



# 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** 0  
**Attended** 20  
**Hon. Member**  
**LOA**  
**Guests**  
**Visitors** 1  
**Partners**

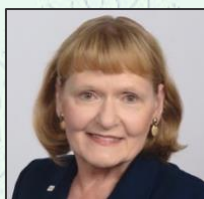
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**Raffle**  
**Chris O & John I**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Cyril**



2024 is drawing to a close, we held our last meeting for the year tonight, which was also our AGM. PE Stephen announced positions for 2025/26. Congratulations Rtn Tony Miller who takes on the President Elect position, appointing him President for 2026/27, a full report listing positions later in this Bulletin. We welcomed Yanti to our meeting tonight. Congratulation to PP Max Bird who was recently presented with the Ken Collins Award for Excellence in Rotary Service, this award was inaugurated in 2023 after the passing of Dr Collins in 2022. Max received this award for his continued work in Timor-Leste providing clean water to many thousands of school children over many years. Max accepts the award with the acknowledgement that the project is a team-effort and would not be possible without the support he receives. For 55 years, Past Rotary International Director Ken Collins lived and breathed Rotary. Having chosen a profession as a doctor because of his innate desire to help others, Rotary was a natural fit to be able to extend that help, first to people in need in the local community but later globally as well. <https://rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au/events/dr-collins-award/about-dr-ken-collins/> On behalf of the RC of Kwinana, A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year is extended to all.

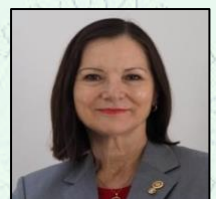


**Rotary International President**  
2024/25  
**Stephanie Urchick**

Rotary Club of McMurray  
Pennsylvania USA

**District Governor**  
9423  
2024/25

**Pat Schraven**



### December 2024 - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting	Volunteer Presentation
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meeting	at Rotary Hall
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Club Meeting	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Club AGM
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Club Meeting	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	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  
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Presidents Pen



December. 2024



Thanks all for your patience, support and guidance throughout 2024. Enjoy your short break with family and friends.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD to all my fellow Rotarians, families and friends thereof.

See you all on January 6.

Terry Evans  
President 2024/25



Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024





Stephen Castelli

President 2025/26



Our club AGM held tonight.  
Minutes of last years meeting tabled and accepted.  
Amended, Standing Orders 2024, document, accepted.

Club Positions for 2025/26, nominations were called for during December.

PE Stephen Castelli confirmed club positions for 2025/26.

President: Stephen Castelli.

President Elect: Tony Miller

Secretary: Genevieve Carr.

Treasurer: Karen Zabiela.

Project Dir. James Sharkey.

PR Dir. Bob Thompson.

Foundation Dir. John Iriks.

Membership Dir. ??

### Christmas Spirit

It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?'

The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.'

'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?'

'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.

**Seasons  
Greetings**

Good King Wenceslas phoned Domino's for a pizza.

The salesgirl asked him:-  
'Do you want your usual?'

Deep pan, crisp and even?'



Inward Correspondence.

- ROMAC e-News
- Promotion for Silent Walk in Mandurah for FDV
- Reminder to update membership database before 1 January 2025
- Rotary WA District Newsletter #14
- Notice of District AGM (and subsequent reconvene) PE Stephen Castelli
- RDU supplies update
- ShelterBox update
- "Give a Feed" promotion
- Request for emergency out-of-hours contact details for Club premises
- Request for feedback regarding Kwinana's trails
- Notice re International Volunteer Day
- Invitation to RYLA Dinner, to be held Wednesday 15 January 2025
- Regional Council update for 2024
- Membership Development notice re new system for managing membership leads
- New WWC card notification for PDG John Iriks
- Council of Resolution Report of Action

Outward Correspondence:

- Sympathy card to Brian Thompson

**What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it?  
Nothing. It just let out a little wine.**

**Did you know that Santa's not allowed to go down chimneys this year? It was  
declared unsafe by the Elf and Safety Commission.**

**Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns?  
because they taste funny**



2024/25

PDG John Iriks



### **Kwinana Primary Schools:**

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

### **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



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 received the Ken Collins Award for Excellence in Rotary Service

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 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Another successful Fair, thanks to all concerned.



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela

Tom Smith who owned a sweet shop in London was the originator of the cracker. In the 1840s Tom found that people like sugar almonds, but while he was in France he discovered a variety of sweets wrapped up in a twist of paper. These bonbons were popular, so Tom decided to copy them. When Tom noticed that young men were buying them to give to their sweethearts he began to place "love mottoes" on small slips of paper inside the sweet wrapping.

In 1846 Tom's thoughts turned towards Christmas - instead of sweets he thought he would place toys and novelties inside the twisted wrapping. He experimented with this and the idea of producing a wrapping that could be pulled apart - just like the cracker as we know it today.

Births on 25 December:

W C Field (1946)  
Alice Cooper (1945)  
Princess Alexandra (1936)  
Paul Borget (1935)  
Charles Spencer Chaplin (1889)

Deaths on 25 December:

Conrad Hilton (1979)  
Humphrey Bogart (1957)  
Dorothy Wordsworth (1855)  
Sir Isaac Newton (1727)

The first commercial Christmas card, produced in 1846, featured a drawing of family members happily toasting each other with glasses of wine - a shockingly decadent portrait that was immediately condemned by temperance advocates.

In New South Wales, Australia, the average daily mailbag of six to seven million items of mail can triple over Christmas. The heaviest day ever was on 23 December 1997, when a record 23 million items were delivered.

The biggest selling Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's 'White Christmas'

We all know the same few handfuls of Christmas songs play at stores and on the radio in a loop all season long. But one of them has been adapted more than others. "Silent Night" is actually the most-recorded Christmas song in history. It's had more than 733 different versions copyrighted since 1978.



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



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



Deputy

John M: Brought along his "Man bag" to fix the hall cupboard door.

Mike: Invented a new 'cocktail' Beer and Coke.

John & Chris Iriks: Seen gardening at the Bendigo Bank.

Club fined: Hall clock still not working, turns out Battery was installed wrong way round??

Hall Cleaners: Christmas decorations still up??

Sam: Haircut!

Stephen: That shirt!!!! Is that the only one you've got?

Mike: Running his car into the Furniture Factory wall!!!

No Badge: Bob C

John M: Carpenter Court had a 'street party' John enjoyed a drink or 2.

Norm: Reckons he's Calendar photo material. even though he's not a 'fireman' ??

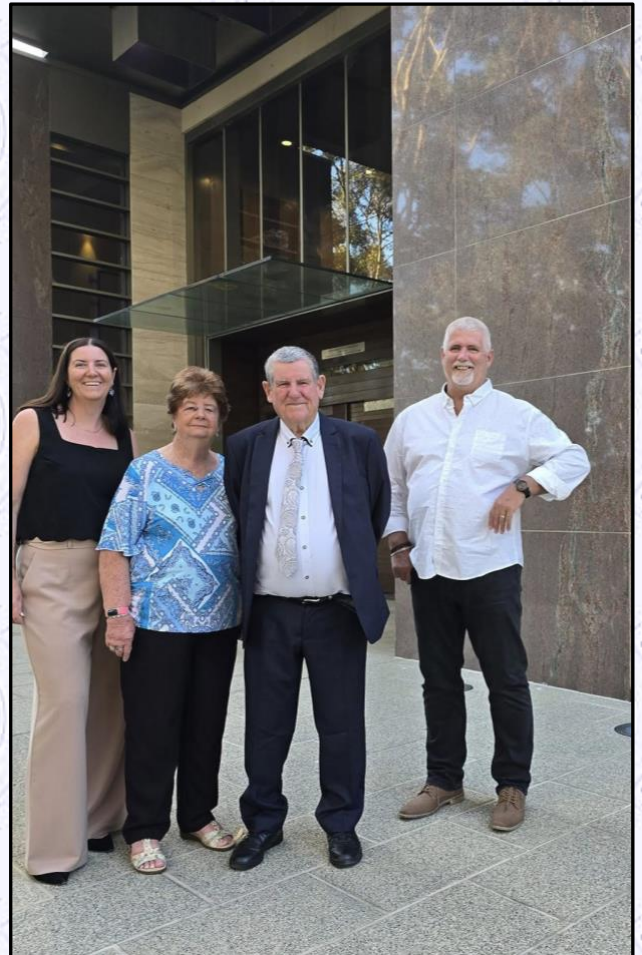
### White Christmas

England had only known seven white Christmases during the entire twentieth century. According to the records of the Meteorological Office in London, snow fell on Christmas Day only in 1938 and 1976. (The definition of a white Christmas in England is when one snowflake falls on the roof of the London Weather Centre.)

Because the Greek letter "x" is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Xristos. "Xmas" therefore means "Christ's Mass." The abbreviation has been around since at least the sixteenth century and is not, as some people have claimed, an attempt to take the "Christ" out of "Christmas" and make it a secular holiday.



PP Max Bird, worthy recipient of the Ken Collins Award for Excellence in Rotary Service





16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

WHO Executive Board (EB), 3-11 February 2025: the polio report to the upcoming EB has been published and will help inform Member State discussions. The report provides an update on work towards fully implementing and financing the Polio Eradication Strategy and the Polio Transition Framework, to achieve eradication and prepare for a lasting polio-free world. The report in all six official languages is available [here](#).

The report from the September meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) has been published and is available [here](#). Among other factors, the group reviewed the global polio epidemiology and expressed support for the ongoing development of the bOPV cessation policy framework, and where feasible, recommended the concomitant use of IPV and nOPV2 in initial outbreak response vaccination campaigns.

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

- Pakistan: three WPV1 cases and 15 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
- Côte d'Ivoire: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Djibouti: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Niger: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: five cVDPV2 cases
- Occupied Palestinian territory: 6 cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries December 2024*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

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

Deryl Wallhead	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Cuplovic	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Winmar	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lynne Bennett	25 <sup>th</sup>



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

James & Cathy	20 <sup>th</sup>	58 years
Max & Diane	24 <sup>th</sup>	55 years



### **Club Anniversaries:**

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

*Congratulations*



# What happened this week in history?



Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>



16<sup>th</sup>

1431: King Henry VI of England crowned King of France  
1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama is 1st European to sail along Africa's East Coast  
1707: Last recorded eruption of Mount Fuji in Japan.  
1946: Christian Dior and his backer Marcel Boussac found fashion house Christian Dior

17<sup>th</sup>

1538: King Henry VIII is excommunicated from the Catholic Church, establishes new Christian denomination.  
1903: The Wright brothers make the first sustained, controlled flights in a powered aircraft.  
1938: Discovery of nuclear fission using uranium by Otto Hahn and his assistant Fritz Strassmann.  
1967: Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt goes missing whilst swimming at Portsea, Victoria.

18<sup>th</sup>

1603: First fleet of the Dutch East India Co under Admiral Stephen departs for the East-Indies  
1642: Abel Tasman's expedition sails into Golden Bay, first sighting local Māori in New Zealand  
1849: William Bond obtains 1st photograph of Moon through a telescope  
1917: The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing prohibition of alcohol, is approved

19<sup>th</sup>

1686: Robinson Crusoe leaves his island after 28 years (as per Daniel Defoe's famous novel)  
1835: HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin aboard arrives in New Zealand  
1843: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens is published, 6,000 copies sold  
1932: British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) begins transmitting overseas

20<sup>th</sup>

1780: Britain declares war on Holland  
1812: "Grimm's Fairy Tales" by Jacob Grimm and Wilhelm Grimm is first published  
1830: Great Britain, France, Prussia, Austria and Russia recognize Belgium  
1915: ANZAC troops complete their withdrawal from Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula

21<sup>st</sup>

1835: HMS Beagle sails into Bay of Islands, New Zealand  
1872: Phileas Fogg completes his round the world trip in 80 days  
1898: Scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discover radium  
1929: Coco the Clown first appears for Bertram Mills Circus in Manchester, England

22<sup>nd</sup>

1731: Dutch people revolt against meat tax  
1877: Thomas Edison's phonograph is announced by Scientific American  
1882: 1st string of Christmas tree lights created by Thomas Edison  
1956: Last British & French troops leave Egypt

# Personality of the Week

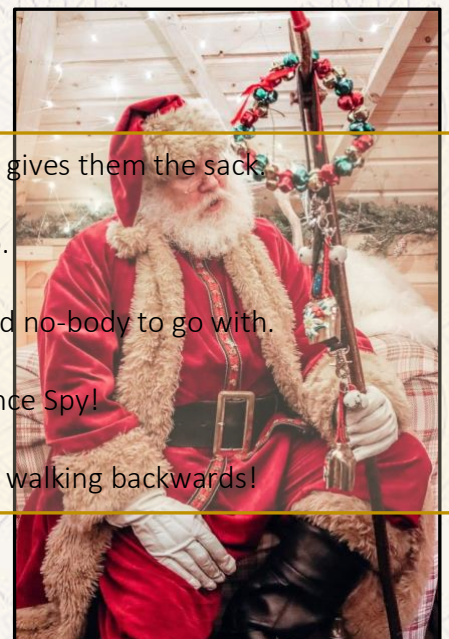
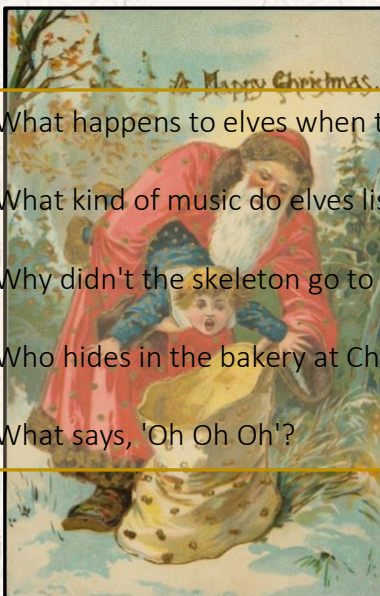
## Santa Claus

**Santa Claus**, also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas is a legendary figure who is said to bring gifts to the homes of well-behaved children on Christmas.

The precise origins of Santa Claus are not revealed, but Santa Claus is actually a magical being composed of elements of the various beings described above. Humanity's collective beliefs in these legendary figures merged with spiritual energy and aspects of the beings themselves gave him form as a manifestation of the spirit of giving associated with Christmas and other such holidays. Some say Santa Claus' existence is predicated on children's faith in him being real. Originally based in Korvatunturi, Lapland (on Finland's Eastern frontier), Santa Claus rode a horse to deliver his gifts. At some point he took a wife and established a workshop in the North Pole. Described by some as a "jolly old elf", Santa assembled a team of dedicated true elves - most of whom were descended from the Light Elves of Alfheim, a realm associated with Asgard - who constructed toys all year round. On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus magically fills a dimensionally limitless sack with toys and travels the planet via his sleigh, driven by eight flying reindeer, delivering the toys to good boys and girls, bending the laws of space and time to accomplish the feat over the course of one night. Santa Claus magically slips down the chimneys or uses magic passkeys to enter apartments, and delivers the toys, around a tree or in stockings put by the fireplace, often taking the time to enjoy cookies and milk left for him by the children and/or their parents. In a variety of different forms and known by numerous names, Santa Claus performs similar deeds across Earth. In some cultures, he is sometimes accompanied by Knecht Ruprecht, or Black Peter, who punishes bad children. Frenchwomen sometimes prayed to him for husbands. He supposedly "inherited" some of his magic from Melchior, one of the Three Kings of Bethlehem. His horse, reindeer and elves are all allegedly gifts from Odin; Odin's goats, Toothgnasher and Toothgrinder (later gifted to Thor), and his eight-legged horse, Sleipnir, are the likely inspiration for these.

By some accounts, Santa Claus and Father Christmas are separate beings, though they may share similar magical origins.

On one particular Christmas Eve, a thick fog settled over the North Pole, seriously hampering visibility. Santa found a solution in Rudolph, the adolescent fawn of one of his flying reindeer, Donner. Rudolph had previously been ostracized by the other reindeer for his nose, which glowed a bright red, but this very feature made Rudolph a perfect candidate to guide Santa's sleigh through the fog. Saving Christmas that year, Rudolph became a popular and legendary figure to the other reindeer. Accounts of Santa Claus' interactions with humanity are often discounted as folklore and/or imagination, but a number of such exploits have made public record. Early reports of Santa, in his modern incarnation, were made by author Washington Irving (under the pseudonym Diedrich Knickerbocker) in his 1809 "History of New York", and by writer Clement Clarke Moore in 1923's "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" (more popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas").



What happens to elves when they behave naughty?

Santa gives them the sack

What kind of music do elves listen to?

Wrap.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party?

He had no-body to go with.

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A Mince Spy!

What says, 'Oh Oh Oh'?

Santa walking backwards!



Santa on Facebook



**Group 9 Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

<b>Rockingham</b>	<b>Monday 6pm</b>	<b>Armadale</b>	<b>Tuesday 7pm</b>
<b>Palm beach</b>	<b>Wednesday 6.30pm</b>	<b>Mandurah Districts</b>	<b>Tuesday 6pm</b>
<b>Baldivis</b>	<b>Tuesday 6.30pm</b>	<b>Pinjarra</b>	<b>Thursday 6.45pm</b>
<b>Cockburn</b>	<b>Wednesday 6pm</b>	<b>Byford &amp; Districts</b>	<b>Monday 7pm</b>

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