



# The Rotary Club of Kwinana

**Rotary District 9423 Western Australia**  
 Chartered: 22 April 1971



Team 2023-24

**President**  
**Bob Cooper**

**Secretary**  
**Genevieve Carr**

**Treasurer**  
**Karen Zabiela**



President Bob

## Bulletin

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**Rotary Club of Kwinana is 52 years' old 1971/2023**

### Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

**Total Members** 29  
**Apologies**  
**Make-up** 3  
**Attended** 20  
**Hon. Member**  
**LOA** 2  
**Guests**  
**Visitors**  
**Partners**

85.0%

**Raffle**  
**Karen & Greg**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Bob T**



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

**Visitors welcome**  
**contact us**

We welcomed our caterer Stephen and Kertrina back tonight, recently returned from a trip to the 2024 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

The festival began in 1973 and currently hosts around 40 thousand visitors each year, the program runs for 10 days usually late January.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamworth\\_Country\\_Music\\_Festival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamworth_Country_Music_Festival)

Western Australia is currently experiencing another mini heatwave with temperatures reaching 44 deg. in parts of the Perth metro area. Where I live close to Rockingham Beach, we rarely need have our air-con turned-on. Definition of a Heatwave: "A heatwave occurs when the maximum and minimum temperatures are unusually hot over a three-day period at a location. Temperatures across Western Australia have broken records this year.

Some Rotary Facts:

The Rotary Foundation **Ambassadorial Scholarships** are the world's largest, privately funded scholarships.

The first **Rotaract Club** was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rotarians in the United States make up **28 percent** of all Rotarians worldwide.

Rotary first established **Paul Harris Fellowships** in 1957.



**Rotary International President**  
2023/24  
**Gordon McInally**

Rotary Club of South Queenferry  
Lothian Scotland

**District Governor**  
9423

2023/24

**Ineke Oliver**



### January 2024 Vocational Month.

#### January 2024

Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day	
Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Rotary Hall
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Rotary Hall KIC CEO Chris Oughton
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting	Kwinana Local, partners invited
Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Lynn Barbour OIC, Kwinana Police



Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749





President's Pen



Bob Cooper

05<sup>th</sup> February 2024

CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD



No report this week

Bob Cooper  
President 2023/24

Club meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024



<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-08/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-peoples-choice-win-polar-bear/103440814>

Picture was taken in Norway's Svalbard archipelago.





President 2024/25

Terry Evans



05<sup>th</sup> February 2024

We need someone to step-up and take on the Foundation Directors position, there is an important seminar coming up, we need someone to attend. If no-one from our club attends, our club will not be eligible to apply for Foundation Grants during 2024/25  
The seminar takes place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9am to 12 noon. Registrations close: 18/2/2024.

Othilie recently attended a Hand Ball session and loved it.  
Handball is very popular in Europe, especially in Scandinavia and the Balkans. The sport is growing in North Africa and the Middle East with Egypt and Qatar reaching the latter stages of men's global competitions in recent years.

PE Terry Evans



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr

05<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Inward Correspondence.

- Rotary Age Date Audit
- ShelterBox Australia Newsletter
- Rotary Down Under
- District Governor's February Newsletter/Rotary WA District Newsletter #29
- Update for Rotary Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Team: opportunity to apply for a position as a Rotary Specialist, or as a Regional Council Portfolio Committee Member
- Receipt for donation to ARH for Indigenous Health Scholarship Program

Outward Correspondence  
None



2023/24

Rtn. Karen Zabiela

Bills paid, money in the bank.



Bring your empty drink containers, we have collection bins.



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr



Youth Services Report

05<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**1. Camp Opportunity**

Genevieve to arrange for recent camper and her mother to attend Club meeting to speak about the experience of attending Camp Opportunity.

**2. RYPEN:**

Next weekend to be held 3 – 5 May at the Serpentine Camping Centre. Looking to sponsor 1-2 suitable young persons aged 14 – 17 years to attend this weekend.

**3. Youth Exchange Program**

Othilie has resumed studies at Gilmore College. Is currently taking boxing classes!

Congratulations are in order; PP Stephen Castelli has announced his engagement!  
The caption below tells the story.



**WE GOT ENGAGED!**



Projects Director  
Rtn. Tony Miller



PP Max Bird  
Foundation Dir.



PP Edd Samut  
Membership Dir.



PDG John Iriks  
Events Manager



Kertrina Riordan  
Community



Peter Schulz  
Vocational



PP. Max Bird  
International



PP Genevieve Carr  
Youth

### Project Director's Report:

Furniture-On-Line, going well, Mike wishes to thank everybody for their ongoing assistance.

Bunning's BBQ, aiming at doing three this year.

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> February:** BBQ 1pm - 8pm at Edge Skate Park Kwinana for the Kwinana/Rockingham council. It's a skate/BMX event with a trophy presentation and they want us to put on a BBQ. I was hoping we could get a few members to put in 1- or 2-hour shifts for this event.

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 11am - 1pm Bob & Jo Thompson are organising a BBQ for the St Vinnies charity auction at St Vinnies church in Parmelia. If anyone is interested in joining Bob, Jo, and Edd please contact Bob or Jo for further details.

**13<sup>th</sup> April (Saturday)** 9:30 - 11:30am Medina Hall for a morning tea put on by the Medina Historical Society. Anyone who can help the ladies with this event please let me know.

**27<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)** This year's first sausage sizzle at Bunnings volunteers are needed, even if you can only come for an hour that's great, please let me know. *NOTE this date is to be confirmed.*

### Public Relations:

Kim will continue to assist in this role, thank you Kim.

### Membership:

PP Ed Samut takes on the role for 2023/24  
Communicating with three prospects.

### Community:

Bread Program underway for 2024

Breakfast Club always in need of more assistance.

PP Greg recently took a quantity of used car batteries to the recycler.

### International:

### Youth:

Report above.

Visit your club webpage.

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

or type Kwinana Rotary into 'Search'



**Fine Session: Sergeant Cyril Bennett**



Stand-in: Norm



Deputy Bill Rowe



PP Stephen Castelli stands-in when required.



Eric: Almost reached 81, old age catching up, developed arthritis.

Pam: Haven't seen you for a while, you must have done something wrong, pay up anyway!!!

Kertrina: Welcome back.

Chris O: How long to retirement, 4 weeks?

Edd: Sharing his figs with me, thank you.

Table 3: Much too slow on the uptake to get dinner.

Genevieve: Had a fine on Genevieve, can't remember what it was? Pay up anyway.

Mike, Paul, and Chris: Slow getting back from the outside 'Ashtray'.

Last week we had a 'Scottish Lass' as guest speaker, James and Norm weren't here to appreciate her accent.

Snr' Sgt Lynn washed the dishes last week, time Bob C stepped-up.

Stephen C: The bus trip is to cost \$20 not \$200!!!

Greg borrowed a Australia Day tie of James and wore it at the Bowling Club, positive comments.

**Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.** You can't blame your crimes on your twin, after all. This is because environmental factors during development in the womb (umbilical cord length, position in the womb, and the rate of finger growth) impact your fingerprint.

**Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.** True, there are only five well-documented fatal lightning strikes on giraffes between 1996 and 2010. But due to the population of the species being just 140,000 during this time, it makes for about 0.003 lightning deaths per thousand giraffes each year. This is 30 times the equivalent fatality rate for humans.

**Earth's rotation is changing speed.** It's actually slowing. This means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago a day lasted just 21 hours.

BBC Science Focus.



Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. District 7305.  
President of Rotary International for 2024-25.

Theme: The Magic of Rotary



Stephanie A. Urchick, in 2022, retired as partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company,

She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She is active on numerous community boards and committees and has been honoured by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotarian since 1991, Urchick first joined the home club of Past RI President Chuck Keller, who served as her mentor.

Urchick has served Rotary as Rotary Foundation Trustee and RI Director.

She has served RI in numerous capacities, including training leader, Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative.

In addition, she was a delegate and member-at-large for three Councils on Legislation.

She has also served as a member of various RI committees, including Rotary's Election Review Committee, the Operations Review Committee, and as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee.

Urchick has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and travelled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters.

The speaker of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project for mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland.

Urchick is currently helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Kosovo, Albania, and in Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Urchick wants to see 100,000 more Rotary members in 2024-25. She believes that the magic of Rotary happens at the club level, where the people are serving their communities.

"We need to make our club experiences simply irresistible," says Urchick. "We want people to feel that there's value in getting involved in Rotary to create changes in themselves, in their communities, and in the world."

She is a Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation

## Birthdays and Anniversaries February 2024

### Birthday Congratulations:

Cathy Sharkey: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Diane Bird: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Blogg: 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wendy Cooper: 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tish Evans: 24<sup>th</sup>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Wedding Anniversaries

Chris and Carol: 21<sup>st</sup> 21 years  
Brian & Ann Thompson: 22<sup>nd</sup> 60 years  
Peter & Karen Zabiela: 25<sup>th</sup> 35 years



### Club Anniversaries:

Max Bird: 1<sup>st</sup> 25 years  
Tony Miller: 18<sup>th</sup> 1 year  
Norm Mulcahy: 26<sup>th</sup> 18 years

*Congratulations!*

## Polio this week

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- “This approach has helped us break down the barriers with caregivers and they are more receptive to communicating with us. We are dedicated to ensuring that our teams on the ground actively respect the religious and cultural norms of the local community. For instance, drummers like Zafar pause their beats during calls for prayer, demonstrating social and religious sensitivity. Additionally, the musical elements are in accordance with the cultural norms of the community,” – Sajida Mansoor, a UNICEF polio staffer in Pakistan. [Read more...](#)



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

- Angola: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Benin: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
- Côte d'Ivoire: six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: three cVDPV1 cases and one cVDPV2 case
- Guinea: eight cVDPV2 cases and four positive environmental samples
- Niger: one cVDPV2 case and one positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: four cVDPV2 cases and two positive environmental samples
- Senegal: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: one cVDPV2 case
- Zimbabwe: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample





# What happened this week in history?



Feb 4<sup>th</sup> to Feb 10<sup>th</sup>



4<sup>th</sup>

1697: Three Dutch East India Company ships anchor at Dirk-Hartogeiland, Australia  
1797: Earthquake in Quito, Ecuador kills 41,000  
1824: J W Goodrich introduces rubber galoshes to public  
1950: IV British Empire Games open in Auckland, New Zealand

5<sup>th</sup>

1631: Founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams arrives in Boston from England  
1736: Methodists John and Charles Wesley arrive in Savannah, Georgia  
1803: Explorer Geo' Bass and crew sail from Sydney to Tahiti and Chile they're never seen again  
1931: Malcolm Campbell sets world land speed record speed of 246.08 mph in Blue Bird

6<sup>th</sup>

1778: Britain declares war on France  
1819: Stamford Raffles founds Singapore as a British trading port  
1832: 1st appearance of cholera in Edinburgh, Scotland  
1918: Great Britain grants women (30 & over) the vote

7<sup>th</sup>

1783: Great Siege of Gibraltar, launched by France and Spain against the British colony  
1863: HMS Orpheus sinks off the coast of Auckland, New Zealand, killing 189  
1915: 1st wireless message sent from a moving train to a station received  
1928: 1st solo flight from England to Aust takes off from Croydon, Australian aviator Bert Hinkler

8<sup>th</sup>

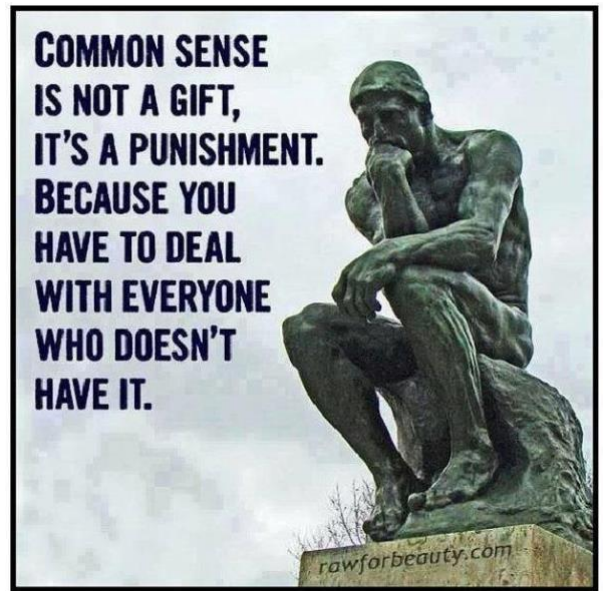
1587: Mary, Queen of Scots, is beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle aged 44  
1627: Gunpowder is first used in a mining operation in present-day Slovakia  
1883: Louis Waterman begins experiment to invent the fountain pen  
1926: Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio becomes Walt Disney Studios

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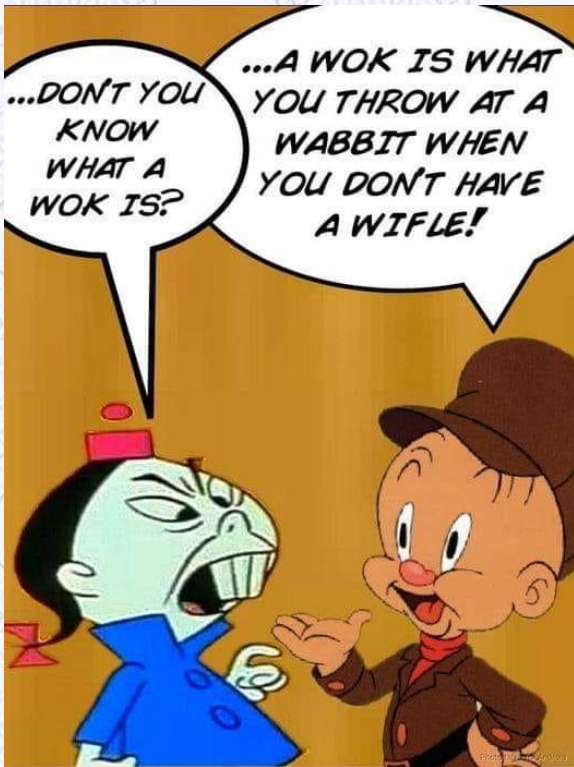
1674: English reconquer New York from Netherlands  
1916: Britain's military service act enforced (conscription)  
1923: Soviet Aeroflot airlines forms  
1961: The Beatles 1<sup>st</sup> gig at Cavern Club; they would play there 300 times over the next two years

10<sup>th</sup>

1774: Andrew Becker demonstrates diving suit  
1842: Moreton Bay Penal Colony abolished and opened for free settlement (city of Brisbane)  
1879: 1st electric arc light used  
1931: New Delhi becomes the capital of India



A shrimp's heart is in its head.  
 Froot Loops are all the same flavor despite their different colors.  
 Venus is the only planet that spins clockwise.



**Group 9 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

**Rotary Club of Kwinana**  
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