The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

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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	3
Attended	12
Guests	
Visitors	
Partners	

68.0 %

Raffle

Heads & Tails

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

We travelled to Rockingham for our meeting tonight, a Combined Services Meeting organised by the Rockingham Rotary Club was held at the Rockingham Salvation Army Hall with representatives from many local service organisations were present including, Lions, CWA, Marine Rescue, Mr Perfect and members from several Rotary clubs came together to network and share ideas and experiences. A great evening for all concerned.

President Genevieve, Josh and number of local Rotarians took part in the Rotary Train Ride for Polio, held annually on World Polio Day to raise public awareness for Rotary's global End Polio Now campaign.

On Tuesday morning PP James Sharkey and the crew cooked a 'sausage sizzle' for the Kwinana Children's Party held on Rhodes Park, catering for parents and children up to 5 years old.
Unfortunately, PP James wasn't feeling well and was attended to by the Ambo's on sight. Later in the day James still wasn't well and he and Cathy spent most of the night at the local hospital being treated, hope you're feeling better James.



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
Tues 27th	Sausage Sizzle at the Kwinana Children's Christmas Party.

President's Pen 19h October 2026



Saturday 24 October was World Polio Day, the day of the Rotary Train Ride for Polio.
At 9.30am that day nine of us departed from Kwinana Station for our epic train travels to promote Rotary International's major polio eradication program. Along the way we were joined by several folks from Palm Beach Rotary, and Kero O'Shea from EWA Rotary.
We initially travelled up as far as Joondalup Station, where we stopped off to enjoy morning tea break at Lakeside Shopping Centre. Several Rotarians from other clubs who were also participating in the day's activity happened to stop by at the same venue for a cuppa. From there we headed back to Leederville Station so that we could enjoy lunch at Siena's Restaurant along with PDG Ineke Oliver and husband Geoff, and PDG Robyn Lloyd.
Those of us who were still keen for more train then went and journeyed along Fremantle line, Midland line, and High Wycombe line before heading back to Elisabeth Quay for sundowner at The Island Bar.
In all, it was a great day of fellowship amongst Rotarians whilst promoting public awareness of the need to continue with End Polio Now until the disease is fully eradicated.
Many thanks to John Iriks, Terry Evans, Helen Soutar, Max Bird, Andrew Aulton, Stephen and Yanti Castelli, Genevieve and Josh Carr for participating in the activity. A further thanks to other folks who supported the day by wearing their promotional End Polio Now shirt.
The online fundraising page will be open for another week. To date, over $4000 has been raised through online sponsorship for this event. Any further donations can be made by visiting https://raise.rotary.org/en-GB/project/2026-rotary-train-ride-for-polio?tab=overview. Donations to this site will be credited towards our club as part of our overall giving to the Rotary Foundation.

We are very fortunate to be enjoying a very warm relationship with Rockingham and Palm Beach Rotary Clubs. Much of this can be attributed to our historical links; however, there is also a strong and genuine friendship between the clubs which is evident in the support shown for each other's activities which are occurring now and in the near future.
On Monday 26 October we enjoyed having the opportunity to network with these clubs and other local service clubs at the Combined Services Meeting held at the Rockingham Salvation Army office.
On Sunday 1 November the Rockingham Rotary Club will be holding Mind the Walk event, which will be a series of walks around Rockingham showcasing historical, cultural, and maritime aspects. Saturday 7 November is the day for our Kwinana Community Fair; a number of folks from Rockingham have promised to attend this. The Rockingham Beach Cup, hosted by Palm Beach Rotary will take place over the 14 – 15 November 2026. Then it will be time to prepare for Christmas!

My thanks to BBQ manager James and his time for providing the sausage sizzle at the Kwinana Children's Party on Tuesday 27 October. A special thanks to Tony and others for looking after James when he was unwell. Fortunately, he is now feeling much better. A timely reminder that we need to seriously consider how many public barbeques we will provide in the future, given the physical demands of the task.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Combined Meeting at Rockingham Salvation Army Hall Monday 26/10/2026





Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



No meeting was held this week at the Rotary Clubhouse.
Instead, some members visited the Rockingham Salvation Army HQ in Cooloongup.
The occasion was the Combined Services dinner which was well attended by the local charity services and offered a chance for members to network with other organisations.

PE Tony Miller

PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller





Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:

October 2021, when our banners were functional,
sadly, two former members in this picture are no longer with us





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



World Polio Day is observed globally on 24 October each year to raise awareness about poliomyelitis and drive the collective effort toward permanently eradicating the virus worldwide. Established by Rotary International, the date commemorates the birth of Dr Jonas Salk, the American virologist who developed the world's first successful polio vaccine in 1955.

The campaign is coordinated by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership that includes the WHO, CDC, Rotary International, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- **99% Reduction:** Widespread vaccination programs have reduced global polio cases by more than 99% since 1988, protecting over 20 million children from lifelong paralysis.
- **The Final Strongholds:** The wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: **Afghanistan and Pakistan**.
- **The Last Mile Challenge:** Outbreaks still flare up in vulnerable zones due to geopolitical conflict, remote terrain, vaccine hesitancy, and compromised sanitation systems. Health organizations emphasize that until transmission is completely zero, a global resurgence remains a threat


Love Christ




HELEN SOUTER




RPTLE


Rockingham


FABBQ
Friends At The Beach
Supported By The Community
Run By Volunteers
FABBQ



Children's Week WA 2026

The Kwinana Children's Party at Rhodes Park took place, Tuesday 27 October 2026, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Organised by Kwinana Early Years Services (KEYS) and supported by the City of Kwinana, this free outdoor community celebration marked Children's Week 2026. It featured family activities focused on children's well-being, play, and community connection.

Families who brought their picnic rugs to the Rhodes Park oval enjoyed a wide range of free entertainment and activities tailored for young children (primarily aged 0–5 years

- Animal Interactions: A popular hands-on petting zoo and interactive storytelling sessions with the Story Dogs.
- Entertainment & Crafts: Free face painting, games, and children's entertainment across the grass.
- Food & Refreshments: A community sausage sizzle alongside a mobile coffee van on-site for parents and caregivers

Get ready for a morning of fun, laughter and adventure as we celebrate Children's Week at our FREE Kwinana Children's Party in Rhodes Park.
Bring your picnic rug, the kids, and come ready for a morning of smiles, play and connection. Activities include face painting, petting zoo, storytime with the story dogs, games, entertainment and more!
There'll also be a sausage sizzle and coffee van on site.



Oct. 24, 2026
On World Polio Day, Friday 24 October 2025, we invite you journey across the entire Perth train network to raise awareness for polio eradication.
You can "Ride the Train to End Polio" between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, visiting as many stations as possible to create awareness.
This is not a fundraiser so no rattling tins or asking for donations but do talk to people about Polio and why we are eradicating it from the world.








Priority seat
Please vacate seat for people with a disability, who are pregnant or less able to stand
1 Pull to break the cover
2 Pull handle
3 Wait for train to stop
4 Pull doors apart to exit
Penalty for improper use

Polio This Week: World Polio Day 24th October 2026

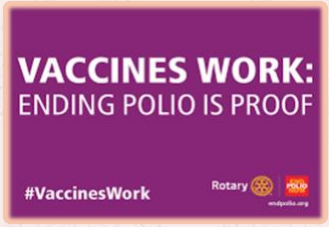
World Polio Day 2026 – Make Polio History!
24 October marks World Polio Day – an opportunity to reflect on progress, recognize the people making it possible and look at the challenges that remain. People, governments, partners, Rotarians, communities, around the world will mark the day with events to garner commitment and support to reach and overcome the last hurdles to a polio-free world.
On this World Polio Day, the GPEI and its partners would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all who are involved in this project. From all over the world, from all backgrounds, polio eradication is a uniting factor in an increasingly polarized world – showing that collective action is possible for the benefit of humankind.

From Cairo to Islamabad: Political leadership puts polio eradication firmly on the agenda
With Afghanistan and Pakistan still home to the world's last endemic wild poliovirus transmission, political commitment matters more than ever.
At last week's WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo, countries reaffirmed that ending polio remains a regional priority, as regional partners, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE, underscored their continued support for eradication, particularly in hard-to-reach areas. And for a closer look at Pakistan's determination to finish the job, watch this Devex interview with Ayesha Raza Farooq, the Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio Eradication in Pakistan.

Three doses, stronger protection: New evidence reshapes the role of IPV in polio eradication
A third dose of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) could make a major difference in protecting children against polio. New modelling suggests that moving to a three-dose infant schedule could increase IPV-derived immunity by a median of 18 percentage points, with even greater gains in some high-risk countries.
Following its October meeting, WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) recommends that countries currently using fewer than three IPV doses make the transition without delay, preferably through six-in-one hexavalent vaccines. SAGE also opened the door to a second IPV dose in outbreak response where transmission persists beyond six months. In this Q&A, WHO's Ondrej Mach and the Gates Foundation's Ananda Bandyopadhyay explain the science, the opportunities and the challenges — including why reaching children who still receive no IPV at all remains the overriding priority.

The fight against polio, one photo at a time!
Every vaccination campaign has its heroes — and WHO's African Region wants to see them in action! Ahead of World Polio Day, WHO AFRO is launching a polio photo contest, inviting photographers to capture the people and moments behind eradication efforts.
Three categories are open: best action photo, best portrait and best vaccination photo. Got a great shot? Send it to whopoliophotocontest@gmail.com by 24 October 2026. Time to put the people behind the polio programme in the picture!







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

The **Train Ride to End Polio**, an awareness and fundraising campaign organized by Rotary International.



Originally started by Rotarians Mark and Dave Anderson in the Sydney area in 2018, the initiative has since raised over $880,000 and expanded to several other Regions including Perth WA
Rotarian and supporters travel the entire Sydney train network in a single day – visiting 185 stations – in an effort to raise awareness to END POLIO NOW.
Mark and Dave Anderson (pic) head up a team of volunteers, travelling the Sydney Rail Network in under 24 hours. Their journey typically begins in Sydney's South, at 4.30 am and ends in Sydney's North at 10.00 pm.

Poliomyelitis (Polio) is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus is spread from person to person, typically through contaminated water and can attack the nervous system, and lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine. Polio affects mostly children under 5 years of age. When Rotary started the immunisation campaign in 1985, over 350,000 children were affected by the virus each year in 125 countries. In 2020, there were fewer than 140 cases of wild polio in just two countries. 19 million people who would have otherwise been paralysed are walking because of the Rotary END POLIO NOW campaign.

Money raised will go directly to the Rotary END POLIO NOW campaign fund to support the transport and materials needed in the fight against polio. Australians can get involved in this unique fundraising initiative by donating to this initiative. In August 2020, as a result of a decades-long effort led by Rotary, partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and world governments, the World Health Organisation's African region was officially certified free of wild poliovirus. This certification came four years after Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – recorded its final case of wild polio and marks a major step toward global eradication of the wild poliovirus.

"Despite this accomplishment, challenges remain. There are still pockets of children who aren't getting the polio vaccine, leading to outbreaks and it's critical that every child is reached with vaccines. This is especially important as immunisation campaigns, which were paused to help control the spread of COVID-19, resume in countries around the world," Mark said.
"No child should have to suffer from the crippling effects of polio when it is totally preventable. If we stop our efforts, polio will return with a vengeance to places where today's children do not even know what polio is."

What happened this week in history?

Oct. 26th to Nov. 01st

26th

1858: Hamilton Smith patents rotary washing machine in Pittsburgh
1863: Football Association forms in England, standardizing soccer, splitting with rugby
1881: Gunfight at the OK Corral: The most famous shootout in the Wild West occurs
1916: Sex educator Margaret Sanger arrested for obscenity (advocating birth control)

27th

1275: Traditional founding of the city of Amsterdam
1651: English troops occupy Limerick, Ireland
1904: First section of New York subway - Lower Manhattan to Broadway Harlem,
1938: DuPont announces its new synthetic polyamide fibre will be called "nylon".

28th

1216: Henry III aged nine is crowned King of England at Gloucester Cathedral
1492: Christopher Columbus sights Cuba and claims it for Spain under the name "Juana"
1831: Michael Faraday demonstrates his dynamo invention, an electrical generator
1904: St Louis police try a new investigation method - fingerprints

29th

1390: First trial for witchcraft in Paris
1618: English adventurer, writer and courtier Walter Raleigh is beheaded
1889: Queen Victoria grants Cecil Rhodes rights to Zambezia
1863: International Committee of Red Cross forms

30th

1772: Captain James Cook arrives with ship Resolution in Cape Town, South Africa
1873: P. T. Barnum's circus, "Greatest Show on Earth", debuts (New York City)
1894: Daniel Cooper patents time clock
1920: The Communist Party of Australia is founded in Sydney.

31st

1815: Cornishman Sir Humphry Davy patents miner's safety lamp
1863: The Maori Wars resumed as British forces in New Zealand began t Invasion of the Waikato
1867: Australia's first royal tour begins as Prince Albert, arrives in Adelaide, South Australia
1918: Spanish flu kills 21,000 people in the US in a single week

01st

1348: The Black Death reaches London on or about this date
1512: Michelangelo's paintings on ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican first exhibited
1800: John Adams becomes the first US President to live in the White House
1894: Vaccine for diphtheria announced by Dr Émile Roux of Paris

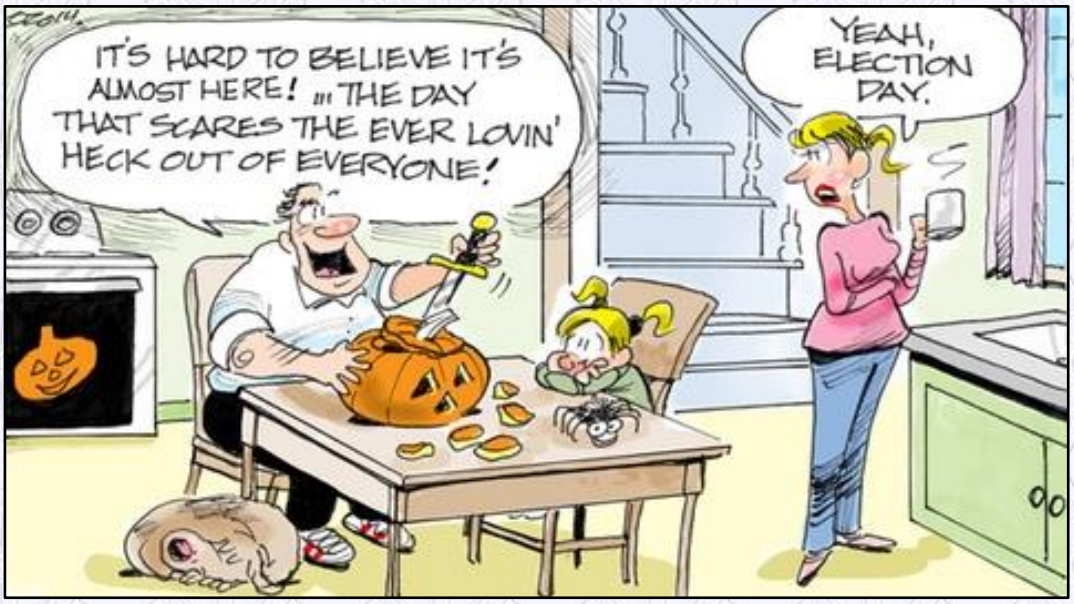
Q: What happened to the cannibal who showed up late to Halloween dinner?
A: They gave him the cold shoulder.

Q: What happened to the man who got behind on payments to his exorcist?
A: He got repossessed

Q: What's a skeleton's Favorite board game?
A: Tibial Pursuit.

1. The lawyer hopes you get in trouble.
2. The doctor hopes you get sick.
3. The police hopes you become a criminal.
4. The teacher hopes you are born silly.
5. The landlord hopes you don't build a house.
6. The prostitute hopes you don't get married.
7. The dentist hopes that your teeth decay.
8. The mechanic hopes your car breaks down.
9. The coffin-maker wants you dead.
10. Only a thief wishes you prosperity in life!





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