



# 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 25**

Apologies

Make-up

Attended

Guests

Visitors

Partners

%

## Raffle

## Heads & Tails



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

Visitors are welcome  
Contact  
0400 837 603



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

Welcome to 2026 with our world still in a bit of a mess with all of the conflicts etc occurring around the world, plus horrific bushfires happening on the east coast with the loss of many buildings and thousands of livestock. Our thoughts go out to all those effected.

We were honoured to be visited by Patricia Von Borries; Patricia was hosted by our club as an exchange student from Bolivia in 2004/05.

Patricia is visiting and being hosted by Bob & Wendy and is accompanied by her son Facundo (11)

Patricia was hosted in 2003/04 by Eric & Gladys, Bob & Wendy, Terry and Tish and Pat & Ina Barallon.

Patricia told us a little of her life over the last 20 odd years. Patricia is an architect, and a partner in a successful business producing doors and windows.

Patricia has many fond memories of her stay in Kwinana and is thrilled to be revisiting us 21+ years later.

Very surprised to learn of the resignation of PP Bob Thompson, Bob was a great friend and a long-term, almost 30 years, respected member of our club.

President 2000/2001, 2021/22, Assistant Gov. 2011/14.

Bob held many other valued positions in our club and will be profoundly missed.



Rotary International President  
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423  
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

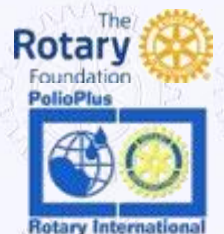
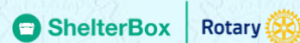
Rotary Club of Mill Point



## January 2026 – Vocational Month

- Mon 12th Club Meeting/social BBQ
- Mon 19th Club Meeting
- Mon 26th Club Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



January 12th 2026



Welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2026. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break.

Tonight, we had a BBQ Fellowship night rather than a meeting.

Attendance was good and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Special thanks to Genevieve for the organisation and to those that brought something 'extra' along to the night.

We also welcomed former exchange student Patricia Von Borries and son Facundo who are presently visiting from Bolivia and being hosted by Bob and Wendy.

Our next meeting night will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.

During the break, we regrettably received a letter of resignation from Past President Bob Thompson. Bob and Jo have been an integral part of the club for 30 years, and we wish Bob & Jo all the best.

With Bob's departure, this leaves another hole in the board with respect to Public Relations.

Bob was also continuing on with the role of Programs manager to ensure that we had quality guest speakers at the meetings.

This now leaves the following vacancies in our club:

- Public Relations Director
- Programs Manager
- Secretary
- Club Services Director 2026 – 2027 and President Elect for 2027 – 2028

If anyone is able to help with any of these positions, we would love to hear from you.

#### **Calendar of Events:**

President Elect Genevieve announced the following at the meeting:

**Mon 19/01/26** – Normal Meeting

**Saturday 24/01/26** – Blind Wine Tasting at Castelli's. Everyone welcome.

Each couple to bring a bottle of wine to be tasted and scored by all that participate.

So go and find that "fine" bottle of wine that has been at the back of the cupboard for years and bring it along.

Please also bring a plate of finger food to share.

No meeting on **Monday 26/01** as this is Australia Day, however Lynne and Cyril have invited all to join them at their home to celebrate Australia Day.

**Saturday 14 Feb** (Valentine's Day) – Progressive Dinner. Let Genevieve know if you are willing to be 1 of the hosts.

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March** – District Conference in Northam

**Sat 21 March** – Yanti and Stephen's wedding celebration in Jakarta. All Rotarians have been invited.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of April** – Anzac Day long weekend – will be a visit to Katanning to visit past members Paul and Kim as well as a combined meeting with RC Katanning.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – RC Kwinana Changeover.

President Stephen



Fellowship meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 12th January 2026

President Stephen with former exchange student Patricia Von Borries from Bolivia. Patricia is visiting and being hosted by Bob & Wendy and is accompanied by her son Facundo (11) Patricia was hosted in 2004/05 by Eric & Gladys, Bob & Wendy, Terry and Tish and Pat & Ina Barallon. Patricia told us a little of her life over the last 20 odd years. Patricia is an architect, and a partner in a successful business producing doors and windows.





**Genevieve Carr President 2026/27**



**January 2026**

1. Many thanks to John and Chris Iriks for hosting Christmas sundowner on Monday 22 January 2025; this was a very pleasant occasion.
2. Thanks to members and partners for contributing a salad/other dish to this evening's BBQ meeting.
3. Social plans for the months ahead:
  - Progressive Dinner on Saturday 14 February 2026
  - District Conference 13 – 15 March 2026
  - Restaurant Night on Monday 30 March 2026 (this will be Matthew Carr's 21st birthday)
  - Weekend away in Katanning 25 – 27 April 2026
  - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? planned for May 2026
  - Club Changeover Night Saturday 11 July 2026

PE Genevieve Carr



**PP Genevieve Carr January 2026**



**Inward Correspondence.**

- Invoice for computer donated to student
- Message of thanks for ShelterBox support
- Rotary WA Round Up #42, #43
- Regional Council News update
- RDU Supplies update
- District Governor's Newsletter
- RDU. One x2 issues
- Invitation to RYLA Dinner on 14 January 2026
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- ROMAC newsletter
- PolioPlus newsletter
- Notification of passing of Mahes Pushpalingham (wife of PDG Pushpa Pushpalingham)
- RDU magazine Jan – Feb issue
- Message of thanks from Warwick Smith for support of ARH
- Information pack for running a Bunnings BBQ
- Invitation to cocktail Party on 29 January 2026 (Perth Rotary Club)
- Letter of resignation from Bob Thompson
- Survey on Stronger Communities Program
- Reminder re 2026 Rotary Conference
- Synergy bill
- Camp Opportunity invoice

**Outward Correspondence:**

- Letter of acknowledgement to Bill Rowe
- Letter of request sent to Rockingham Bunnings
- Sympathy card to PDG Pushpa Pushpalingham



Vice Pres.  
Terry Evans



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela



Project Director  
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.  
PDG John Iriks

Team 2025/26



Membership Dir.  
Norm Mulcahy



Events Manager  
PDG John Iriks

Ravishankar and Paola Dakoju stand onstage at Rotary's 2026 International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, 13 January 2026.

**Ravishankar** announced **he and Paola** would donate approximately **US\$50 million** (4.5 billion Indian rupees) to **The Rotary Foundation**.



Patricia and Facundo arrive at Perth International



Patricia telling us about her life during the last 21+ years



L/R PP Terry Evans, Facundo, Patricia, PDG Bob Cooper and PP Wendy Cooper



Josh Carr, PP Genevieve, Rtn Alan Johnson, Chris Iriks and PDG John Iriks



Peter Zabiela, Rtn Karen Zabiela, PP Chris Oughton, Carol Adams and Karen Mulcahy



Rtn Sam Cuplovic, PP John Walhead, Deryl Rtn John Maskell,  
Rtn Norm Mulcahy and PP Soren Houlberg



President Stephen Castelli & Yanti. PP James Sharkey & Cathy, PP Eric Blogg & Gladys



Patricia arrives in WA 29th January 2004



Patricia departs for Bolivia 29th January 2005



**Afghanistan Uses Fractional IPV to Boost Protection and Speed Up Polio Eradication**

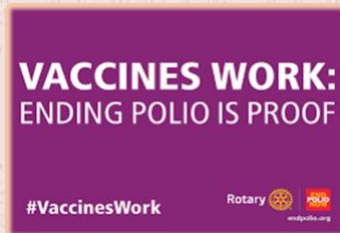
Afghanistan’s polio programme is increasingly using innovative approaches to reach more children and stop virus transmission faster. One key example is the expanded use of fractional-dose inactivated polio vaccine (fIPV) alongside oral polio vaccine (OPV), strengthening immunity and accelerating progress toward interruption of transmission. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Africa in 2025: Key Milestones in the Fight to End Polio**

From outbreak response to stronger surveillance and vaccination campaigns, WHO’s African Region made important progress in 2025. This round-up highlights major achievements and activities as countries across the continent continue to intensify efforts to protect every child from polio. Click [here](#) for the full overview.

**Summary of new polioviruses this week:**

- Pakistan: 36 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Tanzania: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



There was a story about ‘Too many cooks’.



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries January 2026*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

Genevieve Carr 3rd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Terry and Tish Evans 7th 48 years

Bill and Natalie Rowe 14th 59 years



### **Club Anniversaries:**

John Maskell 1st 18 years Rotary member

Barry Winmar 9th 9 years club member

*Congratulations*

Christmas 2004





# What happened this week in history?



Jan 12th to Jan 18th



12<sup>th</sup>

1807: Gunpowder-ship explodes in Leiden, Netherlands, 150 dies  
1836: HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin reaches Sydney, Australia  
1903: Harry Houdini performs at Rembrandt theatre, Amsterdam  
1948: 1st Supermarket in UK opens

13<sup>th</sup>

1785: John Walter publishes 1st issue of "The Times" of London  
1893: British Independent Labour Party forms (Keir Hardie as its leader)  
1930: "Mickey Mouse" comic strip 1st appears  
1942: Henry Ford patents a method of constructing plastic auto bodies

14<sup>th</sup>

1690: The musical instrument, the clarinet is invented in Nürnberg, Germany  
1873: "Celluloid" registered as a trademark by its inventor John Wesley Hyatt  
1898: Australian cricketer Joe Darling hits the 1st six in Tests (out of the ground)  
1960: US Army promotes Elvis Presley to Sergeant

15<sup>th</sup>

1535: King Henry VIII declares himself head of the Church in England  
1559: Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England in Westminster Abbey  
1759: British Museum opens in Montague House, London  
1861: Steam elevator patented by Elisha Otis

16<sup>th</sup>

1493: Christopher Columbus leaves the New World and sets sail for Spain  
1832: Charles Darwin lands at Porto Prayo in the Cape Verde islands, 1st landing of his voyage  
1889: 128°F (53°C), Cloncurry, Queensland (Australian record)  
1909: Antarctic explorers, Mawson, Mackay reach south magnetic pole

17<sup>th</sup>

1524: Beginning of Giovanni da Verrazzano's voyage to find a passage to China  
1773: Captain James Cook becomes 1st to cross Antarctic Circle (66° 33' S)  
1882: 1st Dutch female physician Aletta Jacobs opens her office  
1912: Captain Robert Scott's expedition arrives at the South Pole, one month after Roald Amundsen

18<sup>th</sup>

1520: Christian II of Denmark & Norway defeats Swedes at Lake Asunde  
1644: Perplexed Pilgrims in Boston reported America's 1st UFO sighting  
1778: Captain James Cook stumbles over Sandwich Islands (Hawaiian Islands)  
1788: 1st Fleet carrying 736 convicts from England to Australia arrives at Botany Bay



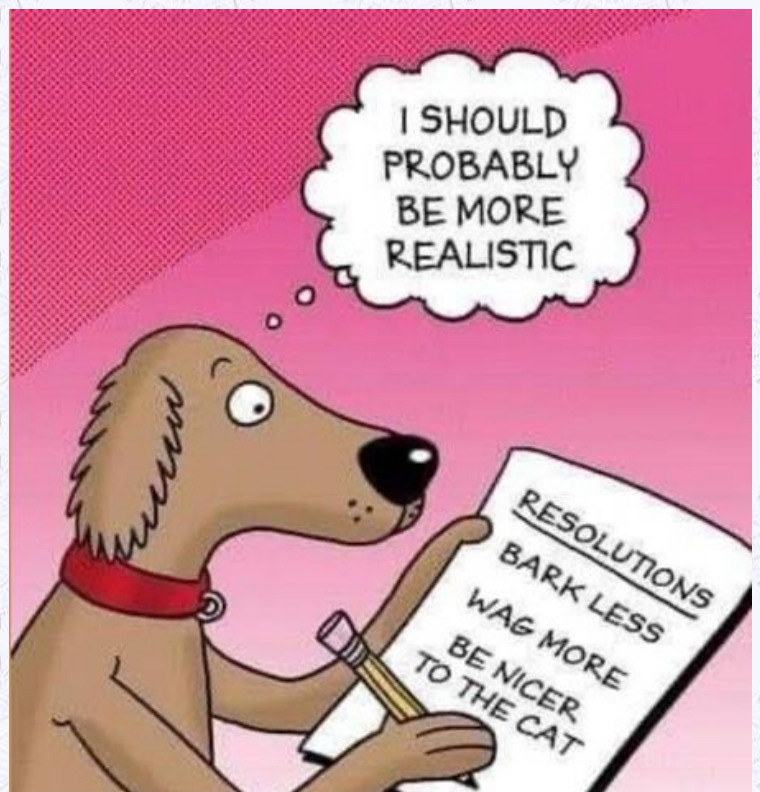
“Well, last year I kicked gambling ...  
the odds are 3 to 1 the New Year will be a good one.”

**HAPPY NEW YEAR JOKES**

FUN JOKES FROM TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM

- What does the man with no hair sing at midnight? Bald Lang Syne.
- What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.
- My New Year's resolution is to stop procrastinating. I'll wait until tomorrow to start.
- Knock knock. Who's there? Abby. Abby who? Abby New Year!
- Knock knock. Who's there? Radio. Radio who? Radio not, it's a new year.
- What happened to the man who stole a calendar on New Year's Eve? He got 12 months!
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Hannah. Hannah who? Hannah Happy New Year!
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Ben. Ben who? Ben waiting for the ball to drop all day!
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Howie. Howie who? Howie going to stay up until midnight, you look tired already.

JANUARY 1



**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