



# 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 2
- Attended 21
- Hon. Member
- LOA 2
- Guests 1
- Visitors
- Partners

89.0%

#### Raffle

**Bob T & Stephen C**

#### Heads & Tails

**Bob T**

Quiet meeting tonight, no guest speaker. We did however here from PDG John Iriks about a recent 'tenant review' carried out on our Club's Investment Property, namely the former home of our club's founding President Andy Valk. Andy and Rita originally from Holland, had no family residing in Australia when Andy passed away October 2008, Rita had previously died in April 2002. Andy bequeathed their home in Summerton Road, Calista to the Kwinana Rotary Club via a Foundation to be known as The Andy and Rita Valk Foundation for Kwinana. The income was to be applied to benefitting the Youth of Kwinana, primarily via Scholarships. The home has continued to be rented out; the trustees believe that this option continues to be the most beneficial.

Guest Speakers next week are two very 'Local Lads' Garry Edwards and Rod Tenardi, who have been living, working and playing in Kwinana since the 1950's. Rod Tenardi is a well-known Kwinana identity, being the proprietor of Medina Automotive Services for 46 years, Rod together with FIL Alf Lydon and Toc H were the founders of The Kwinana Christmas Lolly-Run, many would remember Rod's green Holden Ute adorned with the reindeers and multiple loud car horns. Late News---Unfortunately, their presentation has had to be rescheduled, Rod and Garry have just returned from Bathurst, their flights were severely impacted by the recent storms in the East and have not had the opportunity to prepare.



**Rotary International President**  
2023/24  
**Gordon McInally**  
Rotary Club of South Queenferry  
Lothian Scotland

**District Governor**  
9423  
2023/24  
**Ineke Oliver**



### February 2024 Peace Building & Conflict Resolution

#### February 2024

Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meting	Rotary Hall	
Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Rotary Hall	Karen Zabiela
Mon. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Rotary Hall	
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Rotary Hall	Gary Edwards & Rod Tenardi

Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749



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

Visitors welcome  
contact us



President's Pen



19<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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Next week we'll be hearing from the owner/driver of this Holden racing car.





President 2024/25

Terry Evans



19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

As President Elect, I want to put out some feelers for suggestions.

Are there any project ideas we can improve or implement next year?

We are currently trying to grow membership. Are there any new goals that we could look at implementing?

How is member satisfaction, can we improve it and how?

Your suggestions please. We can discuss and hopefully act if the board feel is appropriate. Sources of any controversial feelings or information will be kept confidential.

PE Terry Evans



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Inward Correspondence.

- Promotional material from RI
- Rotary WA District Newsletter #31
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Response from Rockingham Bunnings following request for barbeque.

Outward Correspondence

- Letter of request to Rockingham Bunnings

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.  
-Nelson Mandela

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. -Walt Disney

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. -Steve Jobs

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -Eleanor Roosevelt

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one. -John Lennon



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr



Youth Services Report

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

1. **Camp Opportunity:** Our camper, Matilda Clement, will be attending Club Meeting on Monday 11 March to speak about her experiences at Camp Opportunity.
2. **RYPEN:** Looking for a suitable young person aged 14 – 17 years to attend upcoming weekend which will be held from Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May at the Serpentine Camping Centre.
3. **Youth Exchange Program:** Othilie has settled back into school again. Adjusting to this spell of hot weather! Have received an expression of interest from a student living in Wellard regarding the program for 2025.



2023/24

Rtn. Karen Zabiela



Bills paid, money in the bank.

Bring your empty drink containers, we have collection bins.

Clean-up, 66 Summerton Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018





Projects Director  
Rtn. Tony Miller



PP Max Bird  
Foundation Dir.



PP Edd Samut  
Membership Dir.



PDG John Iriks  
Events Manager

**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.*

**On Saturday 13th April 2024, at The Rise, Maylands, District is holding a Rotary Action Day,**



Kertrina Riordan  
Community



Peter Schulz  
Vocational

**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.

PP. Max Bird  
International

**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.



PP Genevieve Carr  
Youth

**International:**

See report.

**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.



Bob T and John M: Something about 'Bin Chocks'

John I: Stole the sergeant's water.

Table 3 jumping in before table 2 for dinner.

Pam B: Telling 'kid's jokes.

Tony and Sam: For recently having a haircut.

Mike N: Lost his 'smokes' case.

Peter fined John M and Norm for 'Moonlighting'

Bob T: Missing Tea-Towels have been found.

Stephen C: Stealing John I's dessert.

John I: Fined all those who didn't know the date for Rotary's birthday. (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb)

Pres. Bob: Badge on back-to-front.

### **Mount Everest isn't the tallest mountain on Earth.**

Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa in Hawaii, the twin volcanoes, are taller than Mount Everest due to 4.2km of their heights being submerged underwater. The twin volcanoes measure a staggering 10.2km in total, compared to Everest's paltry 4.6km.

**Most maps of the world are wrong.** On most maps, the Mercator projection – first developed in 1569 – is still used. This method is wildly inaccurate and makes Alaska appear as large as Brazil and Greenland 14 times larger than it actually is. For a map to be completely accurate, it would need to be life-size and round, not flat.

**Chainsaws were first invented for childbirth.** It was developed in Scotland in the late 18th Century to help aid and speed up the process of symphysiotomy (widening the pubic cartilage) and removal of disease-laden bone during childbirth. It wasn't until the start of the 20th Century that we started using chainsaws for woodchopping.

BBC Science Focus.

PP Max Bird forwarded this Certificate received from Disaster aid Australia.



## Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to:

*Rotary Club of Kwinana*

Disaster Aid Australia in partnership with Rotary Projects Timor Leste East thanks you for the opportunity to deliver your international safe water project in Timor Leste for

*30 August Public High School*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Faulkner".

Disaster Aid Australia is a project of



PP Peter Faulkner  
Chairman



The home bequeathed to the Kwinana Rotary Club by PP Andy Valk.

Andy and Rita Valk arrived in Medina, Western Australia in 1953, Andy started a Painting and Decorating business, Andy Valk and Co in 1955 He operated the same business until his retirement.

Andy joined the Rockingham/Kwinana Rotary Club in May 1968 and in April 1971 became the Charter President of the newly formed Rotary Club of Kwinana. Andy served the club with distinction taking many club roles in his long service to the Kwinana community.

Andy became the first club recipient of a PHF award in December 1986 and was further honoured with a Sapphire Pin August 2002. Andy's partner Rita was awarded a PHF in April 1991

PP Andy Valk served our club with distinction until ill health curtailed his activities, Andy always made a point of attending meetings when he was able. The loss of Rita in 2002 was a decisive blow to Andy. He never recovered, and his quality of life suffered until his death on 13th October 2008 Andy was 89 years old and had served Rotary for over 45 years.

Andy bequeathed his home and assets to the Rotary Club of Kwinana thus forming, The Andy and Rita Valk Foundation to foster and support the youth of Kwinana.

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, Asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed. 'Breast-fed,' she replied. 'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered. She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination. Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, 'No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk.'

I know, she said, I'm his Grandma, But I'm glad I came .'

## 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

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- A [new investment case](#) finds that successful polio transition in the 8 priority countries of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region will deliver a return of nearly US\$39 for every dollar spent. The study, which was referenced by the outgoing Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, at the 154<sup>th</sup> WHO Executive Board, projects economic and social benefits totalling an estimated US\$ 289.2 billion through sustaining polio assets and integrating them into expanded immunization, surveillance and emergency response programmes. These findings underscore the opportunity for national governments, donors and stakeholders to use polio assets to sustain a polio-free world and build strong, equitable and resilient health systems.
- Opinion piece in PLOS Global Public Health on nOPV2's prequalification and next steps: *One billion doses and WHO prequalification of nOPV2: Implications for the global polio situation and beyond*



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

- Algeria: one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)-positive environmental sample
- Egypt: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Niger: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: four cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Sudan: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples





# What happened this week in history?



Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to Feb 24<sup>th</sup>



18<sup>th</sup>

1678: John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is published in Holborn, London, by Nathaniel Ponder  
1876: Direct telegraph link established between Britain and New Zealand  
1885: Mark Twain publishes the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in the US  
1901: H Cecil Booth patented a dust removing suction cleaner

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1878: Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his gramophone (phonograph)  
1881: Kansas becomes 1st state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages  
1906: W.K. Kellogg, founding the multinational food manufacturer Kellogg's  
1942: About 150 Japanese warplanes attack the Australian city of Darwin

20<sup>th</sup>

1472: Orkney and Shetland are left by Norway to Scotland, due to a dowry payment.  
1673: 1st recorded wine auction held in London  
1872: Hydraulic electric elevator patented by Cyrus Baldwin  
1962: John Glenn becomes the 1st American to orbit the Earth, aboard Friendship 7

21<sup>st</sup>

1797: Trinidad, West Indies, a Spanish colony, surrenders to the British  
1842: 1st known sewing machine patented in US by John Greenough of Washington, D.C.  
1857: Congress outlaws' foreign currency as legal tender in US  
1947: Polaroid Camera, demonstrated by Edwin Land at the Optical Society of America in NYC

22<sup>nd</sup>

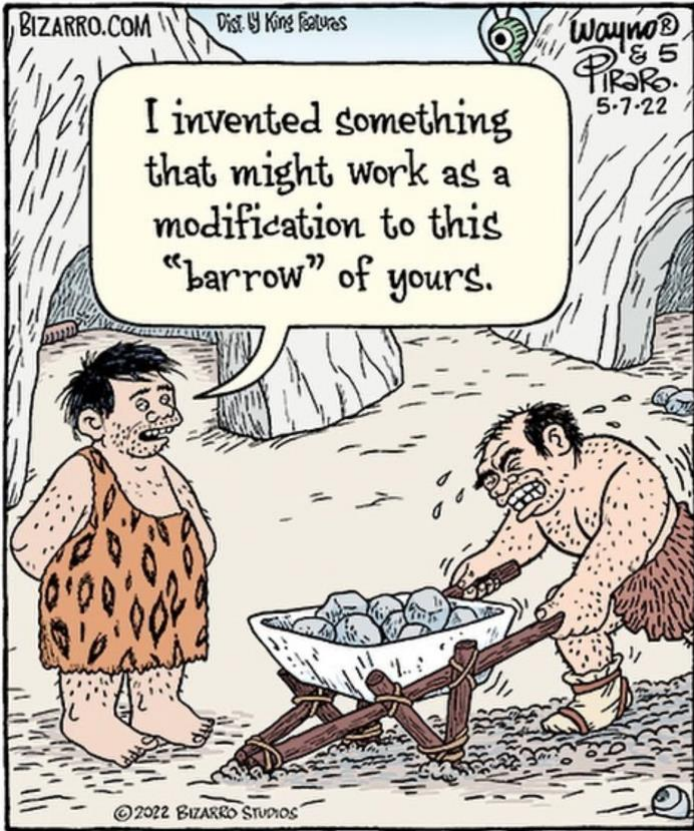
1774: British House of Lords rules authors do not have perpetual copyright  
1797: The Last Invasion of Britain, by the French during the Revolutionary Wars, Fishguard, Wales  
1825: Russia & Britain establish Alaska-Canada boundary  
1928: 1st solo flight from England to Australia lands in Darwin, by Australian aviator Bert Hinkler

23<sup>rd</sup>

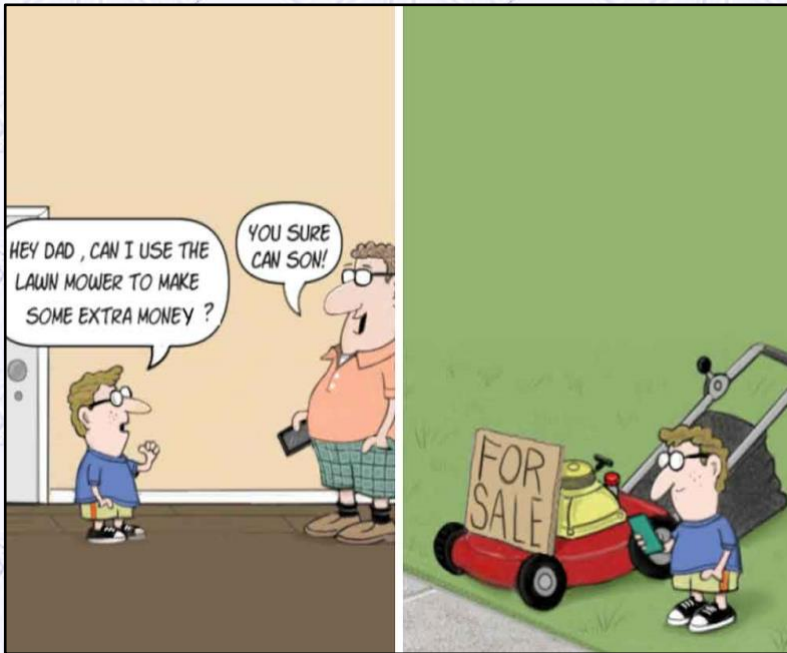
1782: Engineer James Watt's patent for a rotary motion, steam engine (his sun-and-planet gear)  
1822: Boston, Massachusetts, is incorporated as a city  
1886: "The Times" of London newspaper publishes what was the world's 1st classified ad  
1905: First Rotary Club formed by 4 men in the Unity Building, Chicago

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1814: Australia's first currency - the holey dollar introduced, made of Spanish 'pieces of eight'.  
1836: Samuel Colt patents first multi-shot revolving-cylinder revolver  
1901: US Steel Corporation organized under J. P. Morgan, Snr.  
1957: Buddy Holly and the Crickets record their smash hit "That'll Be the Day" in New Mexico



"I hate bothering you, but my wife wants to know if she passed her driver's test."



**Group 9 Rotary Clubs, Meeting Times**

Rockingham  
Palm beach  
Baldivis  
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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