



# 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 4**  
**Partners 3**

76.2 %

## Raffle

**Beryl & James**

## Heads & Tails

**Karen & John M**



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

Visitors are welcome  
Contact  
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# Bulletin

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

I'm back on deck after my second hip replacement, my first 18 months ago. I'm pleased to say that all is well, my recovery went as planned and I expect to be signed off by my surgeon next week, I'm looking forward to getting my driving freedom reinstated.

Good meeting tonight, 16 members present, plus 3 partners and 4 guests. Guest Speaker: Alan Armstrong, Kwinana Men's Shed, progress.

Pleasure to welcome along PP Michael Bird who is presently visiting WA. Michael was our President in 2004/05.

Michael relocated to Tasmania to start a new career. and is currently the Director of Facilities Management at the University of Tasmania.

He is also very involved in assisting his father, our own PP Max Bird in his ongoing work in providing clean safe water to many schools in Timor Leste.

It was also nice to meet up with Patricia, our former exchange student from 21 years ago together with her son Facundo during their recent stay in WA.

February 23rd, Rotary's 121st birthday, seems like yesterday we celebrated 100.



Rotary International President  
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423  
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



## March 2026 – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

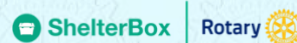
Mon 2nd No Meeting

Mon 9th Club Meeting Alan Armstrong Men's Shed

Mon 16th Club Meeting subject: Health

Mon 22nd Club Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



February 2026



Tonight was a popular meeting with good attendance from members, as well as our guests, which included PP Michael Bird, Helen Suiter, Andrew Aulton, Bobby and our guest speaker Alan Armstrong.

Alan spoke on the progress towards establishing a "Men's" shed in Kwinana. Many thanks to PP Genevieve for organising this meeting.

Just a reminder that we have 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 still want to have a Blind Wine Tasting at our home potentially in May, and we will invite the members and partners from RC Harvey to join us.

Also looking at a "long table" sundowner at the Green Barista. I have spoken to Dia and Suzy and they have done a number of these events. This would be on a Monday night in lieu of a meeting.

If anyone else has any projects that they feel that the club may be interested in, then please get the details and bring it to the board/club.

The 3 blue bins that the "empties" go into have been "exchanged" at Containers for Change, and the money should appear in the Rotary account soon.

President Stephen

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 09th March 2026



President Stephen with Bobby P, Helen Suiter, PP Michael Bird and Andrew Aulton





**Genevieve Carr President 2026/27**

**January 19th 2026**



**1. President-Elect Training Session (PETS)**

Genevieve attended this over the weekend of 21 – 22 February; very simulating. Also attended District Foundation Grants Seminar on Sunday 8 March

**2. District Conference**

Scheduled to take place this weekend 13 – 15 March at Northam. John and Chris Iriks, and Genevieve, will be attending.

**3. Club Meeting Schedule**

This has been a discussion, both within our Club and across the District. Moving forward, aiming to have the following plan for meetings:

- At least one meeting per month to have a guest speaker; meeting will be catered, and members are encouraged to invite a guest/potential member to attend.
- One meeting per month to be focused on discussing business matters; no guest speaker.
- One meeting per month to be held at a restaurant if possible; partners welcome.
- The other meeting for the month could be for another guest speaker/visit to another club/vocational visit

**4. Restaurant Night**

Monday 30 March (Matthew Carr's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday!): Dinner at the Suburban Restaurant in Bertram; partners welcome. Please advise Genevieve if attending.

**5. District Assembly**

Training for 2026 – 2026 Office Bearers/Board Members  
Scheduled to be held on Sunday 12 April at Leederville Football Club

**6. Weekend away to Katanning 25 – 27 April 2026**

Opportunity to catch up with former members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant. Genevieve has been in contact with Katanning Rotary Club, with a plan to meet up with them for lunch or dinner on Sunday 26 April. Please advise Genevieve if attending, and accommodation needs. Kim and Paul are able to accommodate caravans/tents on their property.

**7. Monday 11 May 2026 Guest Speaker**

Have invited Jeremy Wood to come and speak to us about the Rotary Peace Pole project. As this is a project designed to be implemented within schools, planning to invite teachers from local schools to attend.

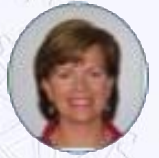
**8. Club Changeover**

The District Changeover is scheduled to take place on Saturday 11 July, and so we will need to change the date of our changeover. Now looking to have this on Saturday 4 July (so as not to interfere with members' football commitments!).

PE Genevieve Carr



PP Genevieve Carr January 19th 2026

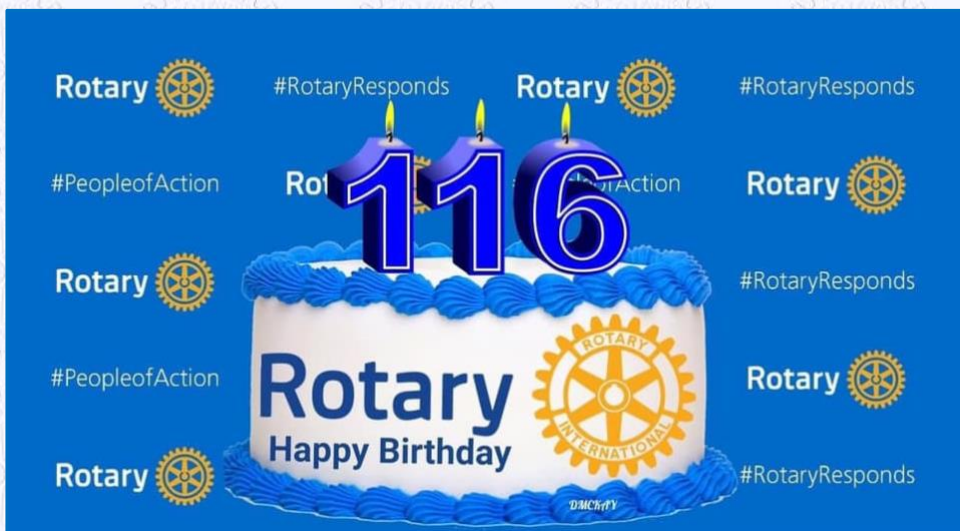


### Inward Correspondence.

- Rotary South Pacific News
- Webinar invitation from Rotary Foundation
- Letter of request from Erin Sergeant for Saints Netball
- Message from Salvation Army regarding potential guest speaker
- Request from Inger Ward for support for pop-up community lounge and community-led cultural experiences
- RDU Supplies update
- RotaryWA Round-Up #47
- ShelterBox newsletter
- ROMAC e-News
- District Conference reminder
- RDU magazine
- RDU.One
- Social Media Monthly Chat report
- Request for support from REACH Kwinana
- Notice regarding Charity Wills Week for Rotary 16 – 30 March
- Invoice from Gilmore College for sausage sizzle donation
- Nominations open for Rotary Community Leaders 2026 – 2027
- Notice of merchandise available for 2026 – 2027 Rotary theme (“Create Lasting Impact”)
- Notification of new membership candidate
- Post Office Box renewal notice
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Request for support from Alzheimer's Research Australia

### Outward Correspondence:

- Flowers sent to Lynne and Cyril Bennett in sympathy for recent loss of Lynne’s father



Rotary International celebrates its birthday annually on **February 23**, marking its founding by Paul Harris in Chicago on February 23, 1905. Known also as World Understanding and Peace Day, it honours over a century of global service, fellowship, and humanitarian efforts. As of February 23, 2026, Rotary celebrated its 121st anniversary



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



Norm: Crocks on feet at Bunning BBQ, told by admin, closed shoes required.  
All those who brought along a guest got fined.

Table 4, not following dinner instructions.  
Chris O paid a fine because 'mate' Roger has moved to West Perth.

Pam: Nice to see you, thank for the old age story, Fined Soren for supplying the material.  
Stephen: Fined because your guest is wearing a hat.

Peter Z: Giant Cray-fish catcher.  
Deryl: Told me a story, not allowed to repeat because she may be embarrassed.

Mike Bird: Was President when Sergeant Chris was inducted, pay-up.  
Sergeant Chris: Fined himself, for suffering a moment of weakness and indulged in a bit of pilfering at a recent Rotary meeting.

Stephen: Moved plants around at the Furniture Factory, Soren caught by the cactus.  
John M: Been away so long, parked in front of the scout's hall??

Stephen fined PP Mike Bird, took on the President's job in 2004, served till December then flitted of to Tassie leaving Eric to serve out the other 6 months.

Any escalation of conflict brings insecurity and humanitarian consequences and risks for affected populations. The deteriorating security situations in parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as areas of the Gulf, is [deeply concerning](#) — particularly for children, whose health and access to essential services are often the first to be disrupted. At present, the evolving regional tensions have **not directly impacted polio eradication operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan**. The programmes remain operational, and preparations for upcoming supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) in April, are continuing. The situation is being closely monitored in coordination with national authorities and partners. We acknowledge the dedication of health workers and frontline colleagues who continue their work under extremely challenging and, at times, perilous conditions. Their safety and well-being remain a priority, with the full support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

**Summary of new polioviruses this week:**

- Pakistan: two WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Malawi: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: four cVDVP2 cases
- Somalia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



*Birthdays and Anniversaries March 2026*

**Birthday Congratulations:**

Barry Winmar 12th  
 Bob Cooper 18th  
 John Maskell 23rd  
 Brian Thompson 25th



**Wedding Anniversaries**

John & Deryl 16th 63 years



**Club Anniversaries:**

Alan Johnson 10th 1 year

*Congratulations*



Guest Speaker: Alan Armstrong

Establishing a Men's Shed in Kwinana



Alan Armstrong is passionate about reestablishing a Men's Shed in Kwinana.

There are about 6 local community groups including Council interested and offering support. We have a list of prospective members, need support to organise a committee, become incorporated and move on from there. Interested in having an interest session at the 'Hub' All the workshop equipment from the previous Men's Shed was Donated to local schools, we would need to purchase all new gear. There are a number of suitable sites that could be available to us.

Men's Sheds are a place for men to go throughout WA. Men's sheds provide a place where men can feel included and safe, where they can work on their own projects and hobbies and give back to their community.

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Sheds aren't just for 'old blokes.' Each shed is different. Many offer woodwork, welding, metal work, car maintenance, computer skills, gardening and that's just the beginning. Restoration of furniture also keeps Sheds busy with members of the community choosing to repair or repurpose furniture and household items rather than replace.

Many men, especially after retirement, find themselves alone, often living in isolation and needing to connect with their community and find new purpose but aren't sure how. There are men that have moved to a new community that need to make some new mates. Some men just want to learn or revisit a skill or simply want access to the resources available within the Shed.

Many members simply like to drop in for a chat.

Men's sheds are always ready to lend a helping hand in their community, from restoring benches for public spaces, building playgrounds or delivering firewood for members of their communities.

Men's sheds (Sheds) are community-based, non-commercial organisations that are open to all men.

Sheds improve the health and wellbeing of their members by giving them a safe place to make friends, share meaningful activities, talk, and access health information and resources.

Sheds provide opportunities for men to develop and pass on their skills and to volunteer or participate in local community projects. In doing so sheds can help men to find a new sense of purpose in life

<https://mensshedswa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Mens-shed-definition-28-10-22.pdf>

Joint Meeting on Monday 16th at Safety Bay Bowling Club



Successful Bunning's BBQ Sunday 1st March 2026, our thanks to those club members





# What happened this week in history?



March 9th to March 15th



9<sup>th</sup>

1562: Kissing in public is banned in Naples and is punishable by death  
1822: Charles M. Graham received the first patent for artificial teeth.  
1834: French Foreign Legion is founded  
1935: Adolf Hitler publicly announces the creation of a new air force, the Luftwaffe

10<sup>th</sup>

418: Jews are excluded from public office in the Roman Empire.  
1801: First official census in Great Britain, revealing a population of approximately 10 million  
1876: 1<sup>st</sup> telephone call; Alexander Graham Bell says "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you"  
1906: Europe's worst mining accident when a coal dust explosion kills 1,060 at Courrieres, France

11<sup>th</sup>

1702: 1st English daily newspaper "Daily Courant" publishes  
1744: English auction house Sotheby's holds its first ever auction (of books) in London.  
1869: The West first learns of the Giant Panda via French missionary Armand David.  
1872: Construction of the Seven Sisters Colliery, Sth. Wales, on one of the richest coal sources in GB.

12<sup>th</sup>

1365: University of Vienna founded  
1612: Bermuda officially becomes part of the English Colony of Virginia  
1642: Abel Tasman is the 1st European to sight New Zealand, viewing the N/W coast, South Island  
1894: Coca-Cola is sold in bottles for the first time in a candy store in Vicksburg, Mississippi

13<sup>th</sup>

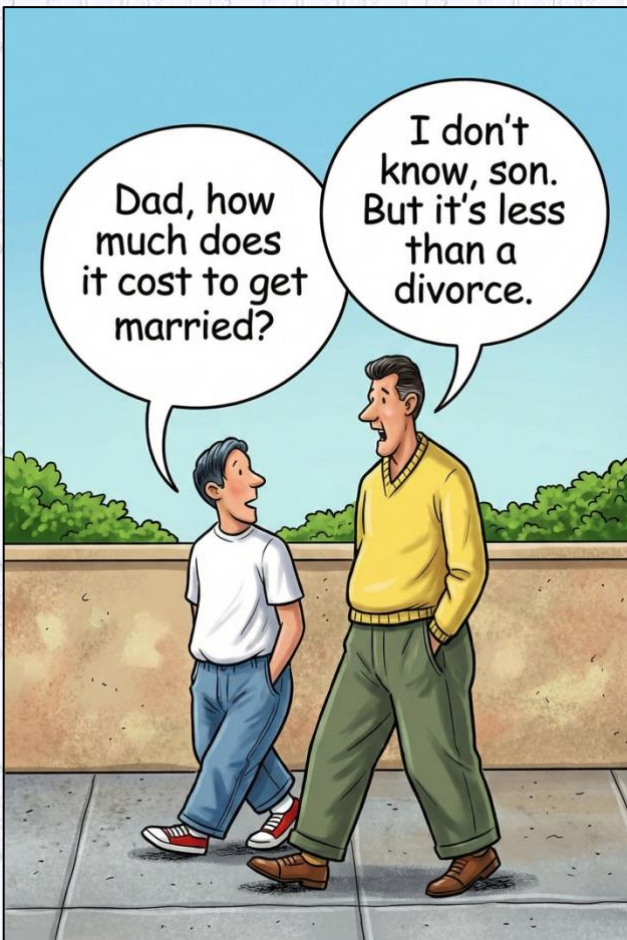
1639: Cambridge College, Massachusetts, renamed Harvard for clergyman John Harvard  
1872: 1<sup>st</sup> English FA Cup Final, Kennington Oval, London:  
1921: Mongolia (formerly Outer Mongolia) declares independence from China  
1935: Driving tests introduced in Great Britain

14<sup>th</sup>

1794: Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin machine revolutionizing the cotton industry in the US  
1880: Salvation Army of England starts work in the US at Harry Hill's Variety Theatre in NYC  
1899: German Ferdinand von Zeppelin receives a US patent for a "Navigable Balloon"  
1913: John D. Rockefeller gives \$100 million to Rockefeller Foundation

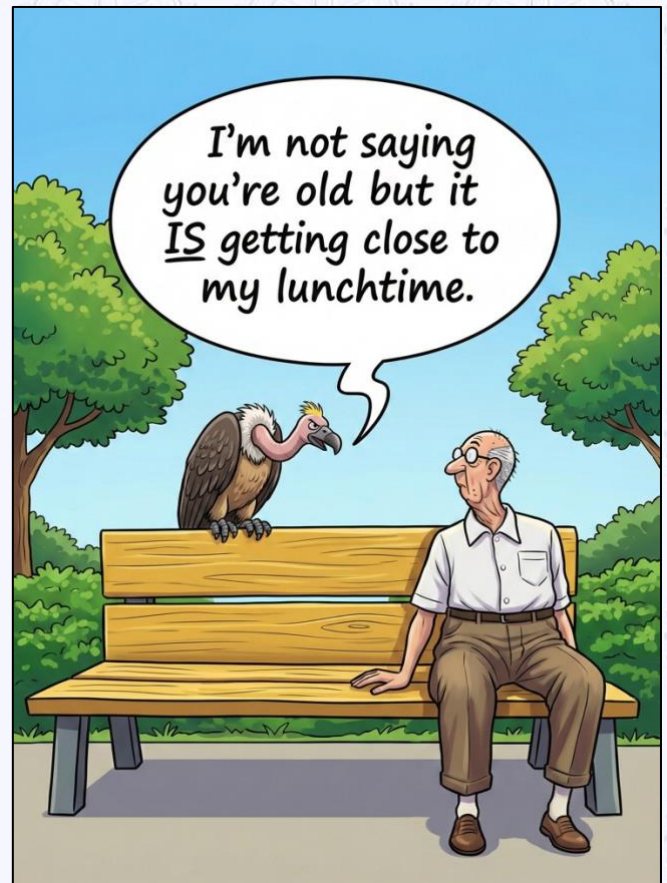
15<sup>th</sup>

44BC: Julius Caesar is stabbed to death by Brutus, Cassius and several other Roman Senators.  
1493: Christopher Columbus returns to Spain after his first voyage to the New World  
1877: Cricket's inaugural Test match as Australia plays England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground  
1906: Henry Rolls, Charles Royce and Claude Johnson formalize their partnership as Rolls Royce Ltd



The Pope is handing out miracles to kids in Liverpool. Billy walks on stage and asks him, "Can you help me with my hearing".

...? The Pope says, "Yes" and puts his hands on Billy's ears and prays, he removes his hands and says, "How is your hearing now"...? Billy says, "I don't know, it's not until next Wednesday".



**Nearby Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

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