



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 1
Attended 14
Guests 2
Visitors 2
Partners 5

68.2 %

Raffle

Alan A & Soren

Heads & Tails
Club won



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603



Bulletin

No 30 20/04/2026



Rotary Club of Kwinana is 55 years' old 1971/2025

Good meeting tonight, 5 partners came along, Yanti, Wendy, Rosemary, Deryl and Gladys to listen to our guest speaker, PDG Brian Foley also joined us, Brian is well known to us, Genevieve's dad.

Guest Speaker Scott Ellery (Major) from the Kwinana Salvation Army Corps. Scott told us a little about the history of the Salvo's plus about the huge area the Kwinana Corps has to cover and a rundown on the extensive list of services. No meeting next Monday, public holiday for Anzac Day.

A group of members and partners under the leadership of PE Genevieve are heading to Katanning on Saturday to spend the long weekend visiting former members Paul and Kim who now reside in Katanning, they are also meeting up with members of the Katanning Rotary Club. We wish all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

On April 21st the Kwinana Rotary Club became 55 years old, sadly we don't have a charter member still with us.

Our longest serving member currently is PDG John Iriks who joined Dec. 1979 followed by PP John Wallhead, June 1985, PP Eric Blogg Sept. 1989.

Several of our recently resigned members were also long-term members.



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

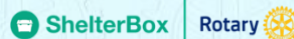
Rotary Club of Mill Point



April - Maternal and Child Health

Mon 6th	Club Meeting	No Meeting
Mon 13th	Club Meeting	Business
Mon 20th	Club Meeting	Salvation Army/partners inv.
Mon 27th	No Club Meeting	Public Holiday

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



April 2026



Tonight was a dinner meeting with partners.

There was good attendance from members (68%) as well as our partners, which included Derryl Wallhead, Rosemary Johnson, Gladys Blogg, Wendy Cooper and Yanti Castelli.

Guests included our prospective members Alan Armstrong from the 'Men's Shed, Andrew Aulton and our guest speaker Major Scott Ellery from the Salvation Army.

Scott updated us on what the Salvation Army do in Kwinana and what his role is. His enthusiasm for his role is clearly obvious and contagious.

At the end of the meeting Scott provided me with a written request for supporting a new service avenue for them, which is supporting students over the weekends. This will be considered by the board.

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.

Yanti and I attended the Gilmore College ANZAC day assembly on Wed 22/04 to represent the Rotary Club.

As you are no doubt aware, the Furniture Factory is the club's major source of income, which then allows our club to support programs both locally and internationally. The Furniture Factory always needs support and an active involvement from more members. There are many roles including sorting, cleaning, fixing, as well as the obvious tasks of selling and collecting and transporting the furniture. All help will be gratefully accepted.

I reported last Monday that we have been actively engaged supporting both the Providence Permaculture School as well as Kwinana Reach. Both of these programs support local youth education and development.

A Furniture Factory Committee meeting will be held soon with the goal of understanding and improving the current processes. Anyone else who is not a committee person is welcome to come along and have their say.

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.

There will be no meeting next week, as it is the Anzac Day public holiday.

The "white cards" have been circulated with no issues. Therefore, at the meeting on Mon 04/05, our 3 new members will hopefully be inducted.

I will be absent pretty much the whole month of May and will be in Malaysia and Indonesia.

During this time, Yanti and I will be undertaking the renovation of 3 schools on the main island of Java, as well as attending district 3410 conference in Jogjakarta.

PP Terry will run the meetings in my absence.

President Stephen



Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 20th April 2026



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27

April 2026



1. Guest Speaker:

Welcome to guest speaker Major Scott Ellery from the Salvation Army.

2. Weekend away to Katanning 25 – 27 April 2026

Opportunity to catch up with former members Kim Beciri and Paul Durant. Making the trip down will be Genevieve Carr and Josh, Steve and Yanti Castelli, Bob and Wendy Cooper, John and Chris Iriks, and Andrew Aulton. On Saturday evening we will have dinner at Kim and Paul's house. On Sunday we will have a lunch gathering with members of the Katanning Rotary Club. On Monday we will have lunch with Kim and Paul as an early celebration of Kim's 60th birthday which is Wednesday 29 April.

3. Monday 27 April 2026

No meeting due to Anzac Day public holiday.

4. Monday 4 May 2026

Plan to formally induct new members into our Club. Looking to have the meeting at a local restaurant; to be confirmed.

5. 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. Caterer organized.

6. Club Changeover

Scheduled for Saturday 4 July 2026 at Kwinana Bowling Club. Many thanks to President Stephen for making a booking with organizer Avril.

7. First Aid training

It is now three years since we conducted the group training session in First Aid. Are folks interested in having another training session so that they can renew their First Aid certificates?

PE Genevieve Carr



Inward Correspondence.

- Invitation to polio webinar on 18/04/2026
- Request from Camp Opportunity organizer to visit our Club
- Membership update from Rotary International
- Notice of Lift the Lid Walk on Saturday 18/04/2026
- RDU.One
- Promotional material of RI President-Elect Yinka
- Message of thanks from PDG Pushpa for Board decision to support project

Outward Correspondence:

- Volunteer Centre paperwork
- New member packs
- Badge order for new members

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul P. Harris. Rotary founder Paul Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. Thanks to his extraordinary vision, Rotary members around the world remain united to this day by a shared sense of purpose and dedication to service.

In 2024-25, Paul Harris Society members contributed more than US\$44.5 million to The Rotary Foundation, enabling us to fund sustainable projects that make an impact both in our communities and on a global scale. Rotarians generosity fosters peace, health, literacy, and economic opportunities.

<https://www.rotaryperth.org.au/stories/celebrating-paul-harris-the-founder-of-rotary-international>



Here are some famous people who have worn the Rotary pin:

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- John F. Kennedy
- Pope Francis
- Walt Disney
- Margaret Thatcher
- Neil Armstrong
- Bill Gates
- Sam Walton (For the millennials – He was the founder of Walmart)
- King Charles
- J. C. Penney
- Angela Merkel (German Chancellor)
- Sir Winston Churchill
- Colonel Sanders



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



Pres Stephen: Fallen on hard times, nicked the pen from the raffle box.

Soren: Master 'dobber' time to pay up.

Stephen: Bragging rights, wearing his Dockers Shirt.

Karen: House won Heads and Tails.

Alen J: What 'on earth' is in the bottle.

The Late James, 6.40pm

Called for 3 seconds silence for the Eagles!!!

Rtn Norm Mulcahy will represent our club at the Anzac Day Service in Medina, presenting a wreath
On the 11th May Pres. Stephen, Norm M and John M head off to Jakarta to renovate 3 more schools.

On the 21st April our Rotary Club was 55 years old.

Helen, Andrew and Alan are scheduled to be inducted on May 4th



Guest Speaker: Scott Ellery (Major)
Salvation Army, Kwinana



Major Scott Ellery

is a highly active ordained minister and church leader in Western Australia, serving as the Corps Officer for The Salvation Army Kwinana. In addition to his local pastoral duties, he acts as the Assistant to the External Communications Manager for Western Australia.

Major Ellery has dedicated years to full-time ministry within the Australian division of the Salvation Army:

- **The Salvation Army Kwinana:** Appointed as the Corps Officer in mid-2024. Under his leadership, the Kwinana branch has seen exceptional growth in community membership and localized welfare outreach.
- **The Salvation Army Mandurah:** Prior to his relocation to Kwinana, he and his wife, Leah Ellery, served for several years as the Corps Officers for Mandurah Salvos.
- **Public Relations & Communications:** He is a key media representative for the organization in Western Australia, heavily involved in spreading awareness for annual drives like the [Red Shield Appeal](#).

Jesus is at the centre of everything The Salvation Army Kwinana does. Wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos live, love and fight, alongside others, to transform Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus.

At Kwinana our focus is all about creating community; giving people a safe place to come and belong, to be encouraged and grow in their relationship with others and with God.

We want to see lives transformed across Kwinana and see our community strengthened and blessed.

Every 17 seconds, The Salvation Army in Australia helps someone in need. And this help is made possible through the generosity of people like you, who support the Red Shield Appeal

People are facing a real struggle to survive right now. Increased inflation, successive interest rate hikes and the growing housing crisis over the past year have resulted in an unsurmountable mountain of financial and personal stress for many.

The Salvation Army has walked alongside Australians for over 140 years — providing shelter, safety and support to those in need. Over the last year, we assisted over 250,000 people and dispensed financial assistance worth almost \$25 million dollars to Aussies impacted by crisis, disaster and hardship.

But the challenge continues.

This year, as we celebrate 60 years of the Red Shield Appeal, we ask you to support us, so we can give Australians hope and help for a new beginning.

The Salvation Army is an international Protestant evangelical church and charity founded in 1865 in London's East End by [William and Catherine Booth](#). Originally known as The Christian Mission, it aimed to bring practical support and spiritual hope to the poor. Renamed in 1878, it adopted a quasi-military structure with uniforms and officer ranks, spreading globally to over 130 countries.



When William Booth first offered the gospel and basic social services to London's underprivileged in the mid-1860s, he could not have conceived the global response to The Salvation Army. In 1881 it was Captain and Mrs Thomas Sutherland who first brought the uniform to Australia. Since then, we've grown to an organisation encompassing hundreds of Officers who reach tens of thousands of Australians every year. And internationally we offer programs and services in more than 130 countries – bringing hope, assistance and compassion to the people who need it most.



WA

26 Churches

FDV Services

Homelessness Services

Youth Services

AOD Services

Doorways – Welfare Services

Moneycare – Financial Services

Emergency Services

Salvo Stores



Kwinana

Community Centre

Breakfast

Toastie Spot

Washing facilities

Doorways

PAL

Hampers

Thrift Shop

Swags/Blankets

Case Work

Moneycare

Other services

Munchie Mates

Niger steps up efforts to reach every child with polio vaccines, even in the most challenging settings

Through a combination of fixed, mobile and outreach strategies, health teams have vaccinated hundreds of thousands of children per campaign across diverse locations — from nomadic communities to markets and cross-border areas — while conducting multiple large-scale campaigns to reach zero-dose and under-immunized populations. These coordinated efforts, supported by strengthened surveillance and tailored approaches, mark a decisive step forward in closing immunity gaps and advancing toward a polio-free future. [More.](#)

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Afghanistan: two WPV1 cases
- Pakistan: one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- Namibia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- South Sudan: two cVDPV1 cases
- Sudan: four cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



The birth of our Rotary Club, 21st April 1971



VIVE LE ROTARY—Rotarians (above), burst into song to celebrate the charter of the new Kwinana club. They are, from left: District Governor's special representative, Ern Archdeacon; Mrs J. Sweeney and District Governor, Jack Sweeney; Kwinana president, Andy Valk and Mrs A. Valk; past district governor, Norman Bell.

Birthdays and Anniversaries April 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Stephen Castelli 6th
Cyril Bennett 10th
Karen Zabiela 28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Norm & Karen 1st 35 years
Cyril & Lynne 5th 30 years



Club Anniversaries:

Pam Brookes 10th 3 years

Congratulations

Our 50th celebrations, April 2021, held at the Kwinana Bowling Club
Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams presents PDG John Iriks with a 50th achievement certificate





What happened this week in history?



April 20th to April 25th



20th

1611: First known performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth at the Globe Theatre, London
1770: Captain James Cook arrives in, what is now New South Wales
1862: First pasteurization test completed by Frenchmen Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard
1887: Georges Bouton wins the world's 1st motor race on a steam-powered quadricycle

21st

1836: Battle of San Jacinto, Texas wins independence from Mexico
1857: Alexander Douglas patents the 'bustle'
1898: Spanish American War: a state of war exists between the USA and Spain.
1918: German fighter ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen "The Red Baron", shot down and killed.

22nd

1500: Pedro Álvares Cabral is the first European to discover Brazil, landing near Monte Pascoal,
1659: Lord Protector Richard Cromwell disbands English parliament
1793: President Washington attends opening of Rickett's, 1st circus in US
1915: 1st military use of poison gas (chlorine, by Germany) in WW I

23rd

1344: Order of the Garter founded by English King Edward III, most senior knighthood in the UK
1597: William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is first performed, before Elizabeth I
1661: English king Charles II crowned in London
1867: Queen Victoria & Napoleon III turn down plans for a channel tunnel

24th

1184 BC: The Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse (traditional date)
1066: Halley's Comet sparks English monk to predict country will be destroyed
1833: Jacob Evert & George Dulty patent 1st soda fountain
1888: Eastman Kodak founded by George Eastman

25th

1607: Battle at Gibraltar: Dutch fleet beats Spanish Portuguese fleet
1719: Daniel Defoe publishes "Robinson Crusoe", regarded as the 1st English novel
1792: Guillotine first used in France, executes highwayman Nicolas Pelletier
1915: First landings at Gaba Tepe and Cape Helles on the Gallipoli Peninsula by ANZAC forces

26th

1755: 1st Russian university opens in Moscow
1819: Odd Fellows Lodge forms
1928: Madame Tussaud's waxwork exhibition reopens in London after a fire
1954: Mass trials of Jonas Salk's anti-polio vaccine begin



**I MARRIED MY WIFE
FOR HER LOOKS
BUT NOT THE ONES
I'M GETTING LATELY**

**STRANGE BUT TRUE FACTS THAT
ARE RARELY REALIZED**

- ✦ 1. It is impossible to hum while holding your nose.
- ✦ 2. A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in a lifetime.
- ✦ 3. The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet.
- ✦ 4. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- ✦ 5. Babies are born without kneecaps; they don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
- ✦ 6. The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in their lifetime.
- ✦ 7. Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- ✦ 8. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

- Why do we tell actors to "break a leg"? Because every play has a cast.
- I have a fear of speed bumps. I'm slowly getting over it.
- Sleeping on a corduroy pillow definitely makes headlines.
- I couldn't figure out how the seatbelt worked. Then it clicked.
- A termite walks into the pub and asks, "Is the bar tender here?"
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Writing with a broken pencil is pointless.
- My friend's bakery burned down last night. Now his business is toast.
- I tried to catch some fog earlier. I mist.
- The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

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