after undertaking our individual needs assessment process, to pass vouchers on to vulnerable, in- need members of our Kwinana community that have come to us for support.

As of Friday 18 September 2026, the dollar value of your Club's redeemed voucher support is around \$1800. The added non-measurable value, for example, such as voucher recipients no longer having to sleep on make do bedding on the floor, and/or having somewhere to store clothes and other items off the floor, cannot be overlooked.

Voucher recipients have dropped back and relayed to us their appreciation of the support and service they have received from Rotary Kwinana.

Our thanks also for the decision to continue to partner with us at St Vincent de Paul Kwinana with your Club's voucher project for a further period. We have received an additional ten vouchers from you and note your new condition, the setting of an up to \$200 limit on each voucher that we issue.

With our best wishes to you and your members

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Sutton'.

Barry Sutton
President
23 September 2026

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 05th October 2026





Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



Clubhouse:

- The council will carry out a general inspection of the whole property on the 20th October. It was agreed to have a Busy Bee this Saturday starting at 9am to do a tidy up of the grass around the fences, a bit of a whipper snipper here and there and maybe a beer and a snack afterwards.
- All electrical items in the clubhouse are due to have the tags updated we will investigate having a 5-year tag done.

Community pop up hub:

Inga Ward had a 2-year birthday celebration for the Befriend Hosted Pop-Up Community Lounge at John Wellard Community Centre. This was attended by 4+ Kwinana Rotarians thank you for your attendance it highlights our commitment to community projects. Also, it has been suggested we donate some of our books from the Furniture Factory to this Community Lounge. I will continue to nurture the friendship with Inga with further projects she has planned.

Re the 2 labourers that have been a great help to us at the Furniture Factory this past number of months. I have spoken with the insurance case manager responsible for allotting places for her clients and she will endeavour to post two more able bodies to help us out when we lose the current men at the end of November.

Guest Speaker:

Our next guest speaker will be David Paine from Sunrise School has agreed to come along on 19 October to give us a talk. Thanks to Helen Soutar for organising this.

One final item re the Furniture Factory and the vouchers we hand out to the Sallys, St Vinnies etc. one of our customers had a voucher and was provided with a washing machine and a fridge. Both promptly quit working, so we replaced the fridge but didn't have a washing machine. We waited for almost three weeks with no washing machines picked up. On behalf of the club the Board members decided to buy the customer a 2nd hand washing machine from Marketplace (\$75). The machine was delivered on Thursday last week, the very next day I picked up a washing machine from a donor house

PE Tony Miller



PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller

Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:





President
Genevieve Carr



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Project Director
PP James Sharkey

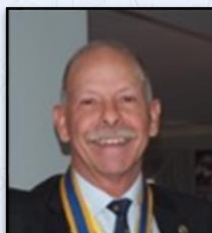


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

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



AJ: Driving behind a Transperth Bus, spotted a huge picture on the back, a rather large man (could have been AJ) sitting in a deckchair wearing 'budgie smugglers'

Pam: Here two weeks in a row, must be worth a fine!!

Tony: Second week in a row, dinged the donger 2 minutes late!!!

JW: Fined because has escaped being fined lately.

Max: Running the Carnarvon Space Centre, new nickname, 'Rocket Man'

Extreme Rotary Club Locations.

- **Northernmost Club:** Barrow, Alaska (above the Arctic Circle)
- **Southernmost Club:** Base Marambio in Antarctica
- **Highest Club:** El Aguilar, Argentina (4,880 meters above sea level)
- **Lowest Club:** El Centro, California (12.2 meters below sea level)
- **Most Remote Club:** Papeete, Tahiti, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean

Always nice to hear from Patricia, our exchange student from Bolivia in 2004
Mum Patricia with her son Facundo.



Hi Eric!! I got lost this time! hehe I was a bit busy with some studies that I'm doing, housework and other business! we are doing well, the weather is getting warmer, summer is coming!! and I just wanted to say hi to you

On September 24, 2026,  Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, celebrated its 216th anniversary of the libertarian uprising (gesta libertaria) with parades, traditional music, and festivities like Expocruz 2026

Bolivia is the fifth-largest country in South America. Bolivia had a population of 11.4 million as of the latest census in 2024.

From: Veronica Lawrance
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 1:19 PM
To: Genevieve Carr
Subject: Subject: Invitation: Showcase Your Club's Legacy at the Rotary WA Centenary Expo

SENT TO ALL ROTARY WA CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS
April 2027 marks an historic milestone: **100 years of Rotary service in Western Australia**. To honour this legacy, we are hosting premier Centenary celebrations from April 15–18, 2027.

We are delighted to invite your Club to be a valuable participant of this celebration at the **District Expo in Forrest Place on Saturday, April 17, 2027**. This is a high-visibility opportunity to showcase your Club's unique impact, share your community projects with the public, and inspire a new generation of Rotarians.

Event Overview

- **Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2027
- **Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Location:** Forrest Place, Perth CBD

Exhibition Support To help your Club present its best professional image, the District will provide free of charge:

- A 3m x 3m marquee with official compliant Club signage (RotaryWA logo and Club name - brand compliant).
- One 180cm trestle table and two chairs.

Exhibitor Guidelines

- **Power & Technology:** The venue is unpowered. Please ensure all digital devices (laptops, tablets) are fully charged and bring portable power banks if required.
- **Visual Displays:** We encourage vibrant banners and posters. We want our Expo to be exciting and interesting to attract members of the public. Please note that all materials must be removed by the end of the event. To help us maintain our relationship with the City of Perth, we ask that you do not use public waste bins for display materials; any cleanup costs incurred will be the responsibility of the participating Club.
- **Staffing:** We recommend a rotating roster of members to ensure your stall remains engaging and energized throughout the day.
- **Regional Travel:** We are currently securing group rates for regional members. Details regarding accommodation and the **Perth Rotary Gala Dinner** (Friday evening at Government House) will be shared shortly.

Further information will be sent to you on receipt of your application

- **Secure Your Place**
- Participation is complimentary, but space is limited. This is a vital opportunity to promote your Club's work and attract new members during a period of significant public interest.
-
- To confirm your attendance, please complete the application form [here](#) at your earliest convenience. Early submission is required to finalise insurance and compliance requirements.
-
- We look forward to celebrating a century of "Service Above Self" and how we "Create Lasting Impact" by showcasing the incredible achievements of your Club.

Veronica

**The Rockingham Rotary Club and the Salvation Army Rockingham
invite your organisation as well as its members and supporters
To Join Us for the Combined Club Services Dinner 2026!**

Monday 26th October 6pm
At Salvation Army in Read st Rockingham

Where we will be celebrating the clubs and organisations within our area and the amazing things they do to make our community a kinder and better place to live.

It will be a night of networking, learning and collaboration as we all come together come to share ideas and build connections.

Rather than a traditional sit-down event, the evening will feature a **convention-style showcase** in a section of the building, with clubs invited to host display tables featuring banners, brochures, photos, project information, and other materials that highlight the impact they are making in our community.

The showcase format is designed to encourage people to move around, meet new people, and learn more about the great work being done by other clubs and organisations. Guests can enjoy a meal, explore the displays, chat with members from other clubs, and take part in raffles and door prize draws throughout the evening. While networking is encouraged, there will also be plenty of seating available for anyone who would prefer to relax, sit down, and enjoy a conversation.

Please RSVP your club's intent to display by the 20th October at 5pm to secrotaryrock@gmail.com and a table/space will be reserved for your use. There is no cost to display.

Booking through <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/combined-club-services-dinner-2026-tickets-2002247689739> or search "Combined Services" on event Brite

Tickets are \$25 per person for the event which includes entry, food and drinks as well as entry into the door prize. **Booking closes on the 17th of October.**

All members, supporters and friends are welcome to attend.

(bulk bookings and payments can be arranged if required – (please contact secrotaryrock@gmail.com or sara@signingaustralia.com.au)

Helping Build a Stronger, Better Community Partnerships

COMBINED SERVICES DINNER 2026

SHOWCASE YOUR CLUB
Bring Banners, brochures, photos and other materials to highlight your club's activities

Monday 26th October

Salvation Army Rockingham
Read St, Rockingham

Event Starts 6pm
Set up from 5.15 pm

cost is \$25
ticket through eventbrite
by 17th October

MEET ENGAGED PEOPLE | SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY | LEARN SOMETHING NEW | MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

All members are welcome to attend this evening of learning, networking and strengthening our community partnerships

For more information contact Sara - sara@signingaustralia.com.au

Polio This Week 05th October 2026

WHO appoints Chris Wolff as Director of Polio Eradication

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) has [appointed Mr Chris Wolff as Director of Polio Eradication at WHO](#), bringing one of the program's most experienced operational and strategic leaders back to the Organization at a pivotal moment for global eradication efforts. The WHO polio eradication director also serves as the Chair of the Strategy Committee for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. With more than two decades of experience across polio eradication, immunization and global health, Chris has helped shape some of the program's most significant achievements – from supporting India's successful interruption of wild poliovirus transmission and leading WHO's global polio outbreak response and surveillance teams, to most recently advancing routine immunization, innovation and health systems strengthening at the Gates Foundation. Starting his new position, Chris emphasized that the program's greatest strength remains its partnership. "One of the greatest privileges of this role is the opportunity to work alongside governments, WHO colleagues, UNICEF, CDC, the Gates Foundation, Gavi, donors and our extraordinary friends at Rotary International, whose commitment has inspired this effort for decades. Above all, I look forward to supporting the frontline health workers and national program teams. They are the true heroes of polio eradication."

Helen Rees, long-time polio fighter and IHR EC chair, honoured with lifetime achievement award

Professor Helen Rees, Chair of the IHR Emergency Committee on polio eradication, was awarded the prestigious South Africa National Research Foundation (NRF) 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award, the NRF's highest honour, for her outstanding contributions to public health, not least of course to polio eradication. [More](#).

What polio investments can achieve beyond eradication – example Iraq

During the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, and as the first country in the region to complete polio transition, Iraq is showing how investments made for polio eradication can deliver lasting public health benefits, strengthening health system resilience, surveillance, laboratories and immunization systems. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : three WPV1 cases and 14 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic (CAR): one cVDPV2 case
- Chad : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- DR Congo : three cVDPV2 cases
- Libya : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case
- Somalia : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Pam Brookes 7th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob And Wendy Cooper 13th 25 years



Club Anniversaries:

Cyril Bennett RIP, would have been a member 10 years 31st

Congratulations

We all know that Marge Williams is a ' long-time feline appreciation fan' but this is a bit extreme!!!



Out-of-This-World and Polar Milestones

- **To the Poles:** Admiral Richard Byrd carried a Rotary flag over the South Pole in 1922 and the North Pole in 1926.
- **To the Moon:** In 1968, astronaut and Houston Space Centre Rotary Club member Frank Borman carried the first Rotary Club banner into lunar orbit.



What happened this week in history?



Oct. 05th to Oct. 11th



05th

1793: French Revolution: Christianity is disestablished in France.
1864: Most of Calcutta destroyed by cyclone, approx. 60,000 die.
1905: Orville and Wilbur Wright's make a circling flight on "Flyer III" of 24.2 miles
1947: Harry Truman makes the 1st Presidential address televised from the White House

06th

1762: British troops occupy Manila, Philippines
1889: Thomas Edison shows his 1st motion picture
1903: The High Court of Australia sits for the first time.
1956: Scientist Albert Sabin announces that his oral polio vaccine is ready for testing

07th

1737: A cyclone causes 40-foot waves that are believed to have killed 300,000 in Calcutta, India
1916: The German sub-U-53 arrives off Newport, Rhode Island, and sinks 9 British merchant ships
1919: First London-Amsterdam airline service (British Aerial Transport & KLM)
1942: US & UK government announce establishment of United Nations

08th

1769: Captain James Cook lands in New Zealand at Poverty Bay on the East Coast, North Island
1818: Jack Broughton designed padded gloves first used in a competitive boxing match
1874: The Great Chicago Fire kills estimated 300 people and destroys over 4 sq miles of buildings
1971: John Lennon releases his megahit single "Imagine"

09th

1651: English parliament passes Navigation Act
1804: Hobart in Tasmania founded
1855: American inventor Isaac Singer patents sewing machine motor
1876: 1st 2-way telephone conversation, 1st over outdoor wires

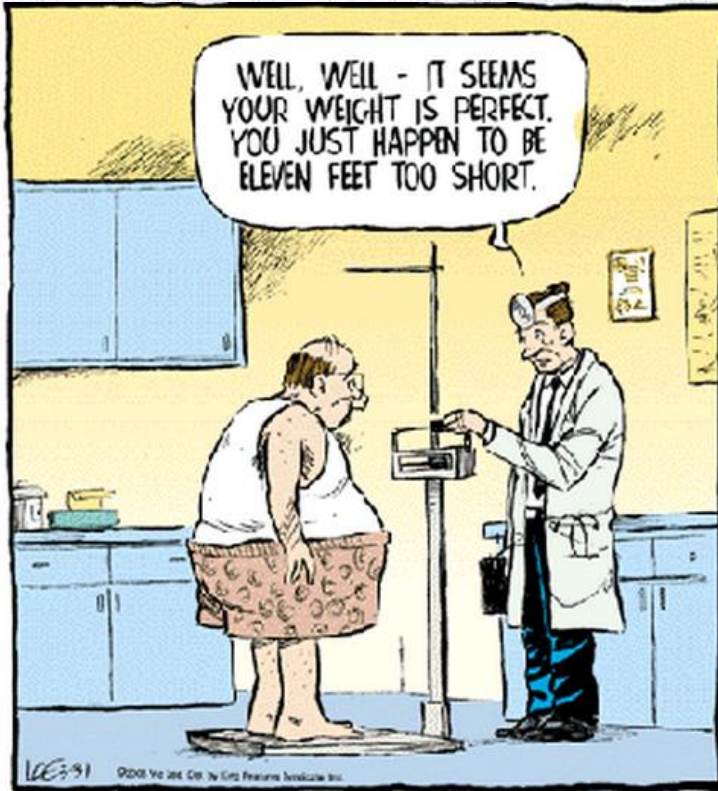
10th

1802: 1st non-Indian settlement in Oklahoma
1865: John Wesley Hyatt patents the billiard ball made from cellulose nitrate (celluloid)
1871: The Great Chicago Fire is finally extinguished after 3 days
1928: Chiang Kai-shek becomes Director of the State Council of China

11th

1811: The Juliana, 1st steam-powered ferryboat, begins operation
1852: The University of Sydney, Australia's oldest university, is inaugurated in Sydney.
1881: David Houston patents roll film for cameras
1930: Collingwood FC won the VFL premiership for the fourth consecutive year.

A Man tells his doctor, "Doc help me, I'm addicted to Twitter"
The Doc replies, "Sorry but I don't follow you"



A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."
His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all his beer.

VERY FRIENDLY FRIENDS

A sailor came home from a two-year mission only to find his wife with a newborn baby. Furious, he was determined to track down the father to extract revenge.
"Was it my friend Sam", he demanded.
"No !" his weeping wife replied. "Was it my friend Jim then?" he asked.
"NO !!!" she said even more upset.
"Well which one of my no-good friends did this then?" he asked.
"Don't you think I have any friends of my own?" she snapped.

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