



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 2
Attended 14
Hon. Member
LOA
Guests 2
Visitors
Partners

67.0%

Raffle

John W & Alan J

Heads & Tails

James



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact
0400 837 603



Bulletin

No 13 22/09/2025



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

Our first meeting without a caterer tonight, enquiries are being made by PE Genevieve to ascertain what options if any, we have locally.

Guest speaker tonight was Tamar Anderson from Reach Kwinana. Reach Kwinana is a not-for-profit organisation. Reach helps children participate in healthy community – engaging them in education, health care, therapies, counselling and camps.

16 members and partners travelled to Havey last Sunday for a 'brunch' meeting at the Stirling Garden's Café, with the Harvey Rotary Club. Former Kwinana member Peter Schulz is their current President, great to catch-up, very pleasant outing.

Very sadden to learn that former member and Past President Steve Spinks passed away Monday 22nd September.

Steve joined us September 1998, our President 205/06.

Resigned Oct. 2012 Our sincere condolences go to Susan and family.

Funeral: 2pm, Thursday 2nd October, Purslowe Funerals, Rockingham.



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 01st Club Forum
Mon 08th Address by the World President (Video)
Mon 15th DG visit Veronica Lawrance (Partners Night)
Sun. 21st Brunch at the Stirling Gardens Café, Harvey.
Mon 22nd Tamar Anderson Kwinana Reach
Mon 29th No Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



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President's Pen

September 22nd 025



President's Report

A big thankyou to Genevieve Carr for arranging the visit to Harvey to catch up with Peter Schulz and his team. It was a great day, great venue and as the photos show, enjoyed by all.

Another big thankyou to the members and partners that have taken on the role of cleaning the hall each and every week.

Thanks to Terry and Tish Evans, Bob and Jo Thompson, and James Sharkey.

Greg Williams was also on the roster, however as we know, Greg is taking some time off. Chris Oughton stepped up on the night to say that he would take Greg's place and assist with cleaning.

Just a reminder that the last Bread pickup will be Friday the 10th of October 2025.

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

A reminder that next Monday is a public holiday, and hence no meeting.

Stephen and Norm are looking at a bus trip to the Swan Valley in November. More details to be provided as the plan hatches.

Stephen Castelli
President 2025/26

Did you know?

40 percent of human jobs could be replaced by AI in the future?

In about 20 years, the future could look eerily similar to *Wall-E*. Artificial intelligence expert Kai-Fu Lee said that 40 percent of human jobs could be replaced by equally capable robots. And drivers might be affected the most. Luckily, there are plenty of cool new jobs you could have in the future.

Did you know your skin sheds?

The current skin you're in will be gone in a month—our skin sheds 30,000 to 40,000 skin cells each day. In fact, over 100 of those cells probably flaked off while you were reading this sentence. However, it rejuvenates just as quickly as it deteriorates. Regular exfoliation twice a week helps get rid of lingering skin cells to make room for a fresh layer.



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



Sunday Brunch at Harvey: Thanks to all those members and partners who came along to brunch with Harvey Club on Sunday 21 September. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant meal and social time at Stirling Cottage Café and Gardens in Harvey. Members of the Rotary Club of Harvey are keen to do a return visit!

Train Ride for Polio: Due to take place on Friday 24 October (World Polio Day). All members and partners are invited to join other Rotarians from Rotary District 9423 as we ride the Perth railway network promoting awareness of End Polio Now. Later, there will be an evening function for everyone at the Shoe Bar venue in Yagan Square.

Christmas Function: Currently investigating the possibility of us having our Christmas function at Golden Pond on Sunday 14 December. This establishment is now being catered by King Rd Brewing company.

Anzac Day Weekend Trip: Planning a weekend away in Katanning to catch up with former members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant who are now living there. Weekend planned for the 2026 Anzac Day long weekend, which will be Saturday 25 April – Monday 27 April 2026. Kim and Paul have room on their property for caravans and/or tents. their spare room is reserved for Lynne and Cyril! Genevieve has reserved rooms at a delightful bed and breakfast establishment in Katanning; this establishment has three suites. Two couples have already requested a suite, and so there is still one available. Please advise Genevieve if interested as soon as possible.

PE Genevieve Carr



Ride The Train - Next Stop Polio Eradication!



PP Genevieve Carr September 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Update on *Eye Contact* exhibition
- September 2025 Rotary Leader
- Reminder re World Polio Day movie fundraiser
- Invitation to Swan Rotary's End Polio Now fundraising concert
- Message from Peter Carnley Anglican Community School regarding senior awards

Outward Correspondence:
none

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 22nd Sept. 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina



Global Presence:

Rotary has members in over 165 countries and geographical regions, with the United States historically having the largest membership base.

• • **Regional Trends (Around 2020):**

Declining regions: North America (USA, Canada), Japan, England, and Australia experienced membership declines. • •

Growing regions: India, South Korea, Germany, Taiwan, and Brazil saw significant membership growth, with Africa also showing robust growth with young and female members



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



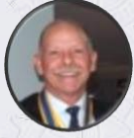
Events Manager
PDG John Iriks

Tamar Anderson and Lorette Huggett from Reach Kwinana with President Stephen





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



PP Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

Chris: Something about 'road rage'

Stephen: Got shopping, and 'no pay'

Chris: Complaining about the 'Chillies'

No Badge: James, Bob T and Soren.

President Stephen, been to a meeting, returned to his parked car, frustrated that his remote would not unlock his car. Then realised the Mazda CX5 was the same colour as his, but belonged to someone else, his was parked nearby!!!!



In 1859, English settler Thomas Austin released 24 rabbits on his Victorian estate—he reportedly said, "The introduction of a few rabbits could do little harm and might provide a touch of home, in addition to a spot of hunting." By the 1920s, estimates say Australia had around 10 billion rabbits.

FIND SOURCES @ UNBELIEVABLEFACTSBLOG.COM

Australia's "rabbit problem" refers to the ecological and economic devastation caused by European rabbits, introduced in 1859 and rapidly multiplying to cover most of the continent.

They are one of the country's most destructive pest animals, costing agriculture over \$200 million annually through overgrazing and crop damage. Rabbits also degrade the environment by causing soil erosion, destroying native vegetation, and competing with native species for food and shelter.

Control efforts have historically included the introduction of myxomatosis and rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHDV, also known as calicivirus) to control their numbers, though these methods' effectiveness decreases over time



Guest Speaker: Tamar Anderson
Reach Kwinana



Tamar has over ten years' experience working for the department of education, specializing in literacy and language development. Her experience has been working with children and families from low-socio economic backgrounds, and those who have experienced trauma, neglect, poverty cycles and learning difficulties.

Tamar has completed units in mental health, trauma, psychology, chaplaincy, case management, and counselling. She has a passion to reach out and to love people who need to be seen and their needs met in a different way.

REACH Kwinana is a not-for-profit organisation with a heart to see the young people of Kwinana experience God's love and plan for their lives. We hope to see each child develop a sense of belonging and value as they grow in their purpose with hope for the future ahead.

The REACH Kwinana team help families in the Kwinana area in many practical ways. Some of these areas include:

- Transportation to medical and dental appointments, and emergency care
- Helping with the follow up of treatment for medical conditions
- Connecting families into refuges or rehabilitation facilities
- Providing transportation to school or other learning programs
- Support in obtaining driving licenses
- Paying for fees, uniforms and equipment for team sports
- Supplying essential needs including uniforms, lunches, shoes, stationary, swimming lessons, and excursion costs
- Connecting families into supportive community networks including counselling, parenting workshops, and mental health supports

REACH Kwinana started in 2012 and was officially set up as REACH Kwinana Incorporated in 2018. REACH began out of a passion to see youth get off the street and hear of the hope they have in Jesus Christ and God's love for them.

We started an outreach where youth and children were included in regular activities, outings and camps in the hope they would discover their value and worth, and antisocial behaviours in the community would be reduced.

Community outreach is run fortnightly, reaching out to children from age 5 -17 years. These outreaches help young people to be in a safe nurturing environment where they form positive and lasting friendships with both their peers and leaders. Transport, food, and activities are provided free of charge due to our community's generous donations.

REACH Kwinana is 100% self-funded and do not receive government grants or funding. We rely on the extraordinary generosity in our community to help us to continue and grow our outreach and education programs.

When you partner with us financially you will help us to fund experienced educators, and resources required for Our Projects. Our programs not only teach essential literacy and math skills, but also life skills which help develop social, emotional wellbeing that will help these children build resilience to face the future

If you would like us to support us financially, please make direct payments into our REACH Kwinana bank account: <https://reach.red/>

Polio This Week 22nd Sept. 2025

How global humanitarian organizations responded to the re-emergence of polio in Gaza
Click [here](#) to read an article by Global Citizen on this important topic.

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

- Afghanistan: 12 WPV1- positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV1 case, one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample, and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



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

Social outing to Harvey, Sunday September 21st 2025





Located just north of Harvey on the South Western Highway, the heritage Stirling Cottage Gardens is a wonderful place to stop, grab a coffee and relax as you wander through the cottage-style gardens. The Stirling Cottage Gardens feature a 19th-century-style fountain, a mini orchard, a water monument, and an enchanting secret garden. Don't miss the Tulip season in winter.

Within the gardens is Stirling Cottage — a replica of the 1850s cottage that was home to Governor Sir James Stirling and the creator of Snugglypot and Cuddlypie, the legendary Australian author May Gibbs. The cottage now houses the Stirling Cottage Kitchen tearooms.



What happened this week in history?



Sept. 22nd

to

Sept. 28th



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

28th

1066: William the Conqueror, lands at Pevensey Bay in Sussex, beginning the Norman Conquest
1879: Sydney, Australia, inaugurates steam motor tram route
1904: Woman is arrested for smoking a cigarette in a car on 5th Avenue, New York City
1950: Indonesia becomes 60th member of UN

Just a few memories of a former member and a fine gentleman. RIP Steve.

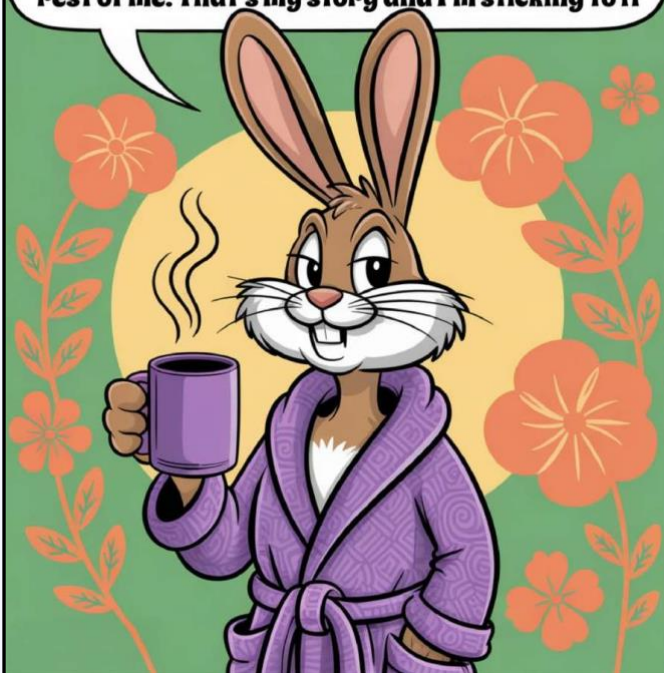


Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow....

"Ooh!" Said the presenter, "This is a very rare breed, do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks." replied Paddy.

We all get heavier as we get older because there's lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me. That's my story and I'm sticking to it



They are cute and seem harmless. But, they are loud, incredibly expensive to keep, and absolutely untrainable. The other is a kangaroo. I don't really know much about kangaroos.

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

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