



# 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

No 25 20/01/2025



Rotary Club of Kwinana is 53 years' old 1971/2024

### Facts & Figures

#### Attendance this week

- Total Members 27
- Apologies 2
- Make-up 2
- Attended 18
- Hon. Member LOA
- Guests 2
- Visitors 1
- Partners 8

77.0%

**Raffle**  
**Terry & Norm**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Terry**

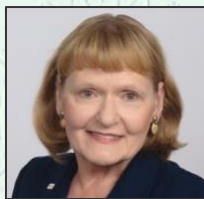
Interesting meeting, our guest speaker was Karma Choelha, a Buddhist Nun who resides very close to Rotary Hall. Karma has been a Nun for some 30 years, works at Kwinana Library and practices her faith locally conducting classes in meditation etc. Ladies and partners were invited along, we had 10 guests in total, Alan Johnson again joined us, Yanti joined us for the last time for now, she returns to Jakarta soon, partners who came along were, Cathy, Gladys, Jo, Peter, Natalie and Wendy. Because caterer Stephen was unavailable, we were treated with local Pizza, Gladys brought along home-made chocolate eclairs for sweets.

Australia Day is almost on us, Saturday afternoon at 3.30pm for preparation and packing-up. The cooking and setting-up staff to be on site by 6am, the servers can come along a little later.

As the day is being run by IPL Radio and not by us as it always used to be, when our cooking and serving duties are completed, we are finished.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, without the support of our members and partners, and sometimes family members, the Australia Day Breakfast would not be possible. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> look like being quite cool, unlike the heatwave conditions we are experiencing in Perth and WA this week.

Perth has so far recorded 9 days at 40c or above, the record being 13 days 2021/22 Perth is officially the sunniest capital city in the world, with an average of eight hours of sun per day, year-round.



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

Rotary Club of McMurray  
Pennsylvania USA

**District Governor**  
9423  
2024/25

**Pat Schraven**



### January 2025 - Vocational Services Month

- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Karma Choelha, a Buddhist Nun in Nepal
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day Breakfast.
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> No Club Meeting Public Holiday

Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749



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

Visitors welcome  
contact us  
0417 904 419



Presidents Pen



January 2025



Please check the email re the Rotary District Conference in Margaret River - 28th to 30th March 2025. Entry, registration and payment is due by March 20th. Consider whether you can attend and represent our club.

Thanks to Greg for volunteering to fill a space on our clubroom cleaning roster. If any others are keen to step up, we can easily redo the roster. Thanks for the attendance response and increased usage of What's App as a means of easy communication. Being free and easy to use even from overseas is certainly a bonus. Many thanks to Kertrina for setting it up, may we see growing usage.

I will be helping my daughter Cara shift from Darwin back to Perth in February. Tish and I will be leaving, I think, 10th February and should return on the March long weekend.

See you all 3.30 Saturday and again early Sunday morning for the Australia Day breakfast.

Terry Evans  
President 2024/25

Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025





Stephen Castelli President 2025/26



Members are welcome to suggest suitable outings we could partake in. Some suggestions so far are, Hotham Valley Railway, weekend away trip to a suitable venue. Closer to home, a music night at Rotary Hall especially for lovers of 50s and 60s music. Rock-n-Roll, Country, Easy to listen to Ballads, etc.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr January 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Synergy bill
- January 2025 Rotary Leader
- ShelterBox message regarding wills
- Rotary District Newsletter #17
- Rotary Club invoice
- Reminder re District AGM scheduled for 21/01/2025
- Reminder re criteria for District Awards
- District Conference reminder

Outward Correspondence:

- RAWCS Project 1-2024-25 Audit Report submitted



2024/25

PDG John Iriks



### **RYLA 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Completed)**

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



We as a club are no longer involved in the Gilmore Breakfast Club, however we will continue to supply bread, to be delivered as usual on Monday mornings.

Australia Day Jan 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), PDG John gave us a rundown on what's required to prepare for our Australia Day commitment.

Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April; this isn't booked in but i will discuss with RSL president about us laying a wreath on the day and if members agree maybe providing the grub for the gunfire breakfast, let me know.

And as mentioned, on Mondays meeting I am in communication with Inger regarding doing a few more "Cuppa with a Rotarian' gigs, more info to follow.

80% of Australian animals are unique to Australia.

Australia is home to 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.

It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day - there are 10,685 of them!



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.

Australia Day Breakfast.  
We are providing our signature breakfast on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela

**Australia Day** is the official national day of Australia.

Observed annually on 26 January.

It marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet and raising of the Union Flag of Great Britain by Arthur Phillip at Sydney Cove, a small bay on the southern shore of Sydney Harbour.



In the present, the government Australia Day Council organises events that seek to recognise the contributions of Australians to the nation, while also encouraging reflection on past wrongs including towards Indigenous Australians and also giving respect and celebrating the diversity and achievements of Australian society past and present.

The presentation of community awards and citizenship ceremonies are also commonly held on the day.

The holiday is marked by the presentation of the Australian of the Year Awards on Australia Day Eve, announcement of the Australia Day Honours list and addresses from the governor-general and prime minister.

It is an official public holiday in every state and territory.

With community festivals, concerts and citizenship ceremonies, the day is celebrated in large and small communities and cities around the nation. Australia Day has become the biggest annual civic event in Australia.



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



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



Deputy

The member wearing 'a dress' fined, the recipient was Bob Cooper!!!!

Peter and Karen just acquired a new Isuzu, the other Isuzu fanciers fined, Edd and Greg.

Terry: Tish couldn't come so Terry brought along a younger model, Shelley.

Peter Z: Seen drinking 'Ginger' Beer.

Who drinks red wine with 'ICE' Greg and Edd.

Tony: Nice 'Haircut' Tony also copped a fine because he's heading off to China very soon.



15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

New Global Polio Surveillance Action Plan (GPSAP) online – Partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) have updated the Global Polio Surveillance Action Plan (GPSAP) for 2025-2026, to maximise benefits of available technical and operational tools. The GPSAP 2025-2026 is aligned with the GPEI Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026: delivering on a promise, extension to 2029, and reflects the key surveillance activities that will facilitate achievement of the GPEI strategic goals to eradicate wild poliovirus type 1 and interrupt transmission of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. The GPSAP is available [here](#), and a Webinar is being organised later in the January on Tuesday 28 January 2025, 15.00hrs CET, to formally launch the GPSAP. The Zoom link for the Webinar is: <https://who.zoom.us/j/91464319713>

Maintaining detailed and accurate inventories of poliovirus infectious and potentially infectious materials, in laboratories and other facilities, is a key first step to minimizing containment risks. A new data collection and reporting system being rolled out in the African region is helping to enhance data timeliness, quality and reliability. [More](#).

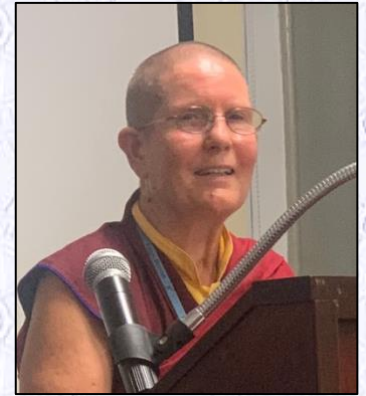
#### Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: two WPV1 cases and 17 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: three cVDPV2 cases
- Ethiopia: seven cVDPV2 cases
- Germany: eleven cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case



Guest Speaker:

Karma Choelha, a Buddhist Nun



I lost one of my cats last year. In my efforts to find him I have followed up on possible sightings. These have caused me to wander into the Kwinana Rotary Club on several occasions. Everyone has always been friendly and helpful and although I have always come home without my cat, I often had a couple of loaves of bread in hand.

Recently, Bob Thompson enquired if I would be a guest speaker during one of the Monday evening meetings and I accepted.

Actually, I have been a nun in the Tibetan tradition for thirty years. I was sent back to WA at the beginning of Covid and somehow ended up in Medina after a year of being sent back to my home I have spent many years travelling between Australia, India and Nepal transmitting through Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

I received full ordination Vows in Taiwan too and completed a traditional Three-Year Three-month meditation retreat in Sikkim

After a restless year of homelessness, I ended up here in Medina and across the road from the Rotary Club.

Previously, I had been to Taiwan in 1997 to receive Full Ordination Vows, completed a traditional Three-Year Three-Month meditation retreat in Sikkim 2010 and attended Prayers for World Peace.

Congregations in Bodhgaya, India for many years. Prior to COVID I was living, studying, practicing and volunteering at Thrangu Monastery which is located at a place called Namu Buddha in Nepal.

Nowadays I keep a daily schedule of rising at 4am, not eating after my midday meal and retiring at 9pm.

I am doing a Mahamudra Meditation Course which requires two hours of homework every day. I am in the seventh and final year of that course now. I am also three years into an online Buddhist Philosophy course of five years duration.

During last Monday night's talk, I reminded everyone of the five things to avoid if you want to live a happy peaceful life.

These five things are; lying, stealing, killing, sexual misconduct and intoxicants.

It's wonderful the Rotary Club is so active in trying to help relieve the suffering of others.

If anyone would like to come and meditate then my door is open every Tuesday at 2pm - everyone in welcome.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club for inviting me to be their guest speaker.

Websites with related information:

<https://tnp.org/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan\\_Nuns\\_Project](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Nuns_Project)

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/soul-search/being-a-buddhist-nun-today/11298770>

# Birthdays and Anniversaries January 2025

## Birthday Congratulations:

Genevieve Carr 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Wedding Anniversaries

Terry and Tish Evans 7<sup>th</sup> 47 years  
Bill and Natalie Rowe 14<sup>th</sup> 58 years



## Club Anniversaries:

John Maskell 01<sup>st</sup> 17 years in Rotary  
Barry Winmar 09<sup>th</sup> 8 years

*Congratulations*

Karma Choelha, a Buddhist Nun, with Yanti and President Terry





# What happened this week in history?



Jan 20<sup>th</sup> to Jan 26<sup>th</sup>



20<sup>th</sup>

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

21<sup>st</sup>

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

22<sup>nd</sup>

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

23<sup>rd</sup>

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

24<sup>th</sup>

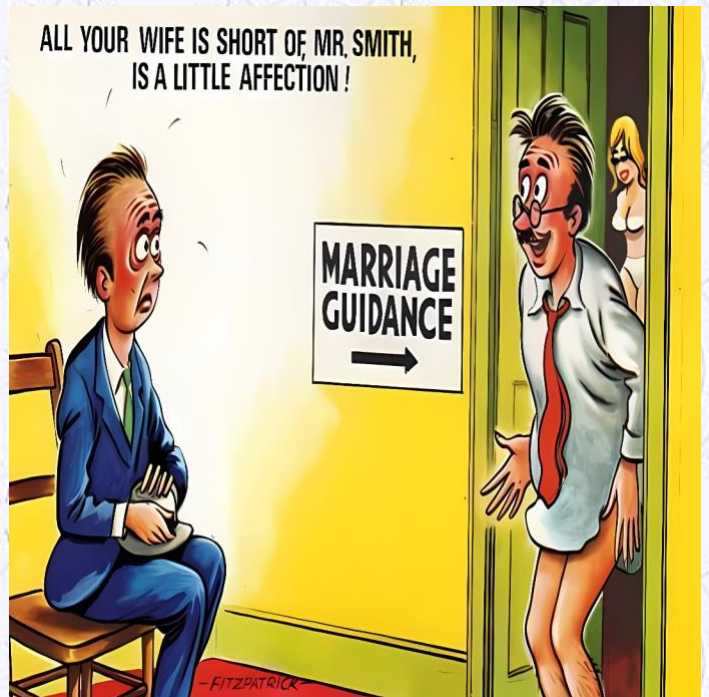
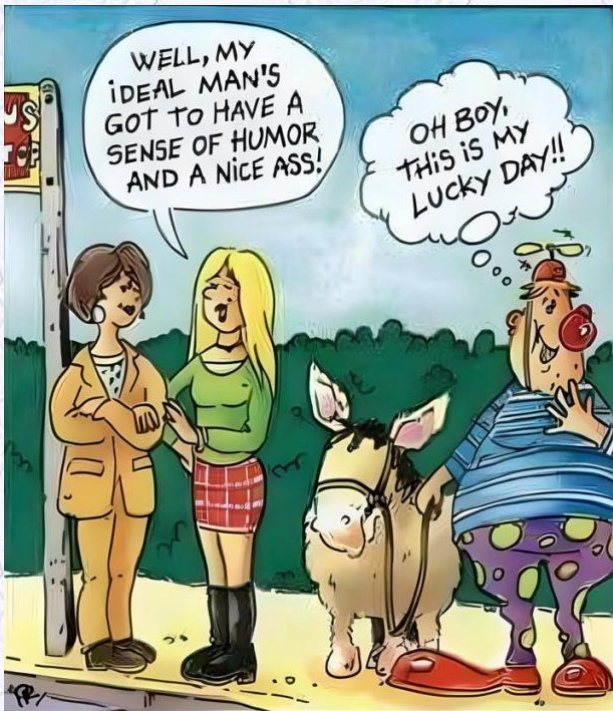
1679: King Charles II disbands English parliament  
1788: French La Pérouse expedition arrives in Botany Bay, meeting "First Fleet" penal colony  
1839: Charles Darwin elected Fellow of the Royal Society  
1908: Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell publishes "Scouting for Boys"

25<sup>th</sup>

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.

26<sup>th</sup>

1777: Captain James Cook stops in Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) for supplies  
**1788: Captain Arthur Phillip and British colonists hoist the Union Flag at Sydney Cove**  
1808: Rum Rebellion, the only successful armed takeover of the government in Australia  
1841: Hong Kong proclaimed a sovereign territory of Britain



**Group 9 Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

Rockingham  
Palm beach  
Baldvis  
Cockburn

Monday 6pm  
Wednesday 6.30pm  
Tuesday 6.30pm  
Wednesday 6pm

Armadale  
Mandurah Districts  
Pinjarra  
Byford & Districts

Tuesday 7pm  
Tuesday 6pm  
Thursday 6.45pm  
Monday 7pm

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