



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

No 20 02/12/2024



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

Total Members 27
Apologies
Make-up 3
Attended 21
Hon. Member
LOA
Guests 4
Visitors
Partners

92.0%

Raffle
Stephen & Bob C

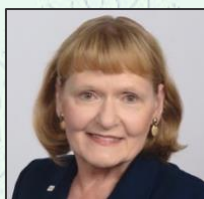
Heads & Tails
Cyril

Very busy meeting tonight, four guests, Bernie and Vicki Iriks, Andrew Patterson from Victory-for-Life, and Greig Youens from the Salvation Army. They were present to be presented with WA Volunteer Certificates from the WA Government.

Guest Speaker was our own PP Max Bird who recently returned from another very successful working trip to Timor Leste, Max gave us a very detailed and comprehensive ppt. report covering his trip, Max was accompanied by son Michael and d-i-l Teena Bird both representing the RC Longford, Tasmania, who funded the installation of two SkyHydrants.

Last week we were joined by Colin Brown from Scotland, who has now returned home, Colin graciously left a donation of \$300 which was presented to our club by bro-in-law PP James Sharkey, thank-you Colin, much appreciated, home just in time for a typical Scottish winter.

Thank-you Kertrina for stepping-in providing our meal tonight, after Stephen suffered an unfortunate episode at home today, we hope all is well after attending hospital emergency. We send our very best wishes to Stephen and Kertrina for a speedy recovery.



Rotary International President
2024/25
Stephanie Urchick

Rotary Club of McMurray
Pennsylvania USA

District Governor
9423
2024/25

Pat Schraven



December 2024 - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Mon 2 nd	Club Meeting	Volunteer Presentation
Sat 7 th	Christmas Meeting at Rotary Hall	
Mon 9 th	No Club Meeting	
Mon 16 th	Club Meeting	
Mon 23 rd	? Club Meeting	
Mon 30 th	No Club Meeting	

Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749



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

Visitors welcome
contact us
0417 904 419



Presidents Pen



December, 2024



Thanks to Max once again for the important work he does for us and Rotary in Timor Leste. Also, for the comprehensive rundown on his last trip with Mike and Tina and refreshing us with facts on the impact that the water filter project has on both community and environment.

Please can we have some volunteers to help with the Frank Konecny Centre and Salvos combined Christmas package distribution from The Salvation Army Centre in Medina. We need to take a Gazebo down and set up to be able to provide a shady waiting area for early arrivals to pick up their hampers. I am told water will be available. As mentioned at our meeting, I would like 2 volunteers from 8.30 to 12.30 and 2 from 12.30 to 4.30. Distribution is from 9 to 4 and this allows 30 minutes for pickup/setup of the gazebo from clubrooms. Thank you in anticipation.

We are also urgently looking for Monday morning Breakfast Club help. Please contact Steve.

Don't forget to bring any nonperishable items to our Saturday Christmas function on Saturday for Greg to collect and be passed on to those less fortunate this Christmas.

Terry Evans
President 2024/25

Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 02nd December 2024





Stephen Castelli

President 2025/26



The club presented WA Volunteer 2024 Certificate of Recognition from the WA Minister for Volunteering on Monday night to

- o Bernie and Vicki Iriks for their ongoing support to the Rotary Furniture Factory
- o Craig Youens from the Salvation Army for his work with the Salvos and the Bread Project.
- o Andrew Patterson from Margaret Court Community Outreach Victory Life for his work with MCCO and the Bread Project.
- o An award was presented on Monday 25/11 to Erin Sergeant for the volunteer work that she does with Saints Netball Club
- o An award will be presented to Rio Lutui of Ngaru Pou at the Hangi/Christmas Party on 07/12

Saturday 07/12 17:30 for 18:00 start will be the Rotary Club Christmas Party.

This will be at the hall, commencing with a display of the Haka from the Ngaru Pou Maori group.

After the Haka, we will have a Hangi meal, followed by Christmas Pudding with Custard. (Gluten Free for Kylee, Ann, Tish and Gabriela).

There will be a huge number of raffle prizes, with the proceeds from this event (both the \$30 fee and the raffles) going to assist the Ngaru Pou Maori group.

The final numbers are 51, so it should be a good evening.

Thanks to Norm and Tony who will help with the setup and Christmas decorations.

Monday 16/12 – Annual General Meeting.

The main business will be the election of Office Bearers for 2025/2026. All positions are open for Nomination.

Nomination forms were distributed at last week's meeting (and the week before). Please consider standing for a position.

The club cannot function without a Board.

The other business will be the acceptance of the Standing Orders.

As you are aware, these were distributed and reviewed/revised in October 2024.

The Breakfast Club needs a coordinator to manage the delivery of the bread to the schools and for making sure that there are sufficient people on-deck at Gilmore College in the mornings to make breakfast for the students.

We have been short of people especially on Mondays, and this has on a number of occasions, left Bevan Piper on his own.

This takes approx. 1 hour on Monday mornings and is a great chance to be a role model for the students at Gilmore College. Good Role Models are extremely important during the formative years of a student's childhood.

If anyone wants to become involved, then please let the coordinator (yet to be announced) know and they will fit you in.

We hope that Steve and Kertrina Riordan recover from the incident last Monday and are back to full health soon.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr November 2024



Inward Correspondence.

- Invitation to tender to deliver Four Way Test Speech Contest
- Message of thanks from 'Befriend' for providing lunch for Seniors Day celebration
- Notification regarding application for Volunteer Grants 2024 – 2025
- ShelterBox newsletter
- RDU Christmas gift guide
- ROMAC e-news update
- Request for support from Alzheimer's Australia
- Reminder to submit Information Statement to Associations Online by 31/12/2024
- Rotary Down Under magazine Dec/Jan
- District AGM update
- Notifications regarding applications open for 2024 – 2025 Rotary International Youth Advisory Council

Outward Correspondence:

- Sympathy card to Brian Thompson

PE Stephen Castelli, Andrew Patterson, Bernie Iriks, Vicki Iriks with President Terry





2024/25

PDG John Iriks



Kwinana Primary Schools:

Annual Graduation award positions are taken care of, thanks to all involved.

RYLA 11th to 18th January 2025. (Registrations close 15th 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 19th to 25th January 2025 (Registrations close Dec. 15th)

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



- Thank you, James & Edd, for representing our club, both attended the "Cuppa with a Rotarian" on Monday at the John Wellard Centre in Wellard.
- Terry will take the slot on the 25th and yours truly will do the gig on the 2nd of December.
- (Sunday 24th) was our final Bunnings sausage sizzle for 2024
- On the 29th of November we had 2 big events happening, I am happy to say we had volunteer numbers to do both 😊
 - - The colour run at Gilmore College 1000 sausage extravaganza
 - 150 sausages for the silent walk to stop domestic violence outside the Darius Wells library.
- 18 and 19 of December we will be helping out at the Salvation Army Hall on Medina Ave with the Xmas Hamper give away. Our club will set up a marquee to provide shade, some bottled water and a chair or two, if needed, for the two-day event.



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

PP Max has returned from Timor Leste, very successful trip.

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

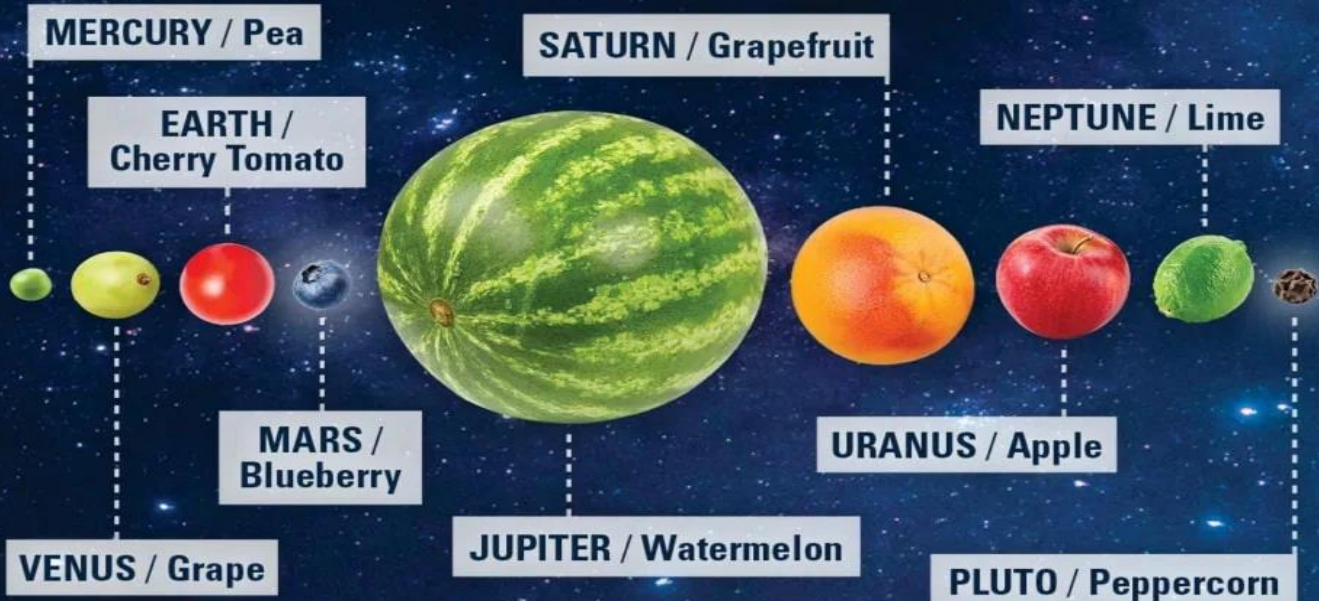
Kwinana Community Fair 2024, Saturday 9th November
Another successful Fair, thanks to all concerned.



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

Let's Make a Planet Fruit Salad!

Our solar system put into (delicious) perspective





Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



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



Deputy

John M: There's a difference between a BMW and a MG

Karen: Things that 'Go bump' at 3am

John M: Needs a haircut.

Members always sitting at the same table copped a fine.

Paul: On the phone, almost missed the meal!!

Chris O: Gave his sweet to Sam!!

John I: Something about tricks on one knee and S-i-law Vicki.

Mike: Missing teeth, maybe get some for Xmas?

James: On the phone while Max was talking!!

President Terry: Missing President's collar?

TIMOR-LESTE



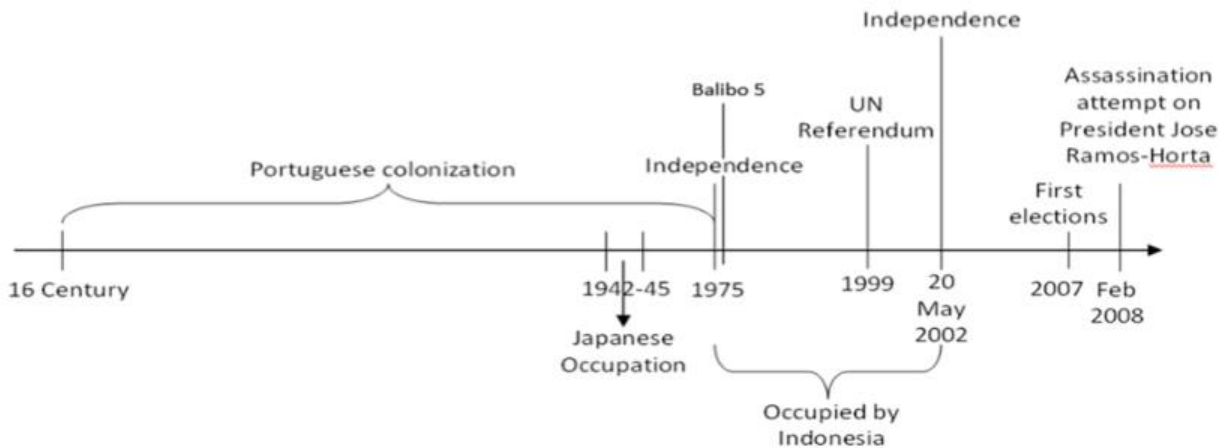
The Timorese people have occupied Timor for ~44,000 years

Population 1.3m

45% of the population below the poverty line.

Coffee production big exporter along with oil and gas.

2019 – 74,800 international visitors





Guest Speaker: PP Max Bird

Michael and Teena McLaren Bird.

November Timor-Leste trip.



Michael and Teena McLaren Bird are members of the Rotary Club of Longford which is situated in the Northern Midlands of Tasmania.

Timor-Leste, or East Timor, a Southeast Asian nation occupying half the island of Timor, is ringed by coral reefs teeming with marine life. Landmarks in the capital, Dili, speak to the country's struggles for independence from Portugal in 1975 and then Indonesia in 2002.

Longford Rotary Club Funded two SkyHydrants 2024 (installed) 2025 June/July

Funded & installed water pump for Laga Orphanage 2024 Funded a third Hydrant for 2026

Two Rotarians (Michael and Teena McLaren Bird took the opportunity to see the program firsthand and carry out two installations between 10th and 20th November 2024 in East Timor

Access to clean drinking water in East Timor is limited due to infrastructure challenges, contamination of water sources, economic constraints, geographical and environmental factors, and technical and human resource limitations.

Clean water is crucial for preventing waterborne diseases and for proper bodily functions. It aids in digestion, nutrient absorption, and waste removal.

Access to clean water reduces healthcare costs, increases productivity, and supports healthy ecosystems. It is a fundamental human right that contributes to social justice and equity.

What is a SkyHydrant?

Each SkyHydrant MAX unit can produce 10,000 litres or more of clean water daily.

That is enough water for the essential domestic needs of 500–1000 people. It treats most non-saline surface and ground waters using chemical-free filtration.

SkyHydrants installations:

Becora Technical College by Longford Rotary, LosPalos School by Sandy Bay Mainland.

Water pump at Laga Girls Orphanage by Longford Rotary.

Max and the team inspected and serviced numerous other SkyHydrant installations across Timor-Leste.

They also visited Balibo, the infamous town that became famous as the location the 5 Australian Journalists were executed by Indonesian forces in October 1975





02nd December 2024

- The GPEI wishes to express our deep shock and sympathy at the tragic and sudden passing of AFRO Regional Director-elect [Dr Faustine Ndugulile](#). Our thoughts and prayers are at this tragic time with his family, friends, our colleagues in AFRO and the people of Tanzania.
- New data published in *Vaccines* scientific journal this week shows significantly reduced risk of variant type 2 poliovirus (cVDPV2) emergence from novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2), compared with monovalent oral polio vaccine type 2 (mOPV2). The research evaluated data from OPV2 vaccination campaigns held between May 2016 to August 2024, and findings are consistent with accumulated clinical and field evidence of nOPV2's enhanced genetic stability. [More](#).
- The Global Certification Commission for the Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC) convened in Geneva, Switzerland, last week, to review latest global epidemiology, new action plans including of the currently-being-developed Global Polio Surveillance Action Plan (GPSAP), planning for bivalent OPV cessation, containment and post-certification, and received a brief on the GPEI Strategy extension. The Commission's report, once published, will be made available at www.polioeradication.org.

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

- Pakistan: six WPV1 cases and 24 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

Birthdays and Anniversaries December 2024

Birthday Congratulations:

Terry Evans	5 th	John Wallhead	12 th
Sam Cuplovic	20 th	Edd Samut	28 th
Michael Nella	29 th		

Deryl Wallhead	4 th	Lucy Cuplovic	13 th
Sam Winmar	20 th	Lynne Bennett	25 th



Wedding Anniversaries

James & Cathy	20 th	58 years
Max & Diane	24 th	55 years



Club Anniversaries:

John Iriks	1 st	45 years
Karen Zabiela	1 st	2 years
Sam Cuplovic	3 rd	17 years
Kertrina Riordan	21 st	3 years
Terry Evans	23 rd	22 years since 1 st joined

Congratulations



What happened this week in history?



Dec. 02nd to Dec. 8th



02nd

1697: St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren is consecrated for use
1901: King C. Gillette begins selling safety razor blades
1927: 1st Model A Ford sold, for \$385
1969: Boeing 747 jumbo jet 1st public preview (Seattle to NYC)

03rd

1689: 1st successful separation of conjoined twins Elisabet and Catherina Meijerin, in Basel
1854: Eureka Stockade: more than 20 goldminers at Ballarat, Victoria, are killed by state troopers.
1910: Neon lights first publicly displayed (Paris Auto Show)
1967: 1st human heart transplant performed in South Africa by Dr Christiaan Barnard

04th

1791: Britain's Observer, oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, first published
1843: Manila paper (made from sails, canvas and rope) patented in Massachusetts
1930: Vatican approves rhythm method for birth control
1961: The female contraceptive 'pill' becomes available on the National Health Service in Britain

05th

1360: The French Franc is created
1766: World's largest auction house - Christie's hold their first sale in saleroom in Pall Mall, London
1848: US President James K. Polk triggers Gold Rush of 1849 by confirming gold in California
1893: Electric car built at the Dixon Carriage works in Toronto, could go 15 miles between charges

06th

1196: Northern Dutch coast flooded, "Saint-Nicolas Flood"
1735: 1st recorded appendectomy performed by Claudius Amyand at St George's Hospital in London
1768: 1st edition of "Encyclopedia Britannica" published in Scotland
1897: London becomes the world's first city to host licenced taxicabs

07th

1732: The Royal Opera House opens at Covent Garden, London, England
1877: Thomas Edison demonstrates his phonograph (gramophone)
1909: Inventor Leo Baekeland patents the first thermo-setting plastic, Bakelite,
1941: Japanese Navy with 353 planes attack the US fleet at Pearl Harbor

08th

1792: 1st cremation in US: Henry Laurens
1854: Pope Pius IX proclaims Immaculate Conception, makes Mary, free of Original Sin
1931: Coaxial cable patented
1941: US and Britain declare war on Japan, US enters World War II

Million Dollar Idea



Smoke detector that shuts off
when you yell
"I'm just cooking"

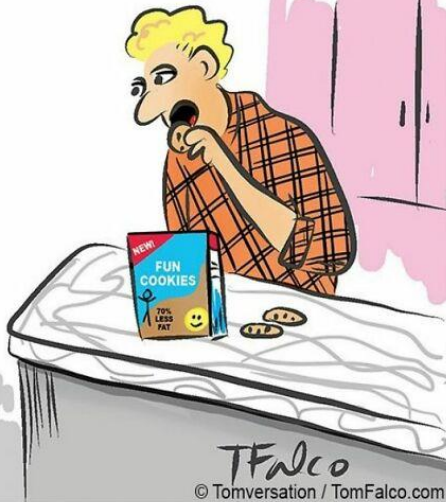


"I figured you should have
breakfast in bed on your
birthday. Can you reach
the stove okay?"

DIET LOGIC

THOUGHT YOU
WERE ON A DIET.

THESE ARE 70% LESS FAT.
IF I EAT TEN, THAT'S
700% LESS FAT!



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Group 9 Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times

Rockingham
Palm beach
Baldvis
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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