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

Team 2026/27

President
Genevieve Carr

Secretary
Stephen Castelli

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week	
Total Members	24
Apologies	
Make-up	2
Attended	15
Guests	
Visitors	
Partners	

72.0 %

Raffle
James

Heads & Tails
Andrew

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

Quiet meeting our scheduled guest speaker was unable to attend.
As the Kwinana Community Fair is only 2 weeks away, Saturday 7th November. PDG John gave us a full run-down on the preparation and expectations for the day.
Members have all been allotted a role they are being asked to play on the day. Much time and effort has been carried out to ensure a successful day. I understand we again have over 100 stalls booked, over 15 food trucks, again we must offer a big thanks to Kim Beceri (who now lives in Katanning) who has handled the total booking system again. All that's needed now is favourable weather.

Welcome back Karen, who has recently returned from a trip to the UK for a family bereavement.

Next week we are attending a 'Combined Services Meeting' arranged by the Rockingham Rotary Club, to be held at the Salvation Army Hall in Rockingham. Presenting the opportunity to meet 'likeminded people' and the opportunity to showcase a little about what we do both locally and internationally.



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

President's Pen 19h October 2026



We have all been saddened by the sudden loss of much-loved member Cyril Bennett. Many of us attended Cyril's funeral on Thursday 15 October. The service was a wonderful tribute to Cyril's life. Cyril's wife Lynne has expressed her thanks to the Club for all the kind words and messages of support that she has received from us.

The Rotary Train Ride for Polio will take place this Saturday 24 October. The plan is for folks to meet at Kwinana Station at 9.30am in order to catch the 9.35am train towards Perth. Palm Beach members will be catching the train at 9.28am from Rockingham Station. The plan is for us to travel for approximately one hour before stopping for a coffee break. One way or another (pardon the pun!) we will meet up with folks from Bunbury for lunch at Siena's Restaurant in Leederville at 1pm. All participants will be conspicuous by wearing their bright End Polio Now shirts. From 6pm onwards there will be an informal gathering for drinks at The Island Bar at Elizabeth Quay. After some dramas with the My Cause online fundraising page, a new online sponsorship page has been set up with Rotary's own platform which is known as Raise For Rotary. The link to this new page is https://raise.rotary.org/en-GB/project/2026-rotary-train-ride-for-polio?tab=overview. All donations made using this club are credited on Rotary's database and included as part of our Club's overall contribution to the Rotary Foundation. The page will be open until 7 November 2026.

The Combined Services Dinner will be held on Monday 26 October at the Rockingham Salvation Army depot, which is located at the corner of Read St and Willmott Drive. This will largely be a networking event, and we will have the opportunity to have a display table showcasing some of our activities.

During the week I received an email from a young lady from Byford asking us whether we would be prepared to sponsor her for next year's Rotary Youth Exchange Program. I have directed her to the District Youth Exchange Committee.

Sadly, I have received notification from DG Veronica Lawrance that Camp Opportunity (formerly known as Handicamp and Camp Inspiration) has now ceased due to financial and governance issues. Camp Opportunity has been a longstanding program which brought a lot of joy to young people with a disability, while providing families and carers with some much-needed respite.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

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.

In 1929, **The Rotary Foundation** made its first gift, $500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.

Rotary first adopted the name "**Rotary International**" in 1922, when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

Rotary first established **Paul Harris Fellowships** in 1957, for contributors of $1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 19th October 2026



Don’t ask what these two were up too, taken on 16th July 2000



Rotary Club Administration

Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



- Some members agreed to attend a visit to the Providence Permaculture Farm School this Thursday morning the 22nd October 2026 at 10am. An address and google maps pin will be posted on the WhatsApp page.

- I attended the John Wellard Community Centre Monday morning wearing my Kwinana Rotary T-Shirt. The ladies were keen to chat, and I spent 40 minutes chatting and having coffee with the people present. If members have a spare half hour, please try to pop in and say G'Day on behalf of Rotary, it really lifts our profile. The William Bertram Community Centre is also open on Wednesdays if that is closer.

- I am attending the Homeless Hub meetings again and in line with the requests for more local projects, there are three major My Home projects happening in Carlisle (24 homes), Mandurah (18 homes) and Margaret River (11 homes). I will provide more info at the meeting at the clubhouse in 2 weeks' time.

- Chris Oughton is going to remind the Kwinana Energy Recovery facility (formerly known as Avertas Energy) owned and operated by ACCIONA, about our request to tour the facility.

PE Tony Miller

Rotary Secretary

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

Rotary
SERGEANT AT ARMS

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



Karen: Resurfacing, after so long.

John I: Pruning the Money Tree, should have said 'Butchering'

Terry: No 'Status' improvement on the my 'nicked' whipper-snipper!!

Sam: One conversation at a time please.

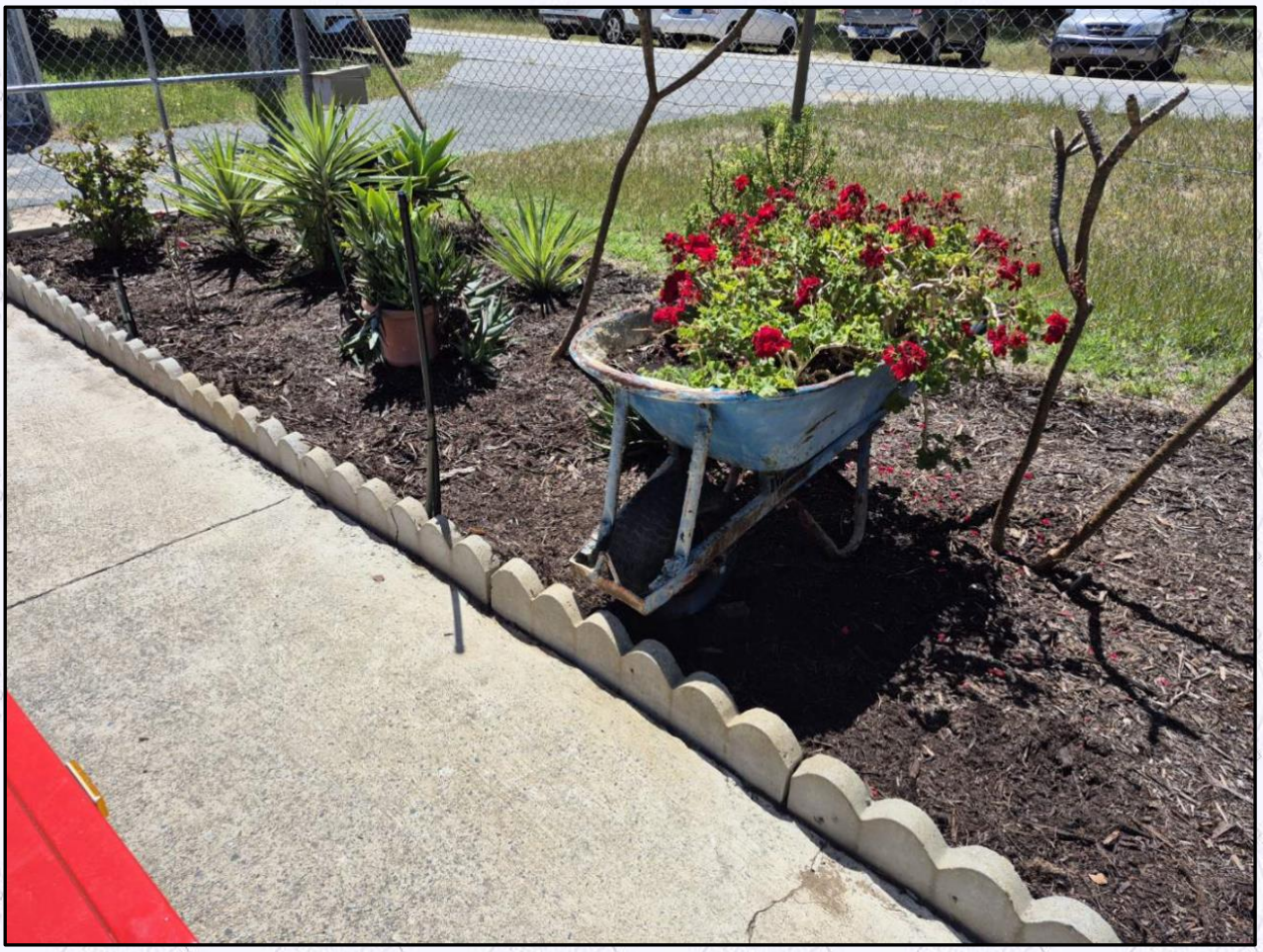
Tony: Obsessed about being fined, so I fined him!!!

Babies have more bones than adults
Babies are born with about 300 bones, though eventually, these bones will fuse together to form the 206 bones an adult has.

The creation of the tea bag was an accident
Back in 1904, an American tea trader named Thomas Sullivan shipped tea samples to Europe in little silk pouches so they wouldn't get mixed up during the voyage. When the recipients got them, they mistakenly dipped the bags into boiling water, and voila, the tea bag was born!

Rotarian Alan (/Mini Moke) Armstrong and the Kwinana Men's Shed have recently been doing a bit of a garden makeover at the Furniture Factory. A huge thank you, much appreciated







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 19th October 2026

SAGE recommends stronger polio vaccination to protect more children

At its latest meeting, WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) recommended strengthening routine polio vaccination by moving to three doses of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), including through accelerated introduction of hexavalent vaccine, particularly in countries at risk of poliovirus transmission.
SAGE also recommended considering an additional IPV dose where outbreaks persist despite vaccination efforts. Read the highlights SAGE report.

Polio Oversight Board meets in Berlin to review programme priorities and 2027 budget
The Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Oversight Board (POB) met in Berlin on 10 October 2026, together with representatives of donor and country governments and partner organizations, to review programme progress, priorities and financing.

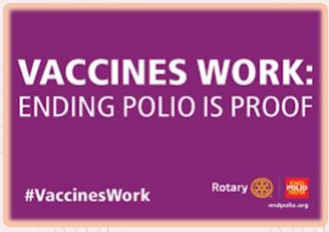
The POB approved a 2027 operating budget of approximately US$778 million, with resources prioritized for interrupting wild poliovirus transmission in Afghanistan and Pakistan and responding to priority outbreaks elsewhere.
The programme will continue to review and adapt its strategy and operational plans, based on programmatic and epidemiological developments. More.

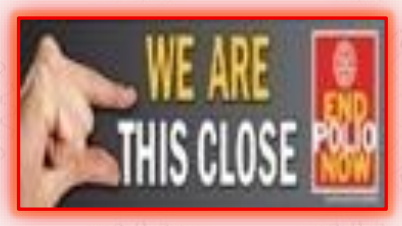
From Mongolian dance moves to Manneken Pis: the world gets moving to end polio!
What do a traditional Mongolian dance, a 3.5-kilometre walk, a famous Belgian statue and a global fitness challenge have in common?
They are all part of this year's World Polio Day celebrations! From Mongolia to Geneva, Brussels, London and beyond, Rotary members are bringing communities together, raising awareness and keeping the push to end polio firmly in the spotlight. Discover how people around the world are getting involved — and how you can join them. More.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Afghanistan : one WPV1 case and one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- Pakistan : one WPV1 case
- DR Congo : seven cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Madagascar : two cVDPV1 cases
- Mali : two cVDPV2 cases
- Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case
- Somalia : four cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- South Sudan : one cVDPV1 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

Familiar faces here, taken at the Rockingham Rotary Club 40th Birthday on 17th February 2007



What happened this week in history?

Oct. 19th to Oct. 25th

19th

1493: Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico, on his 2nd voyage
1620: The Mayflower reaches Cape Cod and explores the coast
1863: US President Abraham Lincoln delivers his Gettysburg address
1895: American inventor Frederick E. Blaisdell patents the pencil

20th

1603: Chinese uprising in the Philippines fails after 23,000 killed
1817: 1st Mississippi "Showboat" leaves Nashville on maiden voyage
1818: 49th parallel forms as border between US & Canada
1822: 1st edition of London Sunday Times

21st

1520: Ferdinand Magellan and his fleet reach Cape Virgenes the first Europeans sail Pacific Ocean
1805: Battle of Trafalgar: Horatio Nelson defeats French and Spanish fleet. Nelson killed
1854: Florence Nightingale with a staff of 38 nurses is sent to the Crimean War
1915: 1st transatlantic radiotelephone message, Arlington, Va to Paris

22nd

1707: Scilly Naval Disaster: shipwreck of four RN warships and loss of 1400 men during a storm
1827: German chemist Friedrich Wöhler is the first to isolate pure aluminium
1877: The Blantyre mining disaster in Scotland kills 207 miners.
1897: World's first car dealer opens in London

23rd

1641: Outbreak of the Irish Rebellion of 1641 - Catholic uprising in Ulster
1814: One of the 1st plastic surgeries performed by Joseph Carpue on a soldier's nose in England
1941: Walt Disney's animated film "Dumbo" released
1956: First video recording on magnetic tape televised coast-to-coast

24th

79: Mt. Vesuvius erupts, burying the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, Oplontis and Stabiae
1818: Felix Mendelssohn, aged 9, performs his first public concert in Berlin
1901: First woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel (Anna Taylor)
1929: "Black Thursday", start of stock market crash, Dow Jones down 12.8%

25th

1415: Battle of Agincourt: Henry V's forces defeat larger French army
1616: Dutch East India Company ship "The Eendracht" discovers Dirk-Hartog Island, Australia
1828: St Katharine Docks opens in London, England
1911: London's last horse drawn omnibus made its way from London Bridge Station to Moorgate

the fathering project
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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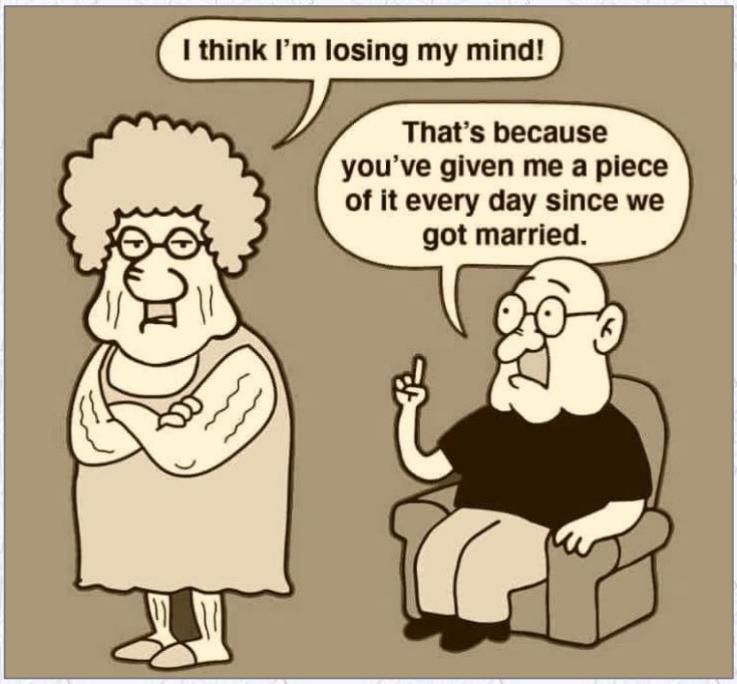


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The Doctor's Syndrome
A man walks into a clinic looking incredibly stressed. "Doctor, you have to help me," he pleads.
"I can't stop singing 'Green Green Grass of Home'. It's taking over my life!"
The doctor nods thoughtfully, checks his chart, and says, "Ah, yes. That sounds like a classic case of Tom Jones Syndrome."
The man looks panicked. "Is it common?!"
The doctor looks him dead in the eye and replies, "It's not unusual."









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