



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

Attended 18

Hon. Member

LOA

Guests

Visitors 1

Partners 5

72.0%

Raffle

Soren & John W

Heads & Tails

John M



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact
0400 837 603



No 12 15/09/2025



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

Tonight was the official visit by our 9423 District Governor Veronica Lawrance, Veronica is very personable, interesting conversationist and very passionate about her Rotary position.

Veronica gave us a ppt presentation highlighting the paths club's need to take to rescue the 30% membership decline that has been occurring since 2012. 'The only constant in our lives is change'

The mobile phone the club has and primarily used at the Furniture Factory and has the number: 0400 837 603, this number is to be the primary contact number for all incoming club contacts or business. The number has now been updated on all our platforms including Google.

Change of venue: On Sunday 21/09, the club will now be meeting for brunch with the Harvey Club at the Stirling Cottage Gardens & Café.

16 Kwinana Rotary members and 10 partners were among many more who travelled to Mandurah at 10am on Wednesday 17th September 2025 to attended the funeral of PP Bevan Piper.



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)
Sun. 21 st	Brunch at the Stirling Gardens Café, Harvey.
Mon 22 nd	Tamar Anderson Kwinana Reach
Mon 29 th	No Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



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President's Pen

September 15th 2025



President's Report

We welcomed District Governor Veronica Lawrance to the meeting.

Veronica gave us a rundown on her plans for the year and provided our club clear direction on what she wants from us.

Veronica has asked us to target 4 new members for the year.

We all agreed that this is doable. DG Veronica then reminded us that it is not the job of the Membership Director to achieve this, but rather it is every individual's responsibility to assist in increasing and retaining membership.

Another takeaway from DG Veronica was, rather than invite potential Rotarians to an 'ordinary' meeting, consider inviting them to a fellowship event or some other such event, so that they can get a sense of the "fun" and sense of action that can be found in being a member.

Many thanks to Terry and Tish, Alan, John M and Yanti, the students were amazing to work with at the recent RUOK Day BBQ at Gilmore College.

.BREAD PROJECT:

Just a reminder that 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.

Note: Post the meeting, Steve Riordan effectively gave notice of his intention to cease meals immediately. In other words, there will be NO Meal on Mon 22/09 and going forward.

The board is looking at other options, and any suggestions or requests should be channelled through our Club Services Director Genevieve.

In Genevieve's absence, the club was reminded that Sunday 21/09, the club will be meeting with the Harvey Club at the Stirling Cottage Garden & Café, 1 James Stirling Place in Harvey for brunch. This is as a result of the Curious Cockatoo advising that they are no longer open on Sundays. Time is still 11:00

On Monday the 6th of Oct Stephen and Norm will provide an update on the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project.

We remembered PP Bevan Piper during the meeting with a toast, and all were reminded of the funeral to be held in Mandurah on Wed 17/09.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26



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



Brunch with Harvey Club on Sunday 21 September: Change of venue++

Due to the owners of the Curious Cockatoo café deciding to close shop on Sundays, Robyn Coleman did a quick think and organised for us to go to the Stirling Cottage café. See details below from Robyn.

Confirming that we are booked into Stirling Cottage Café and Gardens this coming Sunday <https://www.facebook.com/StirlingCottageKitchen/>

South Western Highway, 1 James Stirling Pl, Harvey WA 6220

Coming down South West Highway, you'll have deaccelerated from a 90kph sign down to 70kph as you crest a small hill. The turn off to James Stirling Place is on your left just past the Internment Camp and clearly signposted, just before the small bridge.

We'll be at the turn off and to greet you just before 11am and show you where your bus can park. Stirling Cottage Café is a beautiful spot, with an excellent cook and parking for a bus / coach as well as cars and beautiful gardens to wander through if the day is fine.

PE Genevieve Carr

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."



PP Genevieve Carr September 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- World Polio Day reminder
- Invitation to webinar on Saturday 4 October regarding polio eradication
- Update from Kolbe College re Eye Contact exhibition
- Request for assistance from Department of Housing
- Rotary WA Found-Up #34
- Invoice for services to First Aid kit
- Letter of condolences on passing of Bevan Piper from Rotary Club of Harvey
- Rotary Down Under

Outward Correspondence:
none

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 15th Sept. 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina



You may think the Caesar salad comes from Italy, but it was actually created in Tijuana, Mexico by Italian immigrant and restaurateur Caesar Cardini. On the evening of July 4, 1924, Cardini, the owner of Caesar's Place, was under pressure to serve an influx of Californians who were looking for a break from Prohibition. On the fly, he whipped up a salad using romaine lettuce and whatever ingredients he had, including garlic-flavoured oil, eggs, Parmesan cheese, lemons and Worcester sauce. Word travelled fast and the Caesar salad became a sensation from coast to coast.



Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks

Team 2025/26



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy

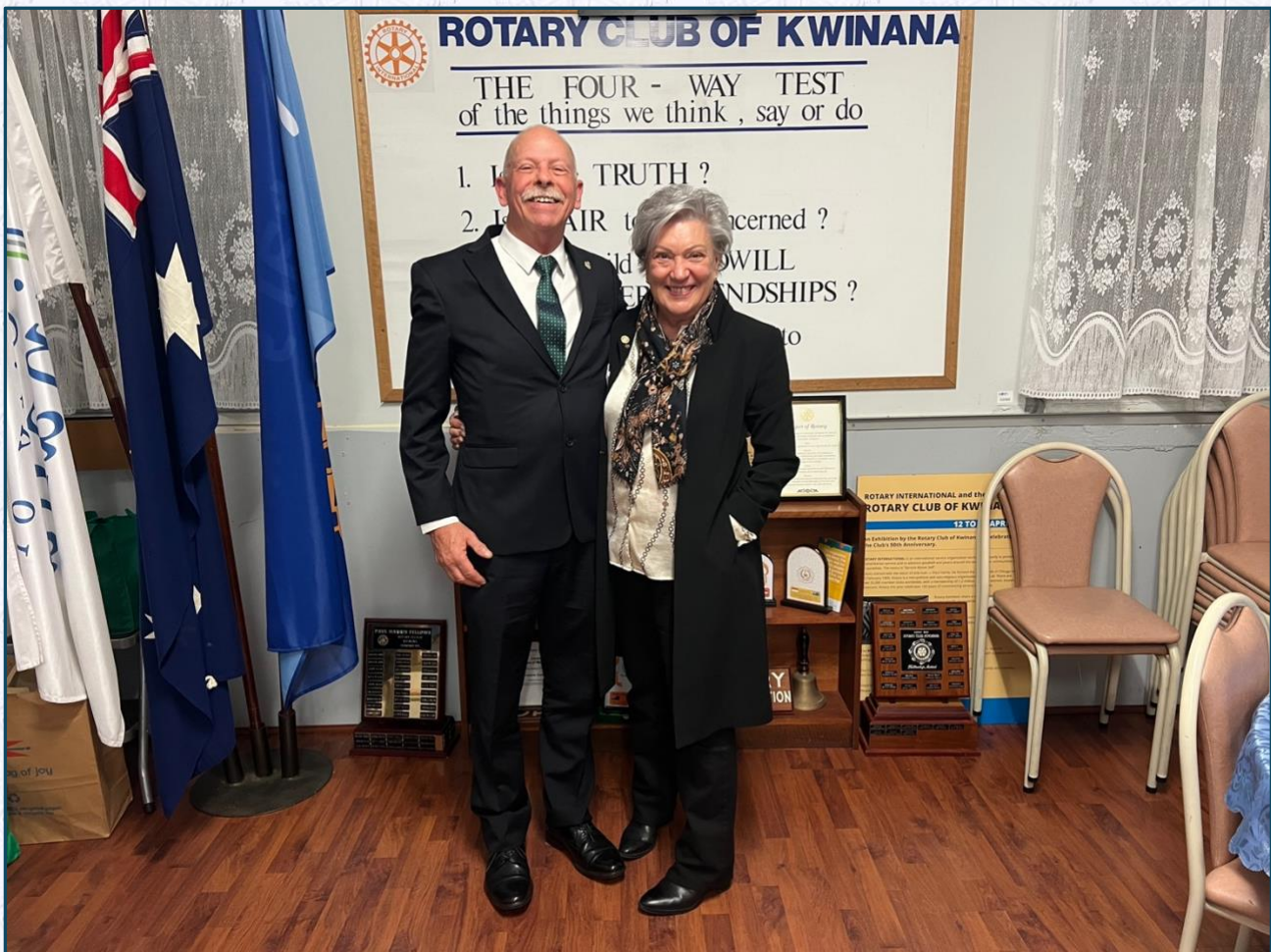


Public Relations
PP Bob Thompson



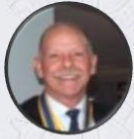
Events Manager
PDG John Iriks

Pres. Stephen with DG 9423 Veronica Lawrance on the occasion of her official 2025 visit





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



PP Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

Chris O: Kwinana Council Elections???

John I: something about the tow-ball on trailer??

John I: Club mobile phone 'flat' on Thursday.

Stephen: Leaving rubbish at the Furniture Factory.

James S: Congratulations on a significant Birthday.

DG Veronica: How many platforms? Tick-Tok, face book

Soren: Thought he was cutting bread tonight??

The 'Male Table won all three prizes tonight!!!

John M: Lost his phone, 1974 Samsung!!!

John I: Went to Canberra, something about a 'warm bed'??

PP Bevan Piper joins Rotary Kwinana June 22nd 2003





Guest Speaker: Veronica Lawrance
District Governor Rotary WA



The only constant in our lives is change

- 30% membership decline (2012–2025) in WA
- Australia-wide decline: 49% over two decades.
- Aging membership base
- Recruiting younger generations difficult.
- RotaryWA faces declining membership and evolving community needs.
- The average age on members in Rotary WA is 70+
- We need to: Re-imagine, Re-engage, Re-build
- Increase membership, Decrease fees, Build our Public Image, Modernise Rotary.

Regionalisation Pilot Issues:

- Pilot set up with a Regional Council (RC) as driver
- The Pilot has not had the expected results
- Rotary Community Groups (RCGs) and Rotary Community Leaders (RCLs) not fully engaged
- Disconnect between RC and District
- RCLs role unclear.

Strategic Focus:

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| 2025-2026: | 2026-2027: |
| Assessment & Redirection: | • Strengthening Membership & Partnerships |
| • Optional Club Models | 2027 & Beyond: |
| • Public Image | • Leadership & Sustainability |
| • Re-set of RCL's Role | |

Optional Club Models:

- Satellite Clubs: Flexible meetings for younger professionals.
- Corporate Clubs: Formed within businesses to encourage CSR.
- Cause-Based Clubs: Focused on passions like mental health, sustainability. Hybrid & Online Clubs: Remote access for professionals.
- University & Young Professional Clubs.

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| • Improve Public Image. | * | Increasing and strengthening Membership |
| • RCL Training and Roles. | * | Increase membership of Rotary in WA by 20%. |
| • Leadership & Sustainability. | * | Let's call that 4 new members - per club in one year |

Next Steps

- **Public Image** - real necessity to create awareness
- Build a **Communications** plan
- Understand our **uniqueness** so that local challenges are met
- Identify **opportunities** to connect, learn, and grow together
- Acknowledge and continue to support RCL's via collaboration **BUT be willing to change what is not working**
- **Share** best practices, insights and initiatives
- **Create simple** action plans with RCLs which align to the growth of each club

There is **NO** one-size fits all



Polio This Week 15th Sept. 2025

WHO Regional Director, Western Pacific, in Papua New Guinea to support polio response

Dr Saia Mau Piukala, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, visited Papua New Guinea's [Western Highlands Province](#), to reinforce commitment for the ongoing polio outbreak response and spotlight the importance of integrated, community-driven health services. On a visit to [Jiwaka Province](#), the Regional Director further supported efforts to stop the outbreak, strengthen routine immunization and health services, including to support school-based vaccinations and health partnerships.

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

- Algeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases; two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples; and, one cVDPV3 case
- Nigeria: four cVDPV2 cases
- Somalia: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Tanzania: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



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

RYOK Day BBQ on Thursday 11th September at Gilmore College



The funeral of PP Bevan Piper, 1929/2025 held on Wednesday 17th September 2025





What happened this week in history?



Sept. 15th to Sept. 21st



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

21st

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Greater Geraldton



**Rotary Four-Way Test
Public Speaking
Competition - Year 10**

State Final

**Batavia Hall, Geraldton Grammar School
5:30 PM 20th September 2025**



<https://www.trybooking.com/DEYWV>
(For Catering - No Charge)

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Dear Rotarians & Partners, Friends of Rotary, Parents, Teachers and Students

Join us for the Rotary Four-Way Test Public Speaking Competition 2025 – Year 10 State Final - in Geraldton!! Enjoy an evening with 5 talented students from Western Australian schools delivering inspiring speeches incorporating Rotary's ethical principles.

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 + PM

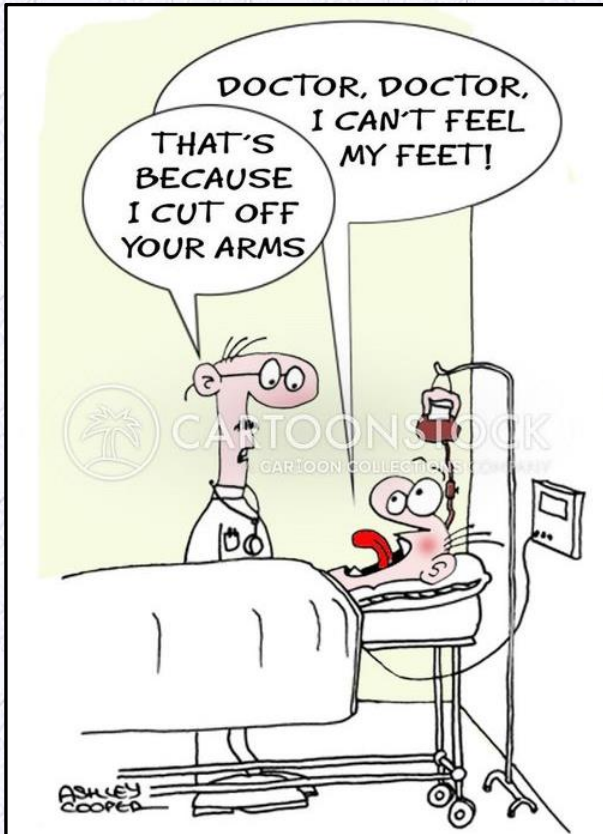
Venue: Batavia Hall, Geraldton Grammar School, 134 George Road, Geraldton

Celebrate the speaking skills of Year 10 finalists, enjoy an exhibition speech by our Year 6 winner, and honour the legacy of this program, initiated in 1989 by Past District Governor Fred Marsh. Certificates, prizes, and perpetual trophies will be presented by distinguished guests, including District Governor Veronica Lawrance, PDG Fred Marsh, Mayor Jerry Clune and Kirralee Warr MLA.

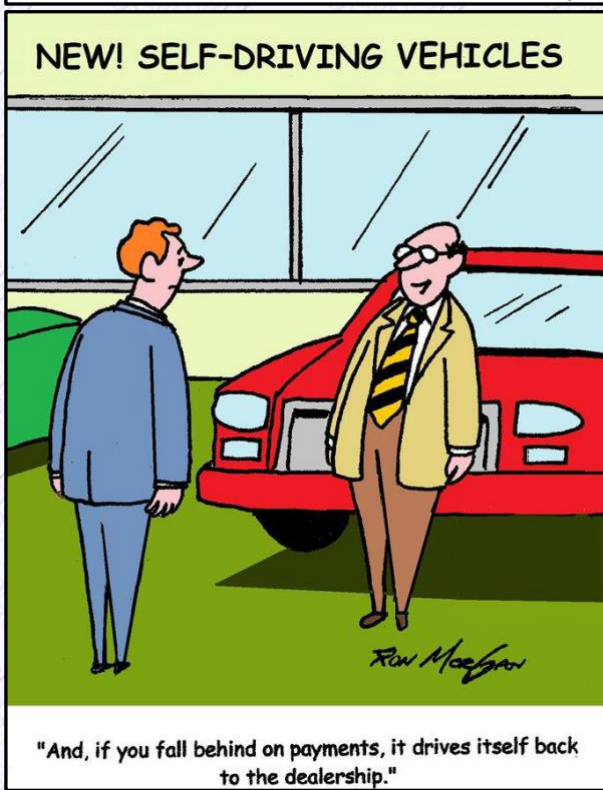
Students bring fresh perspectives, addressing pressing issues like the problem with plastics, social media's impact on youth, and dementia care, while weaving in the Four-Way Test's values: truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. Their speeches inspire critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and hope for a better future, engaging audiences with passion and insight.

Arrive at 5:30 PM for a 6:00 PM start. Enjoy a variety of platter-style nibbles and fellowship afterwards.

Please book at <https://www.trybooking.com/DEYWV> or use QR Code (for catering – no charge)



"The small neat scar was from the surgery. The long jagged scar is where I sneezed."



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 2025
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