The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



Bulletin

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

Interesting meeting, guest speaker Sharon Crean. Sharon Crean is the Co-Founder and CEO of BeyondWater, a registered non-profit organisation that partners extensively with Rotary Clubs across Australia and New Zealand to combat water poverty. Alongside her husband, Pete Crean, Sharon launched the charity in 2007. Together, they spent over a decade based in Nairobi, Kenya, empowering local communities and providing safe drinking water and essential sanitation facilities. Today, their initiative ensures that around 240,000 people every day have access to clean water across schools, medical clinics, and remote East African communities.
Sharon and Pete are active Rotarians themselves, associated with the Rotary Club of Pohutukawa Coast in New Zealand. Because BeyondWater relies heavily on the generosity and fundraising of Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract networks, the Creans frequently travel to present their progress and survival stories.

On Thursday 15th October we attended the funeral of our dear friend and Rotarian Cyril Bennett. Rotary Members formed a 'Guard of Honour' as the casket left the church. Former member's Paul Durant and partner Kim Beciri were recently inducted into the Rotary Club of Katanning.



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 Sharon Crean/BeyondWater
Thurs 15th	Funeral Service for Rtn Cyril Bennett.
Mon 19th	Club Meeting
Sat 24th	The Rotary Train Ride for Polio
Mon 26th	Combined Services Meeting/Rockingham

Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week	
Total Members	24
Apologies	
Make-up	
Attended	13
Guests	2
Visitors	
Partners	

65.2 %

Raffle
Eric

Heads & Tails
John I

Find us on Facebook

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 12th October 2026



Welcome to everyone. A special welcome to guest speaker Sharon Crean and her daughter Liz.

Cyril Bennett's funeral will take place on Thursday 15 October at 11am at St Vincent's Church Parmelia. Lynne has asked that folks wear jeans to the funeral in recognition of Cyril's relaxed nature. After the funeral Mass there will be a gathering at Cyril and Lynne's home at 21 Adamson Rd, Parmelia.

The Rotary Train Ride for Polio will take place on Saturday 24 October, World Polio Day.
The plan is for us to meet at Kwinana Station at 9.30am, and travel with members from Rockingham and Palm Beach Clubs.
This should be a very social day, with the opportunity to catch up with Rotarians from other clubs who are participating in the event.
One social opportunity is to join with members from Bunbury who are planning to have lunch at Sienna's Restaurant in Leederville at 1pm. From 6pm onwards there will be social drinks at the Island Bar hotel at Elizabeth Quay.
Please register to attend via the QR code on the poster. This is important so that participants will be covered by Rotary Insurance throughout the day.

The Combined Services dinner with Rockingham clubs and other local service organisations will take place on Monday 26 October.
We will be attending this instead of having a regular Club meeting for that night.
The evening will largely be a networking event. Please register your attendance via **Eventbrite** by Saturday 17 October. The cost for the dinner will be $25. Booking is through https://www.eventbrite.com.au/combined-club-services-dinner-2026-tickets-2002247689739 or search "Combined Services" on Eventbrite.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

The Gear Wheel Needed a "Keyway": Rotary's iconic emblem is a 24-cog gear wheel. When it was officially adopted in 1923, a group of mechanical engineers pointed out that the gear was mechanically unsound because it lacked a "keyway" (a slot in the centre to attach it to a drive shaft). They promptly added one later that year.

Deep Involvement in the United Nations: In 1945, 49 Rotarians served as delegates, advisors, or consultants to 29 different committees helping draft the original United Nations Charter.

The Four-Way Test Was a Rescue Plan: The famous Rotary "Four-Way Test" of business ethics was created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who used it to help rescue a struggling aluminium company out of bankruptcy. He later became Rotary International President.

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 12th October 2026



President Genevieve with guest speaker Sharon Crean and Liz Crean



Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



The Busy Bee Day attendance was disappointing, but thanks to Terry and Chris for joining me at the clubhouse on Saturday morning fully locked and loaded with whipper snippers and spare batteries. My apologies to Chris for turning up with coffee instead of beer ☺.

Thanks to the members that attended the 1-year Pop Up Community anniversary meeting at the William Bertram Community Centre last Wednesday.

Don't forget its world polio day on the 24th of October and some of us are going to attend the train ride on that day leaving Kwinana station at 09:30am, see Geneveive for details.

PE Tony Miller

PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller





Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:

PP Max Bird is currently in Timor-Leste





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

Rotary
SERGEANT AT ARMS

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



Terry: Nicked my Wipa-Snipa at the busy-bee

Bob C: Pinched my beer when I wasn't looking.

Tony: Promised us a beer at the busy-bee, still waiting?

Chris O: All-Blacks, the winners, now for the Springboks'

Tony: Furniture Factory. Pinched the truck, Chris supposed to be driver??

Chris O: Something about being 'colour-blind'

John I: Right up with Bendigo Bank Issues, must have a 'connection'

No Dues at First: The very first Rotary club had no annual dues—they funded all club operations and expenses using 50-cent fines collected at meetings.

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

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.



Guest Speaker: **Sharon Crean**
BeyondWater



BeyondWater Global

We are a not-for-profit organization working across East Africa. Our focus is on ensuring schools, medical clinics and remote communities have access to safe, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities.
Our Beginning:

In November 2007, Pete and Sharon Crean were living in Sydney, Australia. They were presented with the fact that one billion people don't have access to safe, clean drinking water and another two billion people don't have the use of a toilet. They gathered a team of volunteers who were enthusiastic about acting to alleviate poverty in East Africa, and Beyond**Water** was established.

In 2012 they moved to Nairobi, Kenya to build a team of nationals who they would work alongside them to expand the work further. Slowly, a team was built and the work expanded even further.

Boards were established in Kenya and New Zealand, in addition to the one in Australia.

In 2021, Mary Mwikali took the lead role of Africa Director.

2023 saw a Board of Directors and a 503(c) founded in the USA.

To raise the living standards and reduce mortality rates for communities in East Africa through the provision of safe, clean, and sustainable drinking water and sanitation facilities.

To date, we have assisted over 240,000 people receive clean water and sanitation facilities – EVERY DAY. We are supporting more than 170 girls in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda to receive sanitary products and mentorship through The Girl Project

Schools are the hub of the community. This is where students are educated, parents meet, children are fed and events happen. Unfortunately, only 30% of schools across East Africa have access to adequate sanitation facilities.

We work alongside school communities, so they become self-sufficient and have good access to water and toilets. Several visits are made to assess the needs of the school and have a working plan forward. When funds are in, we start the building process.

School projects include latrines (toilets), water tanks, guttering, health education programs, desktop water filters and mentoring programs. At times, we see extra needs of the school like textbooks or learning materials and where we can, we assist.

When we work at schools, we employ locals to be a part of our teams. We also buy as many goods as possible from the nearest town. Thus, we build into the local economy and upskill people who can then get further employment with what they have learnt.

Our key focus areas are schools, medical clinics, and remote communities across 7 countries in East Africa – Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and the DRC.

We work alongside community groups who already have proven themselves on making an impact in their local area. The needs are identified and together we work on simple, effective solutions. Locals are employed in labour, catering, goods are sourced from businesses in the area – all contributing to creating self-sustaining communities.
https://beyondwater.global/

According to UN WATER (2024):

- 2 billion people globally do not have access to safely managed drinking water.
- 1,000 children under the age of 5 die every day due to unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene.
- In order to achieve SDG 6, water and sanitation for all by 2030, there must be a six-fold increase in drinking water progression, a five-fold increase in sanitation, and a three-fold increase in hygiene.
- To ensure that the most basic needs are met, and public health risks are maintained at a low level, approximately 50 litres of water is required per person per day.
- 207 million people travel over 30 minutes round trip to collect water.
- Water and sanitation related diseases cost up to 5% GDP due to loss of productivity in many countries.
- If universal access to safe sanitation, hygiene, and drinking water were achieved, the global disease burden would be decreased by 10%.
- 783 million people do not have access to clean water and almost 2.5 billion do not have access to adequate sanitation.



We have identified several Rotary Clubs within East Africa who are willing to partner with other clubs to apply for Global Grants. If this is of interest to you, please email our East Africa Director, Mary Mwikali – marymwikali@beyondwater.global for more details.
How to partner with us:

- Apply for a District Grant
- Apply for a Global Grant
- Send a team of Rotarians to come and build a block of toilets
- Bring a team of volunteers to get involved with one of our projects
- We can consult on a project you're involved in across East Africa
- Have us speak at your club
- Hold a fundraiser on behalf of Beyond**Water**
- Mention us in your newsletter
- Donate a water filter for a school



Link to donate: https://raise.rotary.org/en-GB/project/2026-rotary-train-ride-for-polio

Ride The Train - Next Stop Polio Eradication!

Ride a train of your choice which stops at every station on your selected line(s).
Rotary clubs may sponsor riders $1 - $10 per station.
Individuals can sponsor $1 per station
Rotarians will be wearing their Polio T-Shirt all day.

The Challenge

8.00am to 6.00pm
World Polio Day
24 October 2026

When

Don't get on and off at each station.
Please do not fundraise on rains or station property.
Try not to block carriage doors.
Enter the train and sit.
Take photos in between stations.
Talk to people - but don't ask for money.

The Rules

Rotary remains committed to Ending Polio, and aims to completely eradicate the disease *poliomyelitis* through the vaccination of children throughout the world.
Today there are cases identified in Afghanistan and Pakistan and our aim is for a Polio Free world.
In order to achieve this, we need to **create awareness** to raise funds.
RotaryWA aims to make people aware of our campaign to 'End Polio Now' over the next 12 months.
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match any funds we raise.
We invite you to join us either by riding the trains throughout the WA Railway network
OR to wear an End Polio T-shirt all day on **Saturday 24 October** to **create awareness** of this campaign and **show the impact we have made** in fighting this insidious disease.
Council House will be lit up **RED** to help us.

The journey will begin from 8.00am and ends at 6.00pm in Elizabeth Quay where we hope to have our photo taken in our End Polio T-shirts.

Register your participation and together let's make Polio a thing of the past
https://bit.ly/4j8Cgc9
or scan the QR code

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)



Polio This Week 12th October 2026

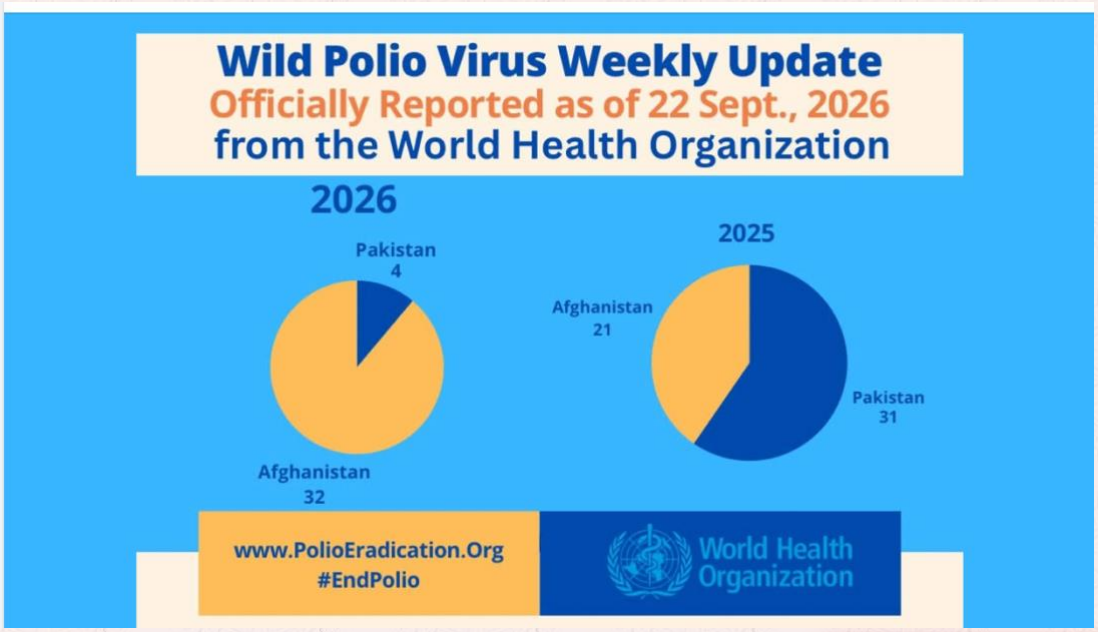
Rotary in action – protecting children in Pakistan
In Pakistan, Rotary's contribution to polio eradication goes far beyond fundraising. Working alongside the national program and partners, Rotarians are helping bring vaccines and other essential health services closer to communities, build trust with families and reach children who might otherwise be missed – demonstrating the unique value of Rotary's local networks and sustained commitment to finishing polio for good. More.

Independent Monitoring Board publishes its 25th report
The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) has published its 25th report, providing a candid assessment of progress and remaining challenges on the road to a polio-free world. The report highlights encouraging progress in Pakistan alongside a shifting epidemiological focus towards Afghanistan, while setting out 21 recommendations to accelerate eradication and strengthen the systems needed to sustain a polio-free world.

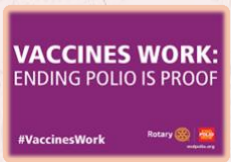
Global Certification Commission reviews progress towards a polio-free world
The Global Certification Commission for the Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC) met in Geneva last week to review progress towards global polio eradication, including updates from all six WHO Regions and the two countries where wild poliovirus remains endemic. The Commission also reviewed the status and performance of poliovirus surveillance – a critical component of demonstrating that transmission has been interrupted. The GCC's report and recommendations will be published in due course.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : one WPV1-positive environnemental sample
- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and eight WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic (CAR): one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- DR Congo : six cVDPV2 cases
- South Sudan: five cVDPV1 cases and one cVDPV2 case









Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2026

Birthday Congratulations:
Pam Brookes 7th



Wedding Anniversaries
Bob And Wendy Cooper 13th 25 years



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

Congratulations

It's no joke, It's a Mini Moke
Restored by club member (Kwinana Men's Shed President) Alan Armstrong



The **Mini Moke** is an iconic, doorless, open-top utility and recreational vehicle originally conceived in the late 1950s by Sir Alec Issigonis and John Sheppard for the British Motor Corporation (BMC).
Originally designed as a lightweight, parachute-droppable vehicle for the British military, it failed army trials due to its low ground clearance and low-powered engine. Repurposed for civilian markets in 1964, the "Moke" (an archaic term for a mule) became a beloved pop-culture symbol, a legendary beach cruiser, and a holiday icon worldwide
Nearly **50,000 units** of the classic Mini Moke were produced globally before the original run ended.
Australia (1966–1981): Australia fell deeply in love with the vehicle, producing roughly 26,000 examples at its Sydney plant. Australian variants (often sold as the *Morris Mini Moke* or *Leyland Moke*)

What happened this week in history?

Oct. 12th to Oct. 18th

12th

1160: Maurice de Sully is elected bishop of Paris, will initiate plan to build Notre Dame
1609: Children's rhyme "Three Blind Mice" is published in London written by Thomas Ravenscroft
1823: Charles Macintosh of Scotland begins selling raincoats (Macs)
1915: Ford Motor Company under Henry Ford manufactures its 1 millionth automobile

13th

1673: Christopher Wren is appointed architect for the rebuilding of St Paul's Cathedral in London
1789: Benjamin Franklin writes "Nothing certain ---- but death & taxes"
1851: Telegraph connection between London-Paris linked
1952: False fingernails 1st sold

14th

1666: Samuel Pepys reports on 1st blood transfusion (between dogs)
1856: American Gail Borden is issued a patent for technology for his invention of condensed milk
1883: "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson is first published as a book by Cassell & Co.
1910: 1st airplane flight from deck of a ship, Norfolk, Virginia

15th

1492: Christopher Columbus notes 1st recorded reference to tobacco
1777: Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States, is approved
1835: Charles Darwin reaches Tahiti on board HMS Beagle,
1837: Isaac Pitman introduces his shorthand system of writing, Pitman shorthand

16th

1824: New York City's Fifth Avenue opens for business
1840: New Zealand officially becomes a British colony
1871: National Rifle Association is first chartered in the State of New York
1920: Australia's Qantas airways founded in Winton, Queensland as Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Limited

17th

1558: ElizabethI aged 25, ascends the English throne upon death of Queen "Bloody" Mary
1603: English explorer, writer and courtier Walter Raleigh goes on trial for treason
1855: David Livingstone becomes the first European to see Victoria Falls
1869: Suez Canal in Egypt opens, linking Mediterranean and Red Sea.

18th

1320: William Tell reputedly shoots apple off his son's head
1477: First English dated printed book "Dictes & Sayengis of the Phylosophers" by William Caxton
1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama reaches the Cape of Good Hope
1626: St. Peter's Basilica is consecrated, replacing an earlier basilica on the same site

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Changing Children's Lives

Medina
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SPORT & SAUSAGES

Thursday 5th November

Medina Primary School Oval

4:00PM - 5:00PM

RSVPs are due back to classroom teachers by Monday 2nd November

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AN eight-year-old girl went to the office with her father on "Take Your Kid to Work Day".

As they were walking around the office, the young girl started crying and getting very cranky. Her father asked what was wrong with her.

As the staff gathered round, she sobbed loudly: "Daddy, where are all the clowns that you said you worked with?"







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