



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 2
Make-up 2
Attended 11
Guests
Visitors
Partners

54.1%



Bulletin

No 18 03/11/2025



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

Welcome back President Stephen, returned from an overseas trip with Yanti.

I can't report much on Monday's meeting because I wasn't there. Currently getting around (not that well) on crutches. I had my left hip replaced June 2023 and about 4 or 5 weeks ago developed pain in right hip. At first it was only a bit uncomfortable walking has in the last week or so has become extremely painful leaving me not functioning too well at all, hoping my specialist can fit me in for a consultation soon.

Important Club Forum was held, read a broad review of the proceedings in the report from President Stephen.

How successful was End Polio Day 2025?
During the week of End Polio Day 2025, over 80 million children were vaccinated in polio-affected countries across Africa and Asia. The global online conversation surrounding World Polio Day 2025 reached 638.9 million

Raffle



**Rotary International President
2025/26**

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

**District Governor 9423
2025/26**

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



Heads & Tails



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

**Visitors are welcome
Contact
0400 837 603**

November 2025 – Rotary Foundation Month

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

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





I am a dog with a bone, and can't and won't let go of the club's need of the following:

- Secretary
- Community Services Manager
- Programs Director

Any interested persons should let 1 of the board members know.

There were apologies from Chris Oughton, Eric Blogg (hip) and Kertrina.

Kertrina also went on to inform us via WhatsApp that she was going to seek membership with 1 of the Rockingham clubs, and in so doing has effectively advised this club that she no longer wishes to remain a member.

Kertina also advised that her husband Steve Riordan (our previous chef) is in Fiona Stanley Hospital with a life-threatening condition.

A number of the members responded to Kertrina's message passing on the best wishes from the club.

Sam Cuplovic is at home still waiting for his heart surgery.

Tonight was a Club Forum night with a number of issues to discuss:

Future of Club's Indonesian School Renovation project:

On Monday the 6th of Oct Stephen and Norm provided an update on the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project over the last 10 plus years.

Questions were asked and answered, including that the board had approved a budget of \$13k for 2026. This will cover renovating 3 schools.

At this point in time, there is no manager for this project, and this will be discussed at the next board meeting. In the past, the "Team" was made up of those individuals that were assisting with the fund raising via the Furniture Factory.

There are now more people assisting with the Furniture Factory, so the makeup of the team will change. The "team" going to Indonesia in 2026 will be made up of the those wishing to go with the proviso that suitable commitment has been demonstrated.

1 of the other tasks of this team will be to visit some of the 16 schools that have previously been renovated in the last 10 years to see if the local community has taken ownership and have kept the maintenance up to the schools.

Club Meetings and Meals:

There was limited time to discuss this, however the questionnaire circulated by Secretary Genevieve revealed that the majority of members did not want a weekly meal. The discussions also went on to suggest that there should be meals for partner's nights, and maybe a fellowship meeting at a different venue every month or so. The club will proceed down this path.

There was also a brief discussion on whether meetings should be "face to face" or via video links. There was no clear resolution or path forward on this discussion.

Other Projects:

The Providence Permaculture School is having their fete on 13 December from 2pm to 6pm. During the fete, an official opening of the Greenhouse structure that was funded by the Rotary Club and Bendigo Bank. If you are interested in going, please advise me, so that I can give numbers to Val and Belle.

There have been expressions that the club needs to be doing more "local" projects, so if anyone has any projects that they are sitting on, then please bring them to Projects Director PP James Sharkey.

Stephen and Norm are looking at a bus trip to the Swan Valley or "the hills" in November/December. More details to be provided as the plan hatches. Any suggestions and helpers are most welcome.

If we do as in the past and use the Kwinana City Council Community bus, then we will need to provide our own driver. If there is a volunteer driver, then please step forward. No driver, then no bus trip.

In the past we have been able to keep the costs to around \$20 a head. Stephen Castelli President 25/26



Public Relations Report November 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



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

November 3rd 2025



1. Club Forum: Discussion to include format of meetings with options including meeting with meal, meeting without meal (with monthly pub meal), meal on partners nights, Zoom meetings.
2. International Service Dinner on Tuesday 25 November: Have notified PDG John Kevan of our interest in attending the event; will need to clarify numbers very soon. Cost to be \$25 per head – includes 2-course meal.
3. Busy Bee: Need to organise a busy bee around the hall and yard in the near future.
4. Christmas function: To be held on Sunday 14 December at Golden Ponds Bistro, from 12pm onwards. Will soon need to clarify numbers attending.
5. Weekend away to Katanning: To be held Saturday 25 April 2026 to Monday 27 April 2026. Kim and Paul can accommodate caravans, tents. Please see Genevieve if requiring accommodation elsewhere.

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr 27th October 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Invoice from Bertram Primary School
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Notice regarding Amendments to Associations Incorporation Act 2015
- Invitation to Providence school fete on 13 December, 2-6pm; event will include official opening of Greenhouse
- Message regarding ShelterBox appeal for Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa
- RotaryWA Round-Up #38
- Invitation to Local Organisations Sundowner on Wednesday 3 December @ Kelly Park Medina 6-8pm
- RDU Supplies update
- Invitation to Orelia Primary School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, together with invoice
- Invitation to Scholarship Presentation at Gilmore College 18 November @ 9.30am
- Invitation to North Parmelia Primary School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Outward Correspondence:

- Notification sent to David Walker indicating our decision to support the Fathering Project

Celebrating 'Halloween' at the Sharkey's





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

Kwinana Community Fair 2024

Rotary Club of Kwinana





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

This wee laddie just celebrated a 'Significant Birthday' (70) on November 3rd
Our mate, Club Sergeant, Joined Kwinana Rotary February 2006
Of obvious Scottish Heritage, Norm married 'Kwinana girl' Karen, April 1991
A recent, June 2022 photo of Norm with his mother while on a trip to Scotland
Congratulations and our very best wishes





World Polio Day 2025

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



On World Polio Day 2025, we stand together to celebrate Africa's progress towards a continent free of polio and renew our collective commitment to protecting every child from this preventable disease. This year's theme, End Polio: Every Child, Every Vaccine, Everywhere, is a call to ensure that no child, in any setting, is left unprotected.

Across the African Region, countries have continued to advance towards this goal. The progress in 2025 reflects stronger cross-border coordination, expanded surveillance, improved laboratory capacity, and the use of digital tools to increase reach, efficiency and equity.

Between January and October 2025, 15 African countries reached nearly 200 million children with at least one dose of polio vaccine through supplementary immunization rounds. Thirteen countries mounted synchronized campaigns, including in highly challenging contexts. In the Horn of Africa, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia jointly vaccinated more than 18 million children in two consecutive rounds, demonstrating the impact of regional collaboration.

In the Lake Chad Basin and Sahel, cross-border synchronization has been key to reaching children in border communities. In April 2025, Ministers of Health launched a coordinated campaign to protect 83 million children across the sub-region.

These collective efforts are showing results. Comparing the number of African countries with active type 2 poliovirus outbreaks between 2024 and 2025 (as of October) declined from 24 to 14, and total virus detections dropped by 54%. Two countries reported type 1 cases, 14 countries type 2 and 3 reported type 3 based on data as of October, 2025.

In May 2025, Madagascar officially declared the end of its circulating variant poliovirus type 1 outbreak after comprehensive response measures and sustained surveillance.

Progress is being sustained by stronger systems. By mid-2025, 11 WHO-supported laboratories had expanded genomic sequencing capacity, while six began piloting advanced techniques. Notably, Uganda's Sanger facility was accredited early this year, improving detection and variant tracking.

Environmental surveillance has also expanded significantly. Today, 98% of countries in the WHO African Region have systems to monitor wastewater and sewage for polioviruses, providing early warnings of possible transmission, and enabling rapid response before the virus spreads.

Digital innovation is improving how frontline teams are supported and how data is used. More than 850 000 frontline workers across the region receive digital payments through mobile-money platforms, with 95% paid within 10 days of campaign completion. This has enhanced accountability and timeliness, especially in remote areas. Geospatial mapping by the WHO AFRO GIS Centre has also helped countries locate and reach children in previously missed populations, including nomadic and border communities.

Yet, the task is not complete. Declines in routine immunization coverage, interruptions to vaccination campaigns, insecurity and vaccine hesitancy continue to pose risks. To truly end polio, countries must sustain cross-border coordination, reach zero-dose and under-immunized children, expand surveillance and sequencing capacity, and maintain high-quality outbreak response.

Ending polio in Africa is about more than halting transmission. It means strengthening the systems, workforce and networks that sustain immunization, outbreak preparedness and resilient health services. The task ahead demands continued commitment, adequate financing and coordinated action at every level.

The last mile is always the hardest, but it is also the most important.

On this World Polio Day, let us renew our determination to reach every child, with every vaccine, everywhere – and to consign polio to history, forever.

World Polio Day 2025 - Global Voices Unite for a Polio-free Future

“In a world that often feels divided, the fight against polio reminds us what is possible when humanity stands together.” Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

Across every region, partners and advocates came together on World Polio Day 2025 to celebrate progress, renew commitment, and call for the final push to end polio for good. From Bill Gates and WHO Director-General Dr Tedros to frontline health workers and survivors like Ramesh Ferris, powerful stories reminded the world how far we’ve come—and how close we are to achieving a polio-free future. Events from Roosevelt Island to UNICEF HQ and beyond underscored a shared determination to finish the job, as governments, civil society, and Rotarians from around the world reaffirmed their support.

Mohamed Bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity to host global pledging moment in Abu Dhabi

The high-level pledging moment will take place on 8 December and serve as a major opportunity for global leaders to commit their support to ending polio. The event is hosted under the leadership of His Highness President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the United Arab Emirates.

Tunshi Funsho: Women hold the key to ending polio for good

Dr Tunshi Funsho, Rotary International’s Africa representative for polio eradication, writes in Time magazine what will ultimately lead to success.

EMRO Regional Director Hanan Balkhy: “Now is the time to finish polio.”

In a moving [video message](#), WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Director Dr Hanan Balkhy has a clear message for all stakeholders to double efforts and achieve success to achieve a unique global good from which all countries will benefit equally.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and 12 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Angola: two cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: seven cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Papua New Guinea: one cVDPV2 case and five cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Somalia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



Around 40% of the world population has an internet connection today

In 1995, it was less than 1%.

The number of internet users has increased tenfold from 1999 to 2013.

The **first billion** was reached in 2005. The **second billion** in 2010. The **third billion** in 2014.

Birthdays and Anniversaries November 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries



Club Anniversaries:

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

Congratulations

Blast from the past: February 2006, Norm is inducted into Kwinana Rotary





What happened this week in history?



Nov. 3rd

to

Nov. 09th



03rd

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

04th

1841: First wagon train arrives in California
1862: American inventor Richard Jordan Gatling patents the Gatling machine gun in Indianapolis
1879: African American inventor Thomas Elkins patents the Refrigerating Apparatus
1922: Howard Carter discovers the intact tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in Egypt

05th

1605: Gunpowder Plot: Guy Fawkes attempts to blow up King James I and the British Parliament
1895: 1st US patent granted for auto (George B Selden) for gasoline driven car
1900: Spain Declares War Against the United States
1935: Parker Brothers launches the board game Monopoly

06th

1860: Abraham Lincoln of Illinois elected the 16th President of the United States of America
1884: British protectorate proclaimed over southeast New Guinea
1913: Mahatma Gandhi arrested for leading Indian miners' march in South Africa
1917: N Y State adopts an amendment giving women the right to vote in state elections

07th

1665: 1st edition of "London Gazette" published as "The Oxford Gazette"
1800: It becomes illegal for women in Paris to wear trousers without Police permit (annulled 2013)
1918: Robert Goddard demonstrates tube-launched solid propellant rockets
1931: Chinese People's Republic proclaimed by Mao Zedong

08th

1789: Bourbon Whiskey 1st distilled from corn by Elijah Craig in Bourbon, Kentucky
1895: German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen produces and detects electromagnetic radiation, X-rays
1939: Failed assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler in Burgerbraukeller, Munich
1947: Bradman scores his 99th 1st-class cricket century,

09th

1580: Spanish troops land in Ireland
1842: The first U.S. design patent for typefaces and borders was issued to George Bruce
1872: The Great Boston Fire of 1872. Close to 1,000 buildings destroyed
1904: 1st airplane flight to last more than 5 minutes

Russia is the most forested country in the world, with 815 million hectares.
 China is the world's most populous country, with around 1.4 billion people living there.
 When you do a Google query, 1000 computers are used to find the answer in 0.2 seconds.
 There are almost 5 billion internet users in the world.
 The median age of the world's population is around 30 years, as of 2019.



Paddy goes on a first aid course.
Keep Calm And Oh Feck It Enjoy Some Craic
The instructor asks, "What would you do if your child swallowed the front door key?"
Paddy said, "I'd climb in through the window."

“I KNOW YOU OPENED THE DOOR BY MISTAKE MISTER—BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO STAY ANOTHER TWENTY MINUTES APOLOGISING !!”



Pre internet chat room using
 An old version of windows...



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