



# The Rotary Club of Kwinana Inc.

District 9465 Western Australia  
Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2019-20

**President**  
**Wendy Cooper**

**Secretary**  
**Diane Brown**

**Treasurer**  
**Bob Cooper**



President Wendy

## Bulletin

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Attendance this week

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Make-up</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Honorary Member</b>	
<b>LOA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Visitors</b>	
<b>Partners</b>	
	<b>100.0 %</b>

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

We held our AGM tonight, PE John Iriks led us painlessly through the process, our team for 2020/21 was confirmed.

We were I know looking for a President 2021/22, well I'm pleased to announce that we are going to have another 'recycled' President.

PDG John Iriks front's up next year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

President 2021/22 will be PP Bob Thompson, Bob joined our club October 1996, President 2000/01, PHF/Sapphire, Assistant Governor 2011/12/13, Bob has served this club with distinction, held many positions including Secretary 2004/07. Bob and Jo are also very active in the Kwinana community especially in the welfare of those in need.

Last meeting for 2019 is our Christmas Meeting next week 16<sup>th</sup> December to be held at the Kwinana Bowling Club, we have held many meetings there in the past, great venue, we are always welcome. 40 plus have registered to attend, we look forward to welcoming some of the wives and partners of our past/deceased members, always nice to catch-up at such a special time of the year.

A special thanks to everyone involved in Team 2020/21

### Facts & Figures

**Raffle**  
**Barry W & Brian T**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Bevan P**

**Birthdays:**  
**John W 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lucy C 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary:**  
**James & Cathy. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Club Anniversary:**

If you had any we hope you had a good day

Meets Monday  
6 for 6.30pm

At Rotary Hall  
Brownell Crescent, Medina

Visitors always welcome

	<b>Rotary International President</b> 2019/20	<b>District Governor</b> 9465	
	<b>Mark Daniel Maloney</b>	2019/20	
	<b>Rotary Club of East Nassau</b>	<b>Wayne Milnes</b>	

### Coming Events December 2019 Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

<b>Dec 2019</b>		
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Christmas Meeting @ Kwinana Bowling Club
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Meeting	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	

**First Meeting 2020: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January BBQ Meeting @ the Coopers**

**Attendance Officer:**  
**Greg Williams 0435 083 069**  
Apologies by Saturday pm please





**PRESIDENT  
2019-2020**

## Wendy Cooper



### President's Pen

09<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Thank you to John Iriks for his masterful preparation and conduct of the AGM at which he announced our team for the coming year.

Thanks also to the members who were keen to see all roles filled by nominating prior to the meeting ensuring we continue of a productive path.

Next week we join together for the Christmas celebrations at the Bowling Club. We will happily welcome the seven widows of past members together with other family members.

Our club New Year will commence with a BBQ at the home of Wendy and Bob Cooper on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Partners will be most welcome on that evening with Greg taking numbers.

Attendees will be asked to bring a salad or dessert to go with a BBQ as well as your own drinks.

When you phone Greg could you indicate which of these you would like bring.

Plus a nominal charge of \$10 will cover the supply of sausages and meat provided

Usual start time of 6 pm for 6:30 pm.

To those of you that are attending the local schools to present prizes I hope you are enjoying it as much as Bevan and I when we went to Orelia Primary School this morning.

Max has been sending through some wonderful photos of the successes in Timor Leste. As you know the team endeavours to not only provide water based infrastructure but the knowledge on how to maintain it.

The results see villages growing food in the gardens they create once they have access to water.

There is a Board Meeting this Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## *Congratulations James and Cathy*



**James and Cathy Sharkey  
celebrate their Golden Wedding  
on December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**James and Cathy married on  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 1969**

**James joined our Rotary Club  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008**

**President 2013/14**

**PHF 2015**

**PR Director. 2015/Present**



President 2020/21.

PDG John Iriks



Club Service Report: 9th December 2019

Club Members Matrix updated will develop further in New Year to enable Club Service to determine 2019/20 awards

Program for Christmas Meeting to be held 16/12/19 at Bowling Club.

Booked

Adults \$30 Children under 15.	\$15	
So far 42 X \$30 plus 3 x \$ 15	= \$.	1,305
Expenses catering 45 x \$ 25	=	1,125
Gifts for past member's wives	=	105
Surplus	=	75

Guess who is coming to dinner 2020  
Progressive dinner 2020

AGM and election of Office Bearers conducted 9th December 2019  
all positions filled.

The following Office bearers were endorsed for their respective positions for the 2020/2021 Rotary Year:

President	John Iriks
Vice President	Wendy Cooper
President elect	Bob Thompson
Secretary	Diane Brown
Treasurer	Steve Castelli
Project Director	Michael Nella
Public Relations Director	James Sharkey
Foundation Director	Max Bird
Membership Director	John Iriks

Membership Committee: Lee Davis, Bob Thompson and Eric Blogg

Our sincere thanks to all who will take on a role in 2020/21, not only on the executive but the many other important responsibilities that is necessary to run such a successful club such as ours.



## 9<sup>th</sup> December International

The international Committee (RPTLE) is carrying out the following.

1. GG 1872605 progress report has now been authorised by all concerned and is now with the Rotary Gods
2. A new application for a global grant GG 2095275 that is jointly supported by District's 9465 & 9550 is now waiting on the final authorisation from District 9465 before it is submitted to Foundation  
District 9550 have completed their sections already.  
Once we have the final authorisation it will be submitted to foundation for approval. Why am I going thru the blood, sweat and bloody tears again?
3. Currently in Timor-leste with a small party, we completed a small rain water Harvesting job in Dili for about 4 days, then departed for Baguia, Baguia had to be cancelled, we then done some work at the girls orphanage at Laga,
4. Mr. Ted and Mr. Mick will be returning to Australia on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December I will continue by myself.
5. Foundation dinner has now been postponed to later date

## Christmas wasn't always on December 25.

Though Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, there is no mention of December 25 in the Bible.

Most historians actually believe Jesus was born in winter. And his birthday itself didn't become the official holiday until the third century.

Some historian posit that the date was actually chosen because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honored the agricultural god Saturn with celebrating and gift-giving. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?



The result of the work PP Max Bird and the small team are achieving during their current trip to Timor-Leste





**Rtn Diane Brown**



**No Report**

Secretary Diane is currently recovering from recent surgery, club members wish you well, Speedy recovery in order.

Inward Correspondence.

Outward Correspondence.

Would members please note that any correspondence received or posted by yourself, please ensure a copy is forwarded to your Secretary.



**PDG Bob Cooper**



Bills paid, money in the bank.

Receiving 'Letters of Thanks' from local schools, after receiving our annual donation for their end of year graduations.

Members are requested to ensure they contact PP Greg Williams by Sunday am with any apology for the next meeting. We are having to pay for meals ordered for you and not used because of non-attendance.

**Interesting facts about Christmas.**

The **Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square** is donated to the people of London every year by the people of Oslo, Norway in thanks for their assistance during World War II.

“White Christmas”, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”, “Winter Wonderland”, “The Christmas Song” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” plus the melody for “O Holy Night” were **all written or co-written by Jews.**

Paul McCartney’s Christmas song is widely regarded as the worst of all the songs he ever recorded yet he **earns \$400,000 a year off of it.**

Nova Scotia is **the world’s leading exporter of Christmas trees.**

Almost **28 sets of LEGO are sold every second** during the Christmas season.

‘**Jingle Bells**’ – the popular Christmas song was composed by James Pierpont in Massachusetts, America. It was, however, written for thanksgiving and not Christmas.

Did you know that **the first Christmas was celebrated** on December 25, AD 336 in Rome?

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!  
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"



I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace" So I bought her nothing.

One day, a little boy wrote to Santa Clause, "Please send me a sister." Santa Clause wrote him back, "Ok, send me your mother."

There's nothing like the joy on a kid's face when he first sees the PlayStation box containing the socks I got him for Christmas.

Remember, children. The best way to get a puppy for Christmas is to beg for a baby brother.

How do you know when Santa's in the room? You can sense his presents.

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Know why Santa always smiles? He knows where all the naughty girls live!

What is the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? Snowballs.

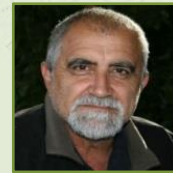
Whats the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.



Projects Director  
PP Mike Nella



PP Max Bird  
Foundation Dir.



PP Edd Samut  
Membership Dir.



PP James Sharkey  
Public Relations Dir.

### **Project Director's Report.**



Rtn. Norm Mulcahy  
Community

Gentle Road premises now open for business, business steady.  
First Lolly-Run meeting at the COK September 17<sup>th</sup> will be meeting monthly till Christmas.  
Looking for a few more volunteers to help out Christmas Day.  
Lolly bagging will take place Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.  
Ken Jackman Room, 2.30pm on till finished, everyone welcome to come along and help.  
Sleighs to be picked up on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Garage Sale this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **Public Relations:**

We continue to receive exposure on Rotary Out West.  
Please continue to advise James of any stories or activities within our club which may be submitted to the local media.  
We have a number of Bunnings BBQ's scheduled  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Carols at the Dome, 5.30-7.30pm  
Sat. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> is a goer, volunteers required.  
Future dates: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020



PP Bob Thompson  
Vocational

### **Membership:**

Ed is currently holidaying in Victoria.

### **Community:**

Golf Day completed, thanks to everyone concerned.

### **Vocational:**



PP. Max Bird  
International

### **International:**

PP Max is currently in East Timor till 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Plan to hold a Rotary Foundation Function in the not too distant.  
Latest meeting minutes available to view on ClubRunner.

### **Youth:**

Actively looking for participants for RYPEN, RYLA and Handicamp.  
Require candidates for RYLA,  
We have a lady Handicamp candidate.



PP Genevieve Carr  
Youth

Visit your club webpage.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=8106>

or type Kwinana Rotary Club into 'Search'



**Fine Session: Sgt. Cyril Bennett**

Deputy Bill Rowe.



Bill R: Happily lunching, drinking, afternoonteaing etc when he should have been on bread duty.

Those who attended the Symphony concert on Saturday night were fined.

Those who didn't attend were also fined.

Rotary members who freeloaded the VIP Marquee were also fined.

No Badge copped a fine, got a few.

Chris O: Fined for his Fred Astaire impersonation.

John I: Gave a long winded pat-on-the-back to himself and Greg for going to the bowling club and setting up all of the Christmas decorations etc. Brian Mc pointed out later that the bowling club had already done the set-up.

Bob C: Bob recently purchased a new fridge for the caravan. When it arrived the door opening was on the wrong side, world war 3 ensued, with Wendy leaving on a another errand, when she returned, Walla!!! Bob had discovered that the door could be set to open either direction, peace then returned the Cooper household.



## Polio This Week 04th December 2019

Get up to date on the latest news, funding updates and cases numbers with the latest edition of [Polio News](#).

Are you an amateur filmmaker seeking to tell the story of change-makers through the lens of your smartphone? Or maybe you are part of a production company promoting dialogue around global health challenges and solutions. Wherever you stand, the WHO wants to see your story as part of the “Health for all film festival”.

To provide an insight on the status of polio eradication efforts as at September 2019, the WHO Director-General’s report on polio eradication to the upcoming Executive Board (EB) meeting has been published. Available in six languages, the report summarizes the programmatic, epidemiological and financial challenges to securing a lasting polio-free world.

Summary of new viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):  
Afghanistan — one WPV1 case and one WPV1 positive environmental sample;

Pakistan — 25 WPV1 positive environmental samples; Angola — 16 cVDPV2 cases and four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.



## Reindeer's Story at Christmas

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.





## A Christmas Gift

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"



## Signs of Christmas Everywhere

Toy Store: "Ho, ho, ho spoken here."

Bridal boutique: "Marry Christmas."

Outside a church: "The original Christmas Club."

At a department store: "Big pre-Christmas sale.  
Come in and mangle with the crowd."

A Texas jewelry store: "Diamond tiaras -- \$70,000.  
Three for \$200,000."

A reducing salon: "24 Shaping Days until Christmas."

In a stationery store: "For the man who has everything...  
a calendar to remind him when payments are due."



## A Sign of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped:  
"Didn't you get my E-mail?"



How do you know that Santa is a man? No woman would wear the same outfit every year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Makeup opportunities**

Rockingham	Monday	6pm for 6.30	Rockingham RSL Club
Palm beach	Wednesday	6pm for 6.30	Ocean Clipper Inn
Baldivis	1st & 3rd Mon	6.30pm for 7.00	Peel Manor House
Cockburn	Thursday	7.15am for 7.30	Cockburn Seniors Centre
Byford & Districts	Monday	6.15pm for 6.45	Byford Tavern, South W Hwy



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