The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

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

Back to our clubrooms for tonight's meeting, no guest speaker but a good opportunity for PDG John Iriks to give us a full rundown on our participation in the 2026 Kwinana Community Fair to be held next Saturday 7th November at Calista Oval. All preparations are now in place; the weather forecast is looking very favourable with a temperature in the high 20s forecast.
With about 120 stalls expected together with 18+ food trucks, plus other children's attractions all is looking good for great day.
As a club we ran our first Community Fair on the 13th November 2021, by November 2021 WA was COVID-free with zero community transmission, living in a completely different reality compared to the rest of the world and Eastern Australia. No local restrictions, because the virus wasn't circulating in the community life inside WA was entirely normal with restaurants, Bars, and major sporting events were open to full capacity, no mask mandates. Remember WA's 'Hard Border' we were in complete isolation from the rest of the world.

Great to welcome back VP Stephen Castelli and Rtn Norm Mulcahy back after both have returned after a 3-month LOA.



Rotary International President 2026/7

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

RC Trans Amadi, Nigeria

District Governor 9423 2026/27

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



November - Rotary Foundation Month

Mon 2nd	Club Meeting	
Sat 7th	Kwinana Community Fair	10am-2pm Calista Oval
Mon 9th	Club Meeting	
Mon 16th	Club Meeting	
Mon 23rd	Club Meeting	
Mon 30th	Club Meeting	

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	18
Guests	1
Visitors	
Partners	

87.0 %

Raffle
James

Heads & Tails
Stephen

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 02nd November 2026



Welcome to Everyone. A special welcome to Shaun, guest of Anthony Miller.

As mentioned last week, the Train Ride for Polio held on Saturday 24 October was a most enjoyable day for all who participated, with Rotarians and friends travelling widely across the Perth railway network with the aim of promoting public awareness of End Polio Now. An online sponsorship page using the platform Raise for Rotary will remain open until Saturday 7 November, with all funds going to End Polio Now. Donations made by Rotarians via this platform will count towards their respective club's overall contribution to The Rotary Foundation. The link to the page is below:
https://raise.rotary.org/en-GB/project/2026-rotary-train-ride-for-polio?tab=overview

Any contributions to the Raise for Rotary page will be greatly appreciated.

Last week's combined meeting with Rockingham and Palm Beach Rotary, together with other local service organisations, was a great opportunity for networking, prompting consideration of how we can form partnerships with groups for the greater good of the community. We can look forward to having some representatives from these other organisations attending our meetings as guest speakers in the months ahead.

The much-anticipated Kwinana Community Fair will take place this Saturday 7 November at Calista Oval. John Iriks and his team have worked extremely hard in bringing this event together, so please give them plenty of support. A special mention to former member Kim Beciri for all her work in promoting the event and taking bookings from stallholders. Looking forward to what should be a great day.

Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

Rotary International celebrated World Polio Day on October 24, 2026, highlighting global progress and community-led fundraising efforts to completely eradicate the disease.

Key Updates & Impact (Late 2026)

- **Global Progress:** Wild poliovirus cases have dropped by **99.9%** since 1988, with remaining endemic cases restricted to **Afghanistan and Pakistan**.]
- **Investment & Funding:** Rotary has invested over **$3 billion** (providing more than $2.9 billion in PolioPlus grants) to protect over 3 billion children across 122 countries.
- **World Polio Day 2026 Activities:** Clubs worldwide held community walks, flag-raisings, and fundraisers (such as the End Polio Now Raffle by Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast and regional walks in Malaysia and North America) to support matching funds from partners like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation plus the Train Ride for Polio in Australia.
- **Surveillance Focus:** Campaigns increasingly emphasize laboratory testing and wastewater surveillance (such as Rotary visits to the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research) to detect hidden virus spread early

Rotary Meeting held at Rotary Hall, Medina Monday 02nd November 2026



Blast from the past: Zoom meeting June 2020 during COVID



I know a great joke about the Coronavirus… but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.

Why has no one in the Arctic caught the virus? Because they're all ice-o-lated.

If the coronavirus isn't about beer, why do I keep seeing so many cases of it?

Rotary Club Administration

Tony Miller President 2027/28 September 2026



Re the waste to Energy trip, we are getting no joy making this happen so it was suggested by Chris O that we do the industry circuit bus trip if we make it in the daylight hours we can stop of for a meal somewhere along the way. This was approved by the general members.

The combined services event at the Salvation Army HQ in Rockingham was a great success with a good number of members attending and it was enjoyable to network and catchup with old friends.

PE Tony Miller

Rotary Secretary

PP Stephen Castelli 2026

Stand-in PE Tony Miller





Inward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence:

I am currently going through the procedures to obtain a new PO Box key .... it's complicated.
Currently unable to access incoming mail at the box because my name isn't on the list

A wee bit of Melbourne Cup Trivia
January 2013, I was privileged to have personal audience with 'Melbourne Cup history'
See page 9 for more info





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



Eric: At the usual Friday get together, when ready to leave, Eric commented "where's my car keys" with that Ed S said, 'Try looking in your hand' !!!!

James: Forgot to invite Chris and Carol to their 'Halloween Party' Jame promptly invited them to next years .

Welcome back Stephen and Norm.

Stephen: Pruning plants at home, managed to get sap into his eye, not a good result followed.

Stephen: Locked out of house, had to get Yanti to climb through the window.

Helen: Conferences are good place to replenish your pen supply.

Chris O: Picture you posted of a furniture item had a 'not so good' reflection in the mirror.

What do you call it when a snowman has a temper tantrum?	A meltdown.
What did the duck say when it bought lipstick?	Put it on my bill.
Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?	She couldn't control her pupils.
Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?	Because it's pointless.
Why can't you trust an atom?	Because they make up everything.

The first Kwinana Community Fair run by The Kwinana Rotary Club held on Saturday 13th Nov. 2021








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Polio This Week: 02nd November 2026

From the Arctic to Somalia: World Polio Day brings the world together

From the Arctic Ocean to Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe, communities marked World Polio Day 2026 with extraordinary energy, creativity and a shared determination to finish the job of polio eradication. More.

What does it take to eradicate a disease? A conversation with new WHO polio director Chris Wolff

In this episode of @Rotary Voices, Chris Wolff, the new WHO polio eradication director, shares why the final push toward a polio-free world is so important and why he remains optimistic that we will end polio for good.

Two drops, one dream: a vaccinator's 14-year journey to protect Afghan children from polio

Meet Rashed Anwari, and accompany him throughout his day as a polio vaccinator, a journey he has been on for more than 14 years.

Polio eradication through regional partnerships in Eastern Mediterranean

Two drops of vaccine are often used as a symbol for polio eradication.

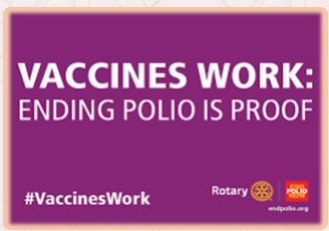
Yet protecting a child from poliovirus depends on far more than vaccination.

It requires interconnected public health systems that can detect the virus, respond rapidly, reach every child and continuously adapt to changing risks. Regional partnerships are key. Learn more here.

Summary of new polioviruses this week

- Pakistan : one WPV1 case
- DR Congo : seven cVDPV2 cases
- Niger : one cVDPV3 case
- Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case
- Somalia : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample







Birthdays and Anniversaries November 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Norm Mulcahy	3rd
Soren Houlberg	5th
Alan Armstrong	25th
Andrew Aulton	25th



Wedding Anniversaries



Club Anniversaries:

Genevieve Carr	29th	27 years

Congratulations

Explanation to the picture on page 4

The day the Melbourne Cup was changed forever: how Dermot Weld stunned the racing world with Vintage Crop

Vintage Crop was a British-bred-Irish-trained Thoroughbred racehorse best known for becoming the first northern-hemisphere, bred-trained horse to win Australia's premier race, the Melbourne Cup in 1993

The picture on page 4 with Vintage Crop was at the Irish National Stud in 2013



What happened this week in history?

Nov 02nd to Nov. 08th

2nd

1868: Time zone: New Zealand officially adopts a standard time to be observed nationally
1886: patent granted to Carl Benz for "vehicle with gas engine operation", the first automobile
1903: British newspaper "Daily Mirror" begins publishing
1936: BBC begins the world's first regular TV broadcast service Alexandra Palace, North London

3rd

1900: First US automobile show opens at Madison Square Garden (NYC)
1911: Chevrolet officially enters the automobile market in competition with the Ford Model T
1931: First commercially produced synthetic rubber manufactured
1955: Australia takes control of Cocos Islands

4th

1841: First wagon train arrives in California
1862: Dr Richard Gatling patents Gatling machine gun in Indianapolis
1879: James Ritty patents first cash register
1890: Prince of Wales opens first underground station at Stockwell, South London

5th

1605: Gunpowder Plot: Catholic conspirator Guy Fawkes attempts to blow up King James I
1937: Adolf Hitler informs his military leaders in a secret meeting of his intentions of going to war
1940: Franklin D. Roosevelt is re-elected President of the United States for a third term,
1966: Bill Clinton is re-elected President of the United States

6th

1918: Republic of Poland proclaimed
1928: Colonel Jacob Schick patents 1st electric razor
1936: RCA displays TV for press
1999: Australians vote to keep the British monarch as their head of state in the Australian referendum.

7th

1665: 1st edition of "London Gazette" published as "The Oxford Gazette"
1800: It becomes illegal for women in Paris to wear trousers without a Police permit (annulled 2013)
1918: Robert Goddard demonstrates tube-launched solid propellant rockets
1918: WWI armistice signed

8th

1789: Bourbon Whiskey 1st distilled from corn by Elijah Craig in Bourbon, Kentucky
1864: Abraham Lincoln (R) elected to his 2nd term as American President
1895: German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen produces electromagnetic radiation today known as X-rays
1939: Failed assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler in Burgerbraukeller, Munich

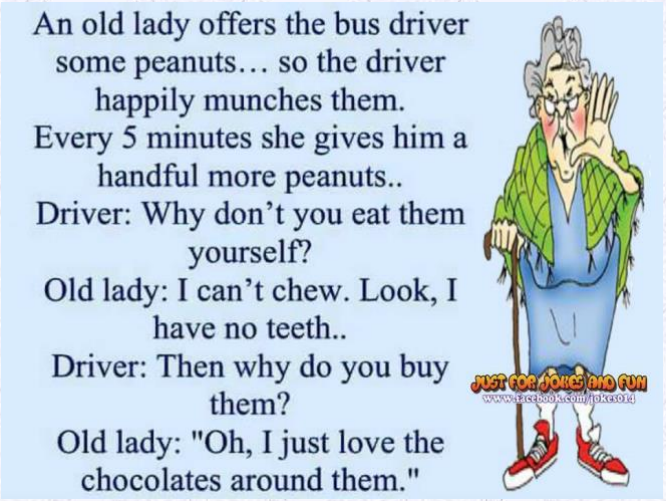
CHECK OUT

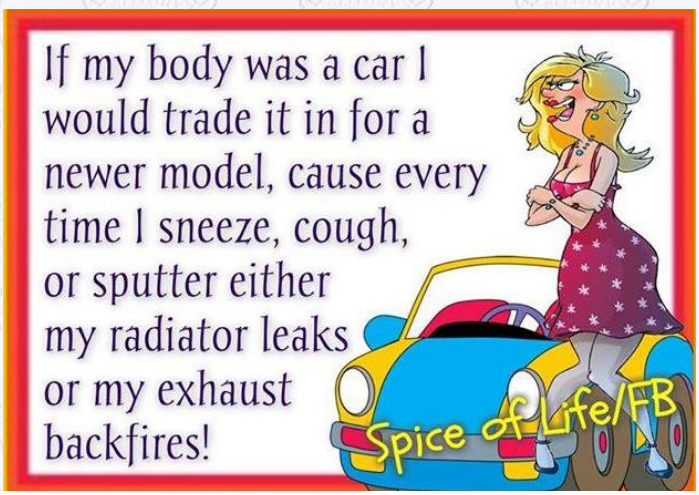
When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries, the check-out chic said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note so I could complain to A Current Affair about this security crap, I did just as she had instructed.

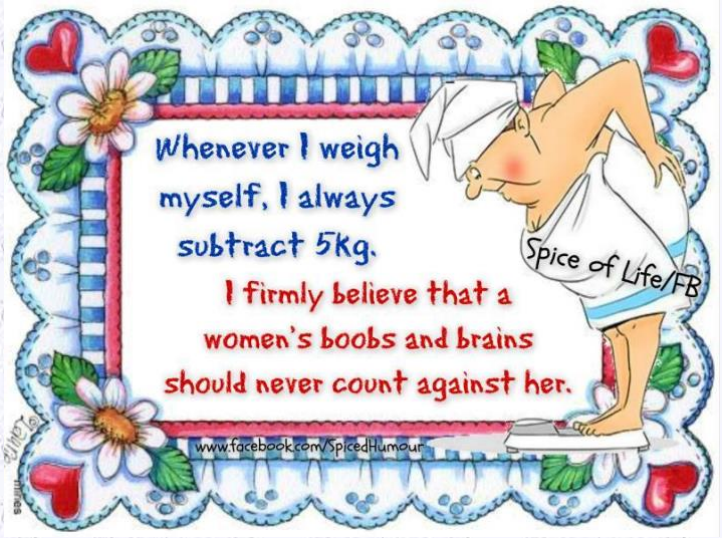
After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.









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**