



# 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 16**  
**Hon. Member**  
**LOA**  
**Guests**  
**Visitors**  
**Partners 6**

**67.0%**

**Raffle**  
**Soren & Kelvin**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Terry**



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

**Visitors are welcome**  
**Contact**  
**0400 837 603**



# Bulletin

**No 14 06/10/2025**



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

Interesting meeting tonight, 6 partners attended, we started with a short presentation by Jean Andrews-Howley from Savy Seniors Kwinana telling us that her group appreciated the support provided from our club and presented President Stephen with a monetary donation.

President Stephen was also our guest speaker tonight; Stephen gave us a full history of the Indonesian School Renovation Project which has been running since 2013. The project originally started by PP Mike Nella and the Rotaract Club and was the catalyst for the Garage Sales Mike initiated from his home in Parmelia and has become the very successful Furniture Factory today. President Stephen's presentation highlighted and reinforced the value of the project to the schools involved and how much the improvements are appreciated by the teachers and the students, their gratitude displayed via the pictures say it all.

A number of members and partners attended the recent funeral of past member and Past President Steve Spinks. Steve was a member from 1998 till 2012. Our President 2005/06

Kwinana Community Fair, Saturday 8th November 2025, going well, 63 stalls registered, further 135 say they are coming.



**Rotary International President**  
**2025/26**

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

**District Governor 9423**  
**2025/26**

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



### October 2025 – Community Economic Development

- Mon 06<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Indonesia School Project
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Kimberley Ellis/ Inclusion Consultant
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

**Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'**





President's Pen



October 6<sup>th</sup> 2025



## President's Report

Still looking to fill the following positions for 2025/2026

- Secretary – Vacant (Genevieve will act in this role until a replacement can be found)
- Community Service – Vacant
- Programs Manager - Vacant

Providence School Greenhouse update. Board approved \$3,201 at last board meeting. Bendigo Bank have contributed the \$2,000 that was requested. Over to Providence School to now order and install. There will be an “opening ceremony” in due course.

PP Bob Thompson has arranged for a plaque for the 40ft sea container donated by Rotary, as well as another for the greenhouse donated by Rotary and the Bendigo Bank.

### BREAD PROJECT

The bread project will come to an end this week.

Stephen Castelli  
President 2025/26



Public Relations Report

6th October 2025



A press release prepared by Genevieve was passed on to Sound telegraph for inserting into the Sound Telegraph.

It is hoped that the article, on the upcoming End Polio Now ride the trains campaign, and backed up with a photo of Josh, would be taken up get a run in the paper.

A report on the Workshop I recently attended covering the development of a Digital Strategic Plan will be given at a future meeting.

An email from RI has provided information on a new campaign encouraging Rotary Clubs to "Make Public Image a Priority. " We are on the right track.

Our Bunnings sausage sizzle attendance last Sunday continues our expose as people of action.

PP Bob Thompson  
Public Relations 2025/26

The **Kwinana Savvy Seniors** are a group of local people who advocate for seniors and collaborate with the City and service providers for the needs and aspirations of local seniors. For more information or to get in touch with the Kwinana Savvy Seniors.



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



1. **Train Ride for Polio:** Rotarians and friends are being encouraged to ride the Perth railway network on Friday 24 October (World Polio Day) between 8am – 6pm to create public awareness of End Polio Now. There will then be a social gathering at the Shoe Bar in Yagan Square from 6pm – 8pm. Red shirts will be delivered to Genevieve this weekend. Participants should register through link <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP> in order to be covered by Rotary Insurance.

Plan for a social day: Commence with travelling out to Perth Airport, then take another line (e.g. Ellenbrook) and go somewhere for mid-morning coffee. Later can take another line and find venue for lunch.

2. **International Service Dinner:** Have received an invitation from PDG John Kevan for us to attend a combined meeting down at Mandurah to hear a number of presentations about various international projects. Suggestion that we cancel club meeting on Monday 24 November and attend this meeting in Mandurah.
3. **Christmas function:** Have made a booking at Golden Ponds Bistro for Sunday 14 December at 12pm.
4. **Weekend away in Katanning:** Plan for club trip away to Katanning over the 2026 Anzac Day long weekend, where we can catch up with past members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant. Kim and Paul can accommodate vans and tents on their property, otherwise there is a range of other accommodation in town. Genevieve has a reservation for three suites at one bed and breakfast; please see me if would like to reserve a suite.

PE Genevieve Carr



**Ride The Train - Next Stop Polio Eradication!**



PP Genevieve Carr September 2025



### Inward Correspondence.

- Invitation to Senior Week event on Wednesday 12 November 9.30am – 11.30am @ Ken Jackman Hall; theme of *Discover the Kwinana WayFairer Program*
- ShelterBox newsletter
- Invitation to join Regional Council at Rotary South Pacific
- Invitation to Bertram Primary School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Rotary WA Round-up
- Request for support from Inger Ward
- RDU Supplies update
- Proposal from “The Fathering Project”
- RDU update
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- ROMAC newsletter
- Invitation to ShelterBox Champion Awards Night
- Invitation to webinar for Regional Council
- Invitation to Honeywood Primary School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- World Polio Day reminder
- Promotion for Vienna Pops concert on 31 December
- Booking confirmation for Christmas function at Ponds Bistro

### Outward Correspondence:

- Sympathy card sent to Sue Spinks following the recent passing of past member Steve Spinks

Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 06<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Rotary Hall, Medina





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

Jean Andrews-Howley from Savy Seniors Kwinana





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



PP Stephen Castelli  
stand-in when required.

Max: Fined for taking his sign home??

Chris O: Bogged his 4x4 ???

John M: On death's door??

Rugby supporters fined

Bob T: At the Furniture Factory for only ten minutes!!!

Stephen: Taking wrong receipt, and no drinks.

James: Couldn't find the bread rolls at the Bunnings BBQ.

Eric: Glad 'on the moonshine'

Pam B: Handing around the joke pages.

Norm: Is that how your supposed to wear a 'Sarong?'

Stephen: Crew were out picking up a load of furniture; Stephen loaded a chair that wasn't part of the donation!

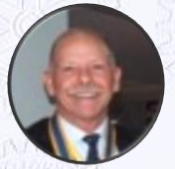
No Badge: Karen and Karen plus Kelvin.

The Bunnings Crew: Sunday 05th Oct 2025 Alan, Genevieve, Cyril and Stephen





Guest Speaker: Stephen Castelli  
Indonesian School Renovation



## INDONESIAN SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT:

As we hopefully all know, the Indonesian School Renovation Project started in 2013 as a Rotaract Club of Rockingham / Kwinana Project.

Under then District Chair Mike Nella, for the project to be undertaken and to continue, funds were raised for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 schools in 2013 and 2014 via Garage Sales held at Mike's house.

The Rotaract Club of Rockingham / Kwinana effectively folded in 2014.

However, once again under the leadership of PP Mike Nella, and to continue to fund the Indonesian School Renovations project, the Garage Sales continued to raise funds.

As of 2015 the Indonesian School Renovation Project became a project of the Rotary Club of Kwinana.

I joined the team (Mike and 1 Rotaractor Callum Tree) in running the Garage Sales, and in visiting Indonesia in 2015 to finish off the school commenced by Rotaract.

Mike and I continued to visit Indonesia to continue with the Rotary Club of Kwinana International project to renovate 1 school each year from 2016 to 2019 with the funds raised by the continuing Garage Sales from Mike's home from 2016 to 2018. At this stage we were only operating on Saturdays and some Sundays, and any pickups and Deliveries were via Mike's personal truck. This had no tail lift and was open, so life sometimes was difficult.

Due to Mike's desire to grow the project to be able to do more of the club's great work in Indonesia, he was able to get the premises at 1 Gentle Rd from Craig Bennett in 2019. It was at this stage that Mike expanded the operating days for the Rotary Club of Kwinana International project to Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In 2019 we were joined by Norm Mulcahy and in Indonesia by 3 Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Cilandak who assisted in painting the school. 1 of these was Yanti.

The committed team continued with raising funds via the Furniture Factory at 1 Gentle Rd for the Rotary Club of Kwinana Indonesian School Renovation Project during the Covid 19 years of 2020 and 2021, however for obvious reasons, there were no schools renovated in either of those years.

John Maskell joined the team in 2022 when he expressed the desire and demonstrated the necessary commitment to work on the RC Kwinana's Indonesian School Renovation Project, by actively participating in it's fund raising via the Furniture Factory.

As Norm and I were both working full time, the only time available for Norm and I was Saturdays, and we took on the responsibilities of doing furniture Pickups and Deliveries which were usually scheduled for Saturdays as a result.

John Maskell and PDG John Iriks provided Mike support during the working week with Pickups and Deliveries

Norm and I took 3 weeks of our 4 weeks annual leave each year to travel to Indonesia as part of the Club's Indonesian School Renovation Project.

It was at this stage that approval was given to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand furniture truck with a tail lift unit. It was also at this stage that the shed was built behind the Rotary Hall for the storage of excess furniture. A payment of \$100 per week continues to be made from the Furniture Factory acct to the Club Acct to repay the Club acct.

The same team of 4, led by Mike went back to Indonesia to continue the Club's Indonesian School Renovation Project in 2023.

In 2024, Craig Bennett (the owner of 1 Gentle Rd) decided that he needed to sell the site, and the process commenced to find an alternative site. Through good luck, the premises at 26 Seabrook became available as the new owners had bought it with the purpose of storing machinery inside. However, they discovered that the premises had timber floors and would not be suitable for this reason. PDG John and Mike were able to negotiate a good lease deal, which has recently been extended to 2026. This enabled the project to take and more importantly display more furniture and bric a brac.

In 2024, a team of 3, as always led by Mike went back to Indonesia to continue the Club's Indonesian School Renovation Project. Instead of 1 school, we had the funds and the ability to renovate 3 schools.

In late 2024, Mike announced his decision to retire from the Furniture Factory and subsequently from Rotary.

Since then, PDG John Iriks has taken on the management of the Club's Furniture Factory, and I have taken on the acting lead for the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project.

Most recently in 2025, a team of 3 went back to Indonesia to continue the Club's Indonesian School Renovation Project. Instead of 1 school, once again, we had the funds and the ability to renovate a further 3 schools.

This means that in the time of the project, it has provided a better educational opportunity and outcome to at least 2,500 students, with an ongoing impact to approx. 10,000 students.

As you will see from the above, the door was always open to anyone that wanted to participate in the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project, but the "entrance fee" was that those who desired it needed to put in the effort via the Garage Sales and the Furniture Factory.

The board has agreed to fund a small team going to Indonesia in 2026 to renovate 3 schools.







## Polio This Week

06<sup>th</sup> October 2025

- **New polio tools get green light from global vaccine experts**

At its meeting last week in Geneva, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) endorsed two important innovations for polio. It recommended that fractional doses of Sabin-based inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) be used in the same way as fractional doses of Salk-based IPV – helping stretch supply and reach more children. SAGE also backed the broader rollout of novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to help stop persistent outbreaks of circulating variant poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in some of the toughest places. [More](#).

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

- Pakistan: three WPV1 cases
- Benin: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Papua New Guinea: 16 cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2025*

### Birthday Congratulations:

Pam Brookes 7th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Wendy 13th 24 years



### Club Anniversaries:

Bob Thompson 18th 29 years  
Cyril Bennett 31st 9 years

*Congratulations*



# What happened this week in history?



Oct. 06<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>



06<sup>th</sup>

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

07<sup>th</sup>

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

08<sup>th</sup>

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"

09<sup>th</sup>

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

10<sup>th</sup>

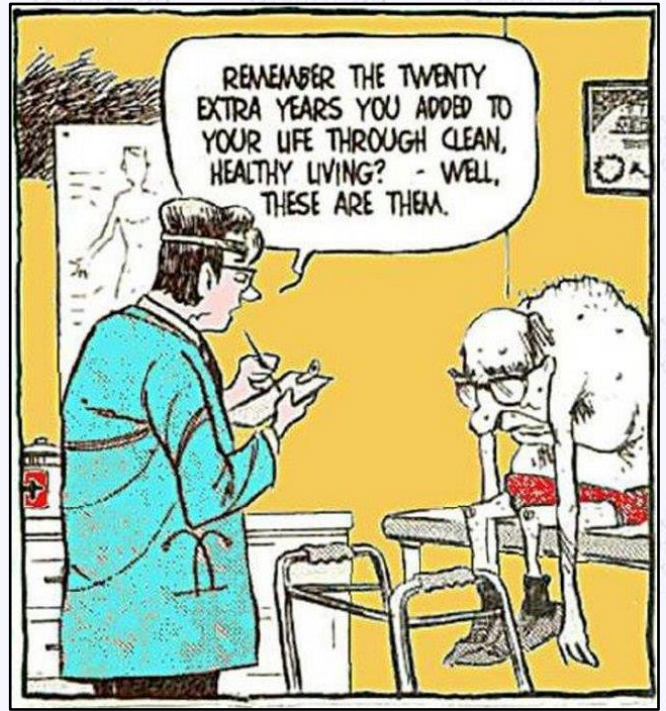
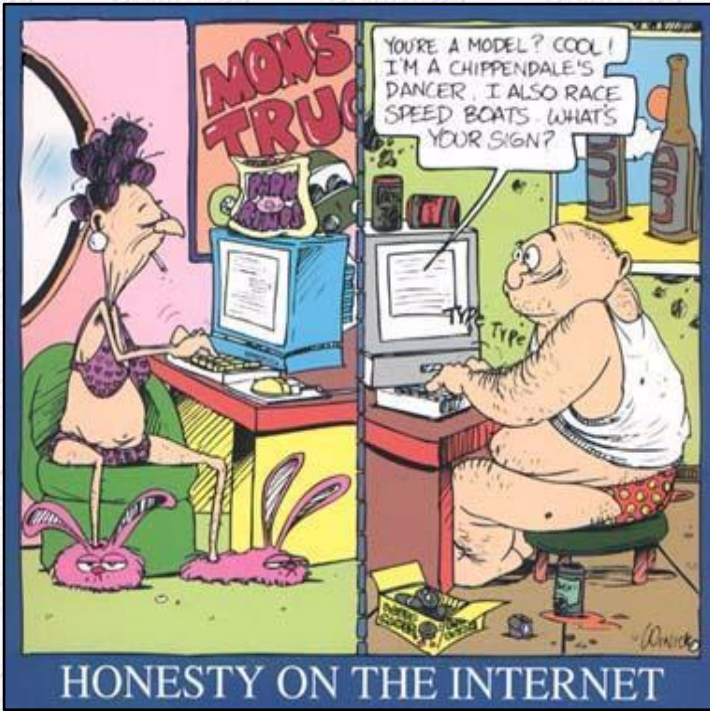
1802: 1st non-Indian settlement in Oklahoma  
1865: John Wesley Hyatt patents the billiard ball made from cellulose nitrate (celluloid)  
1871: The Great Chicago Fire is finally extinguished after 3 days  
1928: Chiang Kai-shek becomes Director of the State Council of China

11<sup>th</sup>

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.

12<sup>th</sup>

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



**Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

Rockingham  
Palm beach  
Baldivis  
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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