



# The Rotary Club of Kwinana

**Rotary** **District 9423 Western Australia**  
Chartered: 22 April 1971

**Team 2024-25**

**President  
Terry Evans**

**Secretary  
Genevieve Carr**

**Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela**



**President Terry**

## Bulletin

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**Rotary Club of Kwinana is 53 years' old 1971/2024**

**Facts & Figures**

**Attendance this week**

- Total Members** 27
- Apologies**
- Make-up**
- Attended** 22
- Hon. Member** 1
- LOA**
- Guests**
- Visitors**
- Partners**

**88.5%**

**Raffle  
James & Mike**

**Heads & Tails  
John I**

Last meeting for October, the year is flying by, tonight we had a re-run of a thumbnail that would have been given many years ago by our own PDG, PP, past Kwinana Town Councillor, Kwinana Freeman, long-time business owner in Kwinana, you've guest-it John Iriks, who titled his talk "The Other John Iriks"

Through PP Stephen Castelli a call has been put out to ask and encourage members to assist Mike and his team with the everyday operations of our very successful project, The Kwinana Rotary Furniture Factory, Stephen told us tonight that he is very pleased with the response so far, quite a few members have offered their assistance and be placed on a 'roster' to help out, Thursday, Friday and Saturday when the shop is open.

The move to new premises in Seabrook Way, Medina is proving to be a great success, hence the call for help. Mike, Kylee and a great group of loyal members already give a lot of their time to this valuable project.

The Kwinana Community Fair is just over a week away, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 140+ stalls, 13+ food outlets, fingers crossed the weather is kind. Most members and partners are involved, organising the parking on the oval is always a priority, members will rotate from parking duties to crewing the Kwinana Rotary Club information marquee where we will have the opportunity to promote Rotary through conversation and handouts etc.



**Rotary International President**  
2024/25  
**Stephanie Urchick**  
  
Rotary Club of McMurray  
Pennsylvania USA

**District Governor**  
9423  
2024/25  
**Pat Schraven**



Meets Monday  
6 for 6.30pm  
At Rotary Hall  
Brownell Crescent,  
Medina

**Visitors welcome  
contact us**  
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**November 2024 - Rotary Foundation Month**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	David Walker	'The Fathering Project'
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Barry Sutton	'Kwinana Vinnies'
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting		
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting		

**Attendance Officer: Kertrina 0401 632 749**





Presidents Pen



Oct. 2024



If you are in the clubroom shed after Friday, you will notice 6 new 310L fridges. They belong to Frank Konecny Centre and are for DV and needy families. Mike has kindly allowed John M and myself to pick these up in the Furniture Factory truck on their behalf. The centre is happy to pay fuel costs and are extremely grateful for our assistance. They will be distributed over the next 6 weeks or so.

If you know of any very needy families let me know and they may be able to help.

It was wonderful to see so many cheerful bodies at our meeting on Monday night. It may have been the attraction of our guest speaker and your desire to know more about him. I will take the attendance as a positive and try to encourage more of the same. Perhaps a small port next Monday might help.

One more meeting before we all turn out for the Kwinana Fair. Please be there. In the past it has been a very well run and enjoyable affair. Your efforts make it so and valuable feedback continues to ensure it gets bigger and better every year. Thank you all. Thanks also to Eric for assisting me and ploughing through past pictures to display some of our community efforts and achievements in the past.

Terry Evans  
President 2024/25

Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024





Stephen Castelli

President 2025/26



Work in progress, on a weekend trip away, when the weather warms-up.

Looking at Dryandra, bookings available March 25

Many older members will have very fond memories of the weekends we spent at Nanga Bush Camp.

Standing Orders version 2024 has been compiled, accepted by our board, presented to members ready to be officially accepted at our AGM in December.

Furniture Factory roster circulated, results so far quite encouraging.

PE Stephen Castelli

Guest speaker PDG John Iriks with Kwinana President Terry Evans





Inward Correspondence.

- Notification regarding changes coming soon to rotary membership Leads
- District newsletter #11
- RDU Supplies promotion
- Invitation to North Parmelia Primary School graduation ceremony
- Request from Landgate for information about 1 Gentle Rd
- Bendigo Bank statement
- ROMAC e-news update

Outward Correspondence:

None

Congratulations to those members and partners (10 in all) who attended CPR update training on Saturday 26 October. Despite some hiccups with accessing online information, we had a relatively smooth and enjoyable session at the hall with trainer Mia Kurda from the organisation Training Solutions.

**On World Polio Day, Rotary International leaders and public health experts reiterate their commitment to global eradication**

Eradicating polio around the world is still an attainable goal, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick and public health experts said as they commemorated World Polio Day in the city where the vaccine was developed

Dr. Peter L. Salk, president of the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation in La Jolla, California, and a part-time professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, talked about what drove his father to develop the first inactive polio vaccine.

“He just never let go,” Salk recalled. “It was his personality to have a dream and get things done.” Salk said his father wanted to make a difference in the world from a young age and became interested in science. After working in the U.S. state of Michigan on an influenza vaccine, he came to Pittsburgh in 1947 to work at the virus research lab and received a grant for polio research from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. That led to his work developing the inactive polio vaccine.

Gates Foundation co-founder Bill Gates lauded the commitment toward eradication. “When polio is eradicated, it will be one of the biggest advances in public health in human history,” said Gates. The Gates Foundation, a partner in the GPEI, matches up to US\$50 million that Rotary raises each year at a 2-to-1 ratio, which means up to US\$150 million for the effort each year.

Salk, too, said he was honoured to be in a room full of Rotary members who have a passion for solving tough problems.

“Every time I get together with Rotarians,” he said, “I am just uplifted by the quality of humanity that you all radiate and the dedication you put in all the different realms helping the world become a better place.”



2024/25

PDG John Iriks



### **Kwinana Primary Schools:**

Annual Graduation award positions are taken care

**RYLA 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. (Registrations close 15<sup>th</sup> November)**

RYLA is an 8-day, intensive seminar for 18–28-year-olds with leadership potential.

It is a unique opportunity to build skills in:

Communication and Public Speaking

Leadership

Teamwork & Group Dynamics

Problem Solving

Goal Setting, Time & Energy Management

Self-Awareness and Emotional Intelligence

**Camp Opportunity 2025 is from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Registrations close Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Camp Opportunity is a week-long live in camp for young special-needs adult “Campers”, between the ages of 18 and 35 years “, to team with “Buddies” for a week of adventure as they mix and inter-act in a fun atmosphere to share new friendships and experiences. It is held at the Point Walter Recreation Centre, Bicton which is a dormitory style camp with rooms for 4 people, each has its own bathroom and caters for people with disabilities.



2024/25

Rtn. Tony Miller



Bumper stickers and magnetic car door ads have been delivered and so far, two bumper stickers have been sold, come on folks get your sticker now.

### **Current projects:**

Cuppa with a Rotarian: 21 Oct, 18 & 25 Nov, 2 Dec, members are encouraged to volunteer to sit and have a chat with the public from 10 – 11:30am or 1pm – 2:30pm.

PP Bob T attended on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kwinana Community Fair: 9th November, all hands-on deck

Seniors' week: The week of 11-17 of Nov, possibility for a sausage sizzle throughout this week???

Bunnings sausage sizzle: Two teams required for this our third sausage sizzle for this year. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, same team as last time?



Project Director  
Rtn. Tony Miller

Public Relations



Foundation Dir.  
PP Max Bird

International



Membership Dir.  
PP Edd Samut



Events Manager  
PDG John Iriks

Youth



Community  
Kertrina Riordan

Edd has Rotary Kwinana stickers and magnetic signs.  
See Edd if you would like to put either on your car.

Preparations underway for Kwinana Community Fair 2024

Stall numbers progressing well,  
140 stalls, 13 food trucks to date.



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela

Blast from the past: December 2002 (photo taken at the Darius Restaurant)





Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



PP Stephen Castelli  
&  
PP Greg Williams  
stand-in when required.



Deputy



- Tony: Something about a 'Flat Pack'
- Karen: Supplied coffee and cake for picking up the furniture.
- Stephen: Changing the money denomination?
- Chris O: No socks!!!
- Terry: Guest Speaker table supposed to go first for dinner!!!!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries November 2024

#### Birthday Congratulations:

- Norm M 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bill R 13<sup>th</sup>



#### Wedding Anniversaries

None listed



#### Club Anniversaries:

- Edd S 16<sup>th</sup> 26 years
- Genevieve 29<sup>th</sup> 25 years

*Congratulations*



Guest Speaker: John Iriks

Thumbnail revisited 2024



John began his talk by telling us that this was about the other John Iriks, we all know the Rotarian, Past District Governor, the multiple Kwinana Rotary Club President John Iriks.

John, born Holland 1949, “which makes me a Baby Boomer”. Left Holland arrived in Darwin Christmas 1951 as a stopover on the way to Sydney, then to Jamestown in South Australia, we were accommodated in a shed on a local farm. Dad killed 37 rats on the first night, Mum who was 8 months pregnant at the time was not impressed.

Eventually arrived in Medina October 1953, the area was still Rockingham until February 1954. John became one of 10 children, there was only four on arrival to Australia.

John attended school at St Vincent’s Primary. Incidentally Dad (Matt) built the school building, the priest at the time was an architect.

John spent his childhood climbing trees, riding bikes, bows and arrows etc. all the things that Aussie kids did in those days, even to doing the William Tell thing and using one of my brothers with the apple on his head.

John mentioned the Rogan family that lived on the south side of Wellard Road, an area that was then under water, we made our own canoes, essentially just wandered the whole area, including the Mulberry tree on the Golf Course, the fig tree on Sloan’s Reserve. We also spent a great deal of time playing on what now is Calista Oval.

When on to Christian Brothers College, caught the bus every day, John commented that he was not the best behaved or the brightest student on the bus.

John decided to leave school early, knew the rules were, want to leave school then, must have a job. Had an interview lined-up, started work at Swan Wool Scouring. 1966, I was 16 turning 17. Got a lift into Fremantle with Eric and Gladys Blogg, John always adds the comment: Eric’s car radio was always on 6WF, if you happen to travel with Eric today, some 58 years later his radio is still on 6WF.

Another fact not known is John’s boxing coach was Gerry McCoy, now of El Shaddi, Christian Fellowship, “I still remain undefeated boxing champion” ???

Learned to drive around the now Calista Oval area, first car was a brand new Mini Deluxe, no I wasn’t gifted the car; while working in the office the woolshed workers would ask me if I wanted to work in the wool store after hours, and on weekends to earn some extra cash.

Highlights of my life, married Chris in 1972, Michelle, born 73, Gareth 74.

John and Chris very involved in Basketball from 1967 till about 1975, ran the local comp for 10 years, met a lot of personalities including Ernie Dingo and Richard Walley, “I could write a book about the basketball days”

John was fortunate in 1979 to go on a Rotary Group Study Exchange trip to Norway, “which started a brand-new chapter in my life”

“The rest of my Rotary life is well known, 45 years this year since the Norway trip, wouldn’t change a thing, had an absolute ball, I still think I am still paying back for experience’s I’ve had from the GSE and Rotary.



28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

24 October 2024 marks World Polio Day, a chance for stakeholders of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to raise awareness and resources of the urgent need to eradicate this disease once and for all. Rotary International and Rotarians around the world are once again at the forefront of this global campaign, bringing together the public and civil society in promoting the cause of polio eradication. More at the World Polio Day [‘Take Action’](#) page.

Newest Polio Gender Champion announced: Rt Hon Anneliese Dodds MP, Minister for Development at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Minister for Women and Equalities at the Department for Education, United Kingdom. [More.](#)

Gaza outbreak response: while the second round of the Gaza outbreak response was implemented in key areas, in northern Gaza the activity has been postponed amid escalating conflict and impeded access. [More.](#)

Polio anywhere is a threat everywhere – click [here](#) for an op-ed by Anne Wafula Strike, Paralympian and polio survivor.

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

- Afghanistan: one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case and 10 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: seven WPV1 cases and one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- Chad: three circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Djibouti: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Niger: once cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: five cVDPV2 cases

#### **Why don't election promises age well?**

They have a shorter shelf life than milk.

#### **What's the difference between a politician and a used car salesman?**

The used car salesman eventually stops lying.

#### **Why is the 2024 election like a haunted house?**

Every time you open a door, another skeleton falls out.

When asked if they would have sex with Bill Clinton, 86% of women in D.C. said, "Not again."



# What happened this week in history?



Oct 28<sup>th</sup> to Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>



28<sup>th</sup>

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

29<sup>th</sup>

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

30<sup>th</sup>

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.

31<sup>st</sup>

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

01<sup>st</sup>

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

02<sup>nd</sup>

1867: Women's fashion magazine "Harper's Bazaar" is 1st published  
1868: Time zone: New Zealand officially adopts a standard time to be observed nationally  
1886: German patent granted to inventor Carl Benz for "vehicle with gas engine operation"  
1903: British newspaper "Daily Mirror" begins publishing

03<sup>rd</sup>

1534: Act of Supremacy making Henry VIII & all monarchs the Head of the Church of England  
1839: First Opium War - 2 British frigates engage several Chinese junks  
1896: J H Hunter patents portable weighing scales  
1941: Hirohito's accord on Yamamoto's attack plan on Pearl Harbor



**Group 9 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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