



# 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 26

Apologies

Make-up 3

Attended 13

Guests

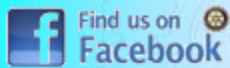
Visitors

Partners

66.6%

Raffle  
**Terry & Bob T**

Heads & Tails  
**Norm**



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

Visitors are welcome  
Contact  
0400 837 603



No 17 27/10/2025



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

We had quite a quick meeting tonight, but we did have video address from the 2025 Convention by David LaMotte, David is a songwriter, speaker and author, also a Rotary Peace Fellow, the subject of his address.

Congratulations go to the Bendigo Bank, Kwinana on their recent win, being named the 'Branch of the Year' for WA, SA, NT and in the top three for lending.

Kwinana member PP/PDG John Iriks has been their chairman since opening in June 2015. PP Max Bird has been a co-director from day 1.

John championed the formation of the branch through our Rotary Club as a club project. The first meeting leading to the formation of the bank was held in February 2012.

In its 10 years the bank has donated over \$100,000 to the community through grants and support. It currently serves about 2,700 customers and has over \$157 million in business. The bank has paid a 3% dividend for the past 2 years. The branch is operated by Kwinana Community Financial Services Limited, a public company with over 330 local shareholders.



Rotary International President  
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423  
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



## November 2025 – Rotary Foundation Month

Mon 3rd	Club Meeting	Club Forum
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Club Forum (follow-up)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Zoom with Rtn Tony Miller
Tues 25 <sup>h</sup>	Club Meeting with Mandurah Districts	

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



ShelterBox





President's Pen



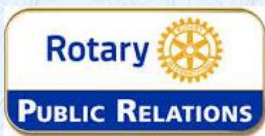
October 2025



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

Stephen Castelli  
President 2025/26



Public Relations Report

October 27<sup>th</sup> 2025



IPL Radio announced on their web site that they are launching a brand-new community newspaper celebrating local stories, small businesses, events and the incredible people who make our region shine. This is an additional resource for us to showcase our Furniture Factory, promote our projects and activities. An article on the Polio train ride was forwarded to IPL radio for sharing.

Following my presentation on 20 October meeting on social media digital planning, a copy of the outcome of a series of questions that we workshopped at the meeting were circulated to all Club members. Members were all invited (particularly those who were not at the meeting) to review the questions and responses and feedback any comments and be part of the process.

What I am working towards is to firm up on our Club plan for a digital plan for the Furniture Factory using social media, e.g. Facebook, TikTok.

This will of course need to marry in with the Club's Rotary home site and FF site link(s) with Club. These will all need to be able to stand alone but all integrate and support the digital plan.

Still collecting and researching to build up knowledge on what we need to get together so that approaches can be made to digital platform tech people, preferably with digital marketing experience with the knowledge, experience and backup support.

John Iriks and I have been talking about gaining a few people/firms that we could approach to see how they can help us develop our social media plan and at what cost etc.

Currently, two young local firms are in the possibles list so far. Welcome any suggestions on people/firms to approach for possible relationship with us. There needs to be collaboration of all interested members into this.

Club needs, I believe, to arrange to carry out tasks such as a full audit of our current on line sites in use, cleanout of stale posted material, implement a quick and simple access by users to our potential customers, right choice of platforms to suit our needs, the setup of hash tags, set up of meaningful monitoring tools, and some ongoing overview and training for us as necessary.

There is obviously other tasks needed that I do not know about that could/would be of benefit to us.

I am happy for any input from members and non-Club members into planning for our Club's digital future.

PP Bob Thompson  
Public Relations 2025/26



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

October 27th 2025



1. **Train Ride for Polio:** Huge thanks to those Club members who participated in this event: John Iriks, Bob and Wendy Cooper, Soren Houlberg, Bob and Jo Thompson, James and Cathy Sharkey, Genevieve and Josh Carr. Our Train travels included going out to Perth Airport, out to Ellenbrook, stopping off at Maylands station for a drink at the Dome Café, lunch in Perth, a mid-afternoon trip out to Fremantle, and then a journey up to Yanchep before attending the sundowner in Yagan Square. Hope everyone enjoyed their travels!  
The link <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP> will remain open for approximately 10 more days for donations to End Polio Now.



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. Board decision last Monday 6 October that we would cancel Club meeting on Monday 24 November and attend this meeting in Mandurah in lieu. Please advise as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.
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; three couples have taken up the offer here (James and Cathy Sharkey, Bob and Jo Thompson, Steve and Yanti Castelli). Please see Genevieve if need accommodation.

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr 27th October 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- World Polio Day reminder from District 9423
- Invoices from Leda Primary School, Medina Primary School, Wellard Primary School to cover donations for Graduation prizes
- Invoice from HECS Fire for servicing of fire equipment
- RDU Supplies update
- RDU online

Outward Correspondence:

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**WORLD POLIO DAY  
IS 24 OCTOBER**



Rotary Kwinana meeting Monday 27<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

President Stephen and Yanti currently visiting Indonesia and were involved in there End Polio Day 2025





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



PP Stephen Castelli  
stand-in when required.

The 'Sergeant' had a night-off



**END POLIO NOW** WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER





Guest Speaker: Video by David LaMotte  
From 2025 Convention



David LaMotte is a songwriter, speaker and author.

As a musician, David has performed over 3500 concerts and released thirteen full-length CDs of primarily original music, touring in all of the fifty states and on five of the seven continents.

The *Boston Globe* writes that his music “pushes the envelope with challenging lyrics and unusual tunings, but he also pays homage to folk tradition,” while *BBC Radio Belfast* lauds his “charm, stories, humour, insightful songs, sweet voice and dazzling guitar ability.” His most recent album, *Still*, features a number one song on Folk Radio, *September Me*. The album remained in the top forty for six months.

A song he co-wrote was heavily featured in the 2024-2025 Broadway production of *Our Town*. He has been a featured performer at top tier music festivals including the Kerrville Folk Festival, Merlefest, the Auckland Folk Festival (NZ), LEAF, and the Australian National Folk Festival.

In 2009, LaMotte suspended his music career for two years to pursue his other primary vocation by accepting a Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study International Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. As part of that study, he also spent time in rural Andhra Pradesh, India working with a Gandhian development organization.

A few months ago, I was invited to speak at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta. This, was an extraordinary invitation, and I was beyond thrilled.

I am grateful for the chance to hold the good work Rotary is doing in the world up for folks to see. And it is wonderful to have the chance to say thank you for the ways the organization has impacted my own life — from paying for my master’s degree through the Rotary Peace Fellowship to funding the construction of a beautiful new school building at Escuela Comunitaria David LaMotte in Tz’anchaj, Guatemala.

It’s also a good time to speak with a large group of influential people about the way forward — how we can work with intention to make the world a better place in the midst of so much chaos and destruction, and how to avoid being seduced by ubiquitous hero narratives that focus on individuals rather than the truth of large-scale change: that it is always accomplished by large groups of people working together. At a time when so many people feel powerless, it is good to be reminded that we are not — we just sometimes misunderstand the shape of our power.

On June 22, I spoke to about 16,000 people in the Saddledome in Calgary. I also played two songs, and it was great fun to hear my guitar through a sound system that size. Among the extraordinary things that happened that I don’t have a picture for: the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, referenced something I said and gave me a shout out in his address (I mean... what?! Whose life is this?!).

So many of the amazing invitations I’ve had to speak to groups this year have come about at least in part due to my more recent TEDx talk, which came out almost a year ago. It is beautiful to see it continue to move out into the world, and I remain deeply grateful to Barrie Barton, Brett McCall, and the whole team at TEDx Asheville, not to mention the international TED organization, which chose my talk as an Editor’s Pick.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EstQHD92eo0>

<https://www.davidlamotte.com/>

## Polio This Week 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Bill Gates: “We’re closer than ever to eradicating polio... and closer than ever to seeing a resurgence.”**

In this [post](#), Bill Gates explains why the world is closer than ever to eradicating polio, and why a global funding gap leaves the world vulnerable to a resurgence.

### **World Polio Day 2025 – A Global Call to Finish the Job**

24 October marks World Polio Day, a chance for the global community to come together to renew commitment to ending one of humanity’s longest-running public health efforts. Led by Rotary International, Rotarians and partners around the world organize events, campaigns, and discussions to raise awareness and resources for the final push to eradicate polio — once and for all. [More](#).

**[WHO DG Tedros](#): “I have long admired Rotary’s unwavering commitment to end polio. I thank Rotary members for being pathfinders on this journey.”**

In this post, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reflects on his meeting with Rotarians from across Europe, visiting WHO Headquarters as part of their ‘World Polio Day’ week tour of Switzerland, culminating in a fundraising concert this Sunday in Lucerne, Switzerland.

### **‘United to end Polio’ – high-level event at [EMRO Regional Committee](#)**

Last week, WHO’s Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) and GPEI partners co-hosted ‘United to End Polio’, a high-level event convened on the eve of the EMRO Regional Committee.

The event proved to be a valuable platform for ministers of health, donors and partners across the Region to demonstrate their collective resolve to stop all forms of polio for good. Speakers underscored the necessity of regional collaboration to get the job done—politically, financially and technically—and put country ownership at the forefront.

Speakers included EMRO Regional Director Dr Hanan Balkhy, H.E. Dr. Ali Haji Adam Abubakar (Minister of Health, Somalia), Dr Abdullah Assiri (Deputy Minister of Population Health, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and Dr Edouard Beigbeder (RD, UNICEF MENA – online remarks), as well as Dr Ayesha Isani Majeed (Director General Health, [Pakistan](#)), Dr Hamid Jafari (Polio Director, WHO EMRO) and Mr Aziz Memon (Pakistan PolioPlus Coordinator, Rotary International). Dr Chris Elias (President of Global Development, Gates Foundation) closed the program with a reflection on the dedication of health workers and the importance of donor support.

### **GPEI partners in Africa set key actions for 2026**

Health leaders from across Africa gathered in Nairobi last week to take stock of progress and chart a bold path forward for ending all remaining poliovirus transmission on the continent. The high-level meeting, convened by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), focused on intensifying operations in the last remaining areas where variant polioviruses continue to circulate, and ensuring that Africa’s hard-won gains are fully sustained. [More](#).

### **Summary of new polioviruses this week:**

- Afghanistan: two WPV1 cases and eleven WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Papua New Guinea: two cVDPV2 cases



# *Birthdays and Anniversaries November 2025*

## **Birthday Congratulations:**

Norm Mulcahy 3rd  
Soren Houlberg 5th  
Bill Rowe 12th



## **Wedding Anniversaries**



## **Club Anniversaries:**

Edd Samut 16th 27 years  
Genevieve Carr 29th 26 years

*Congratulations*

Blast from the past: October 2011





# What happened this week in history?



Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

to

Nov. 02<sup>nd</sup>



27<sup>th</sup>

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".

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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

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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

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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.

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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

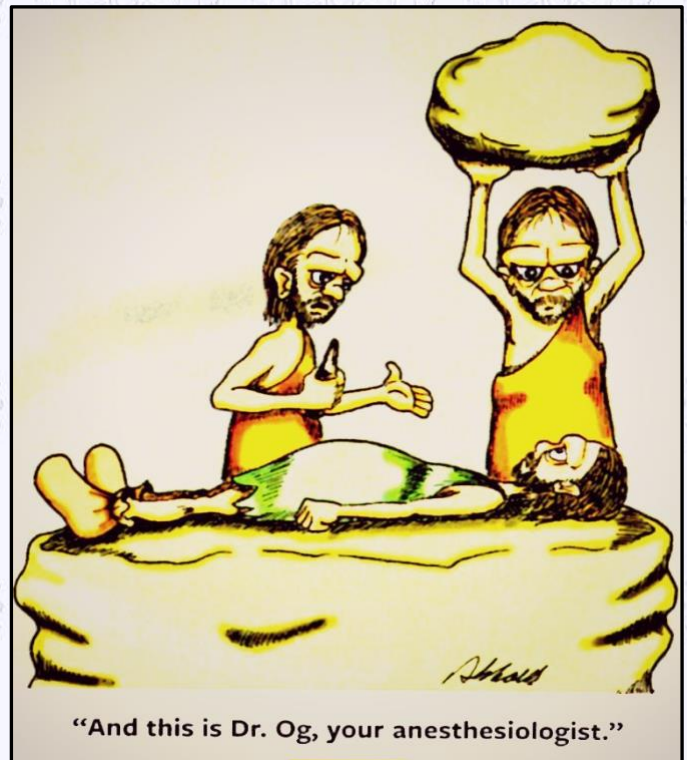
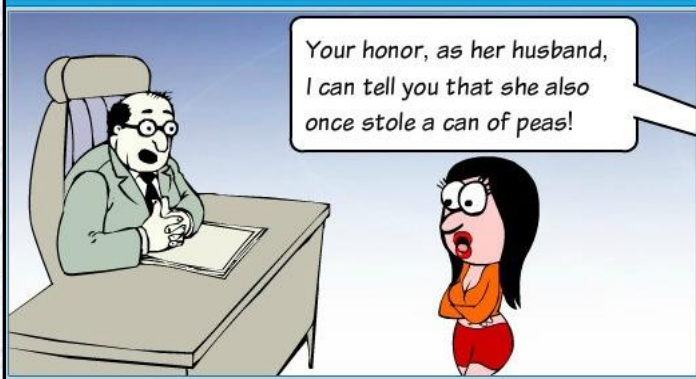
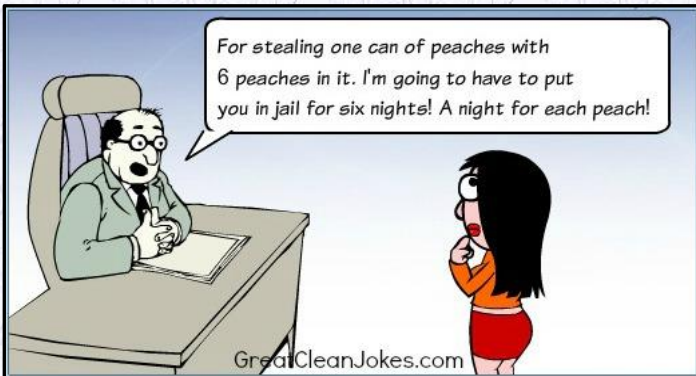
01<sup>st</sup>

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

I have no idea what you're talking about, but I suspect neither do you.  
 I would agree with you, but then we would *both* be wrong.  
 I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is 'Goodbye.'  
 Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician



"Yeah, that's my wife in the boat being carried out to sea. Don't put yourself at risk though-I can get a new boat."



**Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

Rockingham  
 Palm beach  
 Baldvis  
 Cockburn

Monday 6pm  
 Wednesday 6.30pm  
 Tuesday 6.30pm  
 Wednesday 6pm

Armada  
 Mandurah Districts  
 Pinjarra  
 Byford & Districts

Tuesday 7pm  
 Tuesday 6pm  
 Thursday 6.45pm  
 Monday 7pm