



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 24
Apologies
Make-up
Attended **16**
Guests
Visitors
Partners

62%

Raffle
Cyril & Sorren

Heads & Tails
Stephen



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

Visitors are welcome
Contact
0400 837 603



Bulletin

No 24 19/01/2026



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

Second meeting for 2026, 15 in attendance, sadly still well down on historical figures, put it down to a 'sign of the times'

We watched a December 2025, Rotary Foundation update. In the 2023-24 Rotary year, The Rotary Foundation approved and awarded over **US\$300 million** in program awards and operations to support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and polio eradication. In the same period, donors contributed more than **US\$417.7 million** in total outright contributions and commitments to the Foundation.

PDG Sylvia Byers OAM passed away 16th January at Albany Hospice, Sylvia was District Governor 9460 2001/02. 5/11/1934 – 16/01/2026. Sylvia visited our club on our changeover from Bob Thompson to Bob Cooper on July 1st 2001 at the Darious Restaurant. Sylvia received her OAM 2002 for service to education, particularly through the development of services to provide assistance to children with learning difficulties living in rural and remote areas of Western Australia, and to the community through Rotary International



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

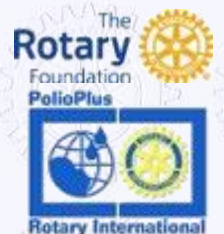
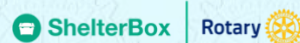
Rotary Club of Mill Point



January 2026 – Vocational Month

Mon 12th	Club Meeting/social	BBQ
Mon 19th	Club Meeting	Rotary Foundation Video
Mon 26th	No Meeting	Australia Day

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



January 19th 2026



Tonight, it was good to see 15 members in attendance

The next scheduled meeting night will be Monday 26th Jan, however, as this is Australia Day, there will be no meeting on that night.

I obtained a new Australian flag from Madeline King's office, and it has been installed on the club's flagpole.

As previously advised, with PP Bob Thompson's departure, this leaves another hole in the board with respect to Public Relations.

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

Another job that Bob and Jo undertook was to be on the roster to clean the hall.

The hall is cleaned on a weekly basis, so with 4 teams, each team is only called on once a month.

Any volunteers that can help with any of these jobs would be appreciated.

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.

I have chased up with Rotary District regarding the Flag trailer that our club has looked after. District contacted me during the week to enquire on status and whereabouts of the trailer. I will continue to work with district to finalise this.

Rtn John Maskell in his role as Vocational Manager is looking at a vocational visit to Foodbank. Those attending may want to organise a lunch for after the visit. John will keep us updated.

I had thought to have a Blind Wine Tasting at our home on Saturday 24/01, however this will be postponed as it is a long weekend and quite a few members are otherwise engaged. PE Genevieve has suggested that we do this in May and invite the members and partners from RC Harvey to join us.

A reminder too that we have past Rotary Exchange Student Patricia and her son visiting from Bolivia. If anyone is doing anything "interesting", then please consider including these guys. Patricia leaves Australia on 05/02.

President Stephen



Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 19th January 2026

Sylvia Byers is an educator currently working with students, their parents, teachers and allied health professionals. Some of these students experience school related difficulties due to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Sylvia believes in the importance of a team approach to teaching/learning situations so that the child has the best opportunity to achieve. This belief is partly based on the amount of waking time a student spends at school - up to six hours in the classroom and at least an hour of supervised outside the classroom.

The combination of these times allows the opportunity for each child's academic, social/emotional and physical needs to be recognised and met, through a team approach. Sylvia maintains that some students need to be given more time than others.

Sylvia's past experience includes teaching in primary schools and from 1972 specialising in students experiencing specific learning difficulties in primary, secondary and adult education; Principal Chidley Educational Centre in Mosman Park - a boarding school for 48 country primary aged students identified with specific learning difficulties.

Currently retired from full time teaching with the Education Department W.A. she joined the Retired Educator Volunteers for Isolated Students Education. (REVISE W.A.); Rotary Foundation Cadre member - audits international language related assignments. Sylvia began teaching in 1955.





Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



January 19th 2026

1. **Progressive Dinner:** To be held on Saturday 14 February 2026. Seeking hosts for entrée and mains courses; Genevieve and Damian will host dessert course
2. **District Conference:** To be held Friday 13 – 15 March 2026 in Northam
3. **Restaurant Meal:** Planned for Monday 30 March 2026. (Matthew Carr's 21st birthday!)
4. **Weekend in Katanning:** Scheduled for Saturday 25 April to Monday 27 April. Kim Beciri and Paul Durant have room on their property for caravans, tents. Planning a get-together with members of the Rotary Club of Katanning
5. **Blind wine-tasting night:** Looking to hold this during May instead of Guest Who's Coming to Dinner. Will invite members of the Rotary Club of Harvey.

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr January 19th 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- Update on RYLA candidate
- Request for support from Reach Kwinana
- RI Semi-Annual dues
- Rotary WA Round-Up #44
- RDU Supplies update
- Letter of resignation from Edd Samut
- RDU.One
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter

Outward Correspondence:

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Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks

Team 2025/26



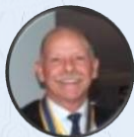
Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy
PP Chris Oughton standing-in for Norm



P Stephen Castelli
stand-in when required.

Driving a 4x4, parking on the concrete, got fined but remains nameless??

John I: Something about 'knocking over a post'?

Those of us wearing shorts tonight copped a fine.

No Badge: Karen and John

John M: Like his port with 'ice'

John and Chris spotted doing some interesting driving antics at home

Genevieve and James, urgently rang John for the spare keys to the Furniture Shop only to discover James had them in his pocket,

India celebrates 15-year polio-free anniversary

This week marks 15 years since India's last wild poliovirus case. India's journey from 60% of the world's cases to zero showed the world that polio eradication is possible with strong government leadership, community engagement and the dedicated efforts of health workers. As we honour this milestone, we also look ahead: the world is so close to eradicating polio everywhere, and continued commitment is essential to protect every child, everywhere. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: seven WPV1-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: three cVDPV2 cases
- Somalia: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



Birthdays and Anniversaries January 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Genevieve Carr 3rd



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

9460 District Governor Sylvia Byers, current President Bob Thompson and incoming President Bob Cooper



9460 District Governor Sylvia Byers, Rtn Genevieve Carr/Josh with then Councillor Carol Adams





What happened this week in history?



Jan 19th to Jan 25th



19th

1806: UK re-occupies the Cape of Good Hope. Establishes British rule in South Africa.
1839: Aden conquered by British East India Company
1883: 1st electric lighting system using overhead wires, by Thomas Edison, Roselle, New Jersey
1938: General Motors begins mass production of diesel engines

20th

1502: The present-day location of Rio de Janeiro is first explored
1841: China cedes Hong Kong to the British during the 1st Opium War
1850: HMS Investigator by Robert McClure leaves England, 1st to make a Northwest passage
1887: US Senate approves naval base lease of Pearl Harbor

21st

1846: 1st edition of Charles Dickens' newspaper "The Daily News"
1887: Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) forms
1899: Opel manufactures its first car
1903: Harry Houdini escapes from Halvemaansteeg police station in Amsterdam

22nd

1506: The first contingent of 150 Swiss Guards arrive at the Vatican
1771: Spain cedes Falkland Islands to Britain
1840: NZ Company settlers arrive at Te Whanganui a Tara, becomes Port Nicholson, Wellington
1899: Leaders of six Australian colonies meet in Melbourne to discuss confederation

23rd

1719: Liechtenstein became a sovereign member state of the Holy Roman Empire.
1849: Elizabeth Blackwell becomes 1st woman in the US to earn a medical degree.
1849: Patent granted for an envelope-making machine to Jesse K. Park and Cornelius S. Watson
1894: G. W. Bunbury of Dublin sets shorthand record of 250 wpm for 10 min

24th

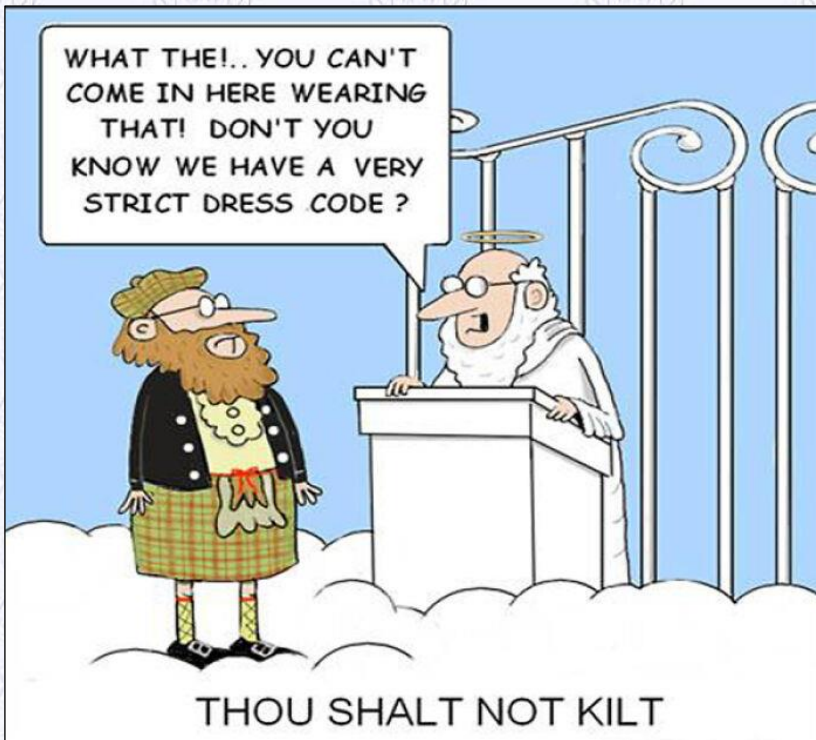
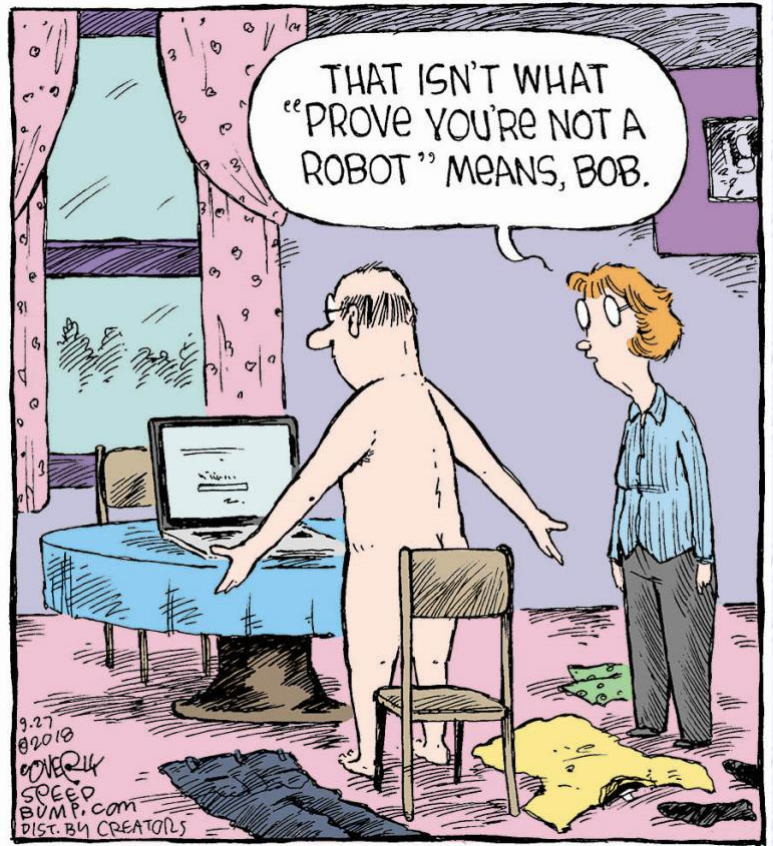
1679: King Charles II disbands English parliament
1788: French La Pérouse expedition arrives in Botany Bay, meeting "First Fleet" penal colony
1839: Charles Darwin elected Fellow of the Royal Society
1908: Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell publishes "Scouting for Boys"

25th

1554: Founding of the city of São Paulo in Brazil
1755: Moscow University is established by Elizabeth of Russia
1839: Henry Fox Talbot exhibits early photographs to the Royal Institution in the UK
1924: 1st Winter Olympic Games open in Chamonix, France.



"She is the third person we've brought in this week with multiple lacerations from trying to get a cat to swallow a pill."



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