



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



Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Kwinana is 55 years' old 1971/2026

Our club grew in numbers by 3 tonight, Helen, Alan and Andrew were warmly welcomed into our club at their official induction, In the absence of President Stephen, VP Terry Evans performed the induction ceremony, we hope our newest members find membership to our Rotary Club both interesting and rewarding.

Good to hear the gang that travelled to Katanning last weekend had a great time. PE Genevieve thanked former members Paul and Kim for their hospitality and was particularly impressed by the array of activities provided over the weekend by the RC of Katanning.

Good to see that Cathy Sharkey (wife to PP James} is recovering well from a recent knee replacement.

President Stephen and Yanti are presently overseas travelling to Indonesia where they will be joined by Norm M and John M to then refurbish 3 more schools to add to increasing number already renovated.

Guest Speaker next Monday will be Jeremy Wood, speaking about the Rotary Peace Pole project.

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 24
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 14
Guests 3
Visitors
Partners 3

61.0 %

Raffle

Alan J & Chris O

Heads & Tails
James



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

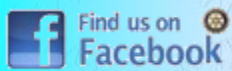
Rotary Club of Mill Point



May - Youth Services Month

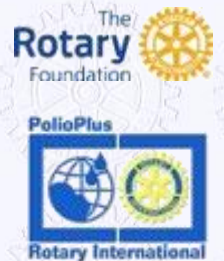
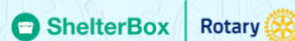
Mon 4th	Club Meeting	Welcome 3 new members
Mon 11th	Club Meeting	Rotary Peace Pole Project
Mon 18th	Club Meeting	Business Meeting
Mon 25th	Club Meeting	Restaurant Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603





President's Pen



May 2026



President Stephen will be away most of May, working with Norm and John renovating another three schools in Jakarta.

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 04th May 2026



The Rotary Peace Pole Project

Is a global initiative promoting peace and unity by installing monuments featuring the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages.

As a key symbol of Rotary's commitment to community harmony, these poles are often placed in schools, parks, and public spaces. With over 250,000 worldwide, they represent a lasting commitment to peace education



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27



April 2026

1. Weekend at Katanning

A very enjoyable weekend was had by all who participated. Former members Kim and Paul send their best wishes to everyone. Members and partners of the Rotary Club of Katanning put on a wonderful show of country hospitality, with a camp roast lunch at a club member's rural property together with organizing for us a visit to a local museum, sheep shearing demonstration, wood cutting demonstration, and blacksmith shed viewing. We are hoping for a return visit from them at some time during the months ahead!

2. Monday 11 May

Guest speaker will be Jeremy Wood, speaking about the Rotary Peace Pole project. Have sent out invitations to local schools for a representative to attend our meeting in order to hear about this school-based project. To date, the principals from St Vincent's Primary School and Honeywood Primary School have indicated that they would like to attend. Additionally, a number of members from the Rotary Club of Rockingham will be attending.

3. Monday 18 May

No speaker or meal organized for this meeting. Plan for business discussion only.

4. Monday 25 May

Restaurant night meeting; further details to follow.

5. First Aid Training

A number of members and partners have indicated that they would like to update their first aid training. Have been looking at courses provided by St John's Ambulance. Please advise if interested. Date and costs to be determined; looking to have training at some time during June.

6. Changeover Night

Scheduled for Saturday 4 July at Kwinana Bowling Club.

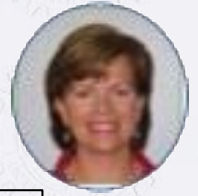
PE Genevieve Carr

Key Facts About Rotary International:

- **The Name Origin:** The name "Rotary" comes from the early days when members rotated their weekly meetings among their various places of business.
- **Polio Eradication Leadership:** Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985 and has contributed over $\$900$ million to immunize children worldwide, reducing polio cases by 99%.
- **Unique Club Locations:** Rotary has clubs in extreme locations, including the southernmost club in Antarctica, the northernmost in Barrow, Alaska, and the highest club at over 4,800 meters in El Aguilar, Argentina.
- **UN Seat:** Rotary International holds a seat in the United Nations General Assembly, recognizing its efforts to foster international goodwill and peace.
- **Rapid Global Growth:** Only 16 years after its founding in 1905, Rotary had already established clubs on six continents.
- **Volunteering Power:** Rotarians contribute an estimated 47 million volunteer hours annually.



PE Genevieve Carr April 20th 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- Rotary Club of Perth Newsletter
- Notice of Kwinana Community Men's Shed 1st General Meeting
- Notice of re-Districting in Zone 8 as of 1 July 2028
- Invoices from Providence Permaculture School
- Notice from RI regarding making bank transfers to Australian Rotary Foundation
- Rotary WA Wound-Up #51, #52
- Invoice from Imprint Plastic
- Rotary South Pacific news
- RDU Supplies update
- Promotional material for 2027 NYSF
- RDU.One
- ROMAC e-News update
- Notice of 2026 – 2027 District Grants Applications
- ShelterBox newsletter
- RDU magazine

Outward Correspondence:

- Order for new member badges sent to Imprint Plastic
- Order for new member packs, pins from RDU Supplies
- Invitations sent to local schools for representative to attend next week's meeting

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola from Nigeria is the President-elect of Rotary International for 2026–27, with his term beginning July 1, 2026.

A member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, he was selected after the resignation of SangKoo Yun.

Babalola announced the 2026-27 theme as "Create Lasting Impact" at the 2026 International Assembly.

A Rotarian since 1994, he has served as a District Governor (2011-12), RI Board Member (2018-20), and RI Vice President (2019-20).



2026-27 Theme: "Create Lasting Impact," focusing on making personal and community change, fostering welcoming clubs, and achieving sustainable results.

Babalola has emphasized improving prenatal care, reducing neonatal mortality, and expanding education.



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



Members not wearing a tie copped a fine, because the Sergeant was wearing his!!!

John I: Getting a 'Medal' on Thursday.

John I: Something about a 'Golf Ball'

VP Terry: Because he called the 'Cripples' table first.

Eric: Chasing up a missing pen.

Chris O: Getting other members to tidy-up for him.

Cathy: Getting table service.

Alan J & Chris O: Double dipping the ice-cream.

Norm: Looks dressed-up, but wearing 'Crocs' also caught wearing crocs driving the truck.

Chris O: Accused of denting the truck!!! Chris claims it's only a 'scratch'

Our newest members, Andrew Aulton, Helen Souter and Alan Armstrong
With VP Terry Evans and Membership Director Norm Mulcahy



Celebrating Kim's birthday at Katanning



Meeting up with the Katanning Rotary Club



Including a visit to the local museum



World Immunization Week 2026 – for every generation, vaccines work!

This week marks World Immunization Week — a global opportunity to highlight the life-saving power of vaccines, including for polio eradication. Partners, civil society and Rotarians around the world are raising awareness and driving action. [UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell](#) underscored vaccines as one of the greatest life-saving advancements in medicine. Join the movement and help amplify GPEI social media content [here](#).

Further, Faster, Stronger to Zero: Integrating Health Services To Reach Every Last Child

Vaccines alone do not end polio. Trust does. Access does. And showing up with more than one reason to open the door. Integrated health services are helping reach every last child — and bringing the world closer to zero. Read more [here](#).

Across borders and challenges: Pakistan and Afghanistan unite to vaccinate millions of children

From 13 to 19 April, Pakistan launched a nationwide campaign aiming to reach more than 45 million children, while Afghanistan simultaneously rolled out its first nationwide campaign of 2026, targeting 12.6 million children under five. Coordinated efforts across borders remain critical to stopping poliovirus transmission. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan : six WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- Malawi: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



The first service project of the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. This project made Rotary the **World's First Service Club**.

Rotary's primary motto is "**Service Above Self**."

There's a secondary motto: "**One profits most who serves best**."

There are more than **1.2 million Rotarians** all over the world in more than 35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all geographic areas.

The **first women** joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 women are members of Rotary International.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries May 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Kelvin Lemalu 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

John & Chris Iriks 20th 53 years

Ed and Ann Samut 27th 53 years



Club Anniversaries:

Congratulations

Blast from the past, BBQ meeting 06 01 2003
PP Michael Leong, PP Micael Bird, PP Ian Critchley and PP John Brennan





What happened this week in history?



May 4th to May 10th



4th

1591: Francis Drake knighted by Queen Elizabeth I aboard his galleon "Golden Hind".
1818: Congress decides on the US flag: 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars
1828: Casparus van Wooden patents chocolate milk powder (Amsterdam)
1902: Cecil Rhodes scholarship fund forms with \$10 million

5th

456: Saint Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary bishop
1621: Mayflower sails from Plymouth, Massachusetts on a return trip to England
1722: Europeans discover Easter Island / Rapa Nui in the south-eastern Pacific
1847: Birkenhead Park, the first civic public park, opens in Birkenhead, England

6th

1652: Cape Colony, the 1st European settlement in South Africa, established by Dutch East India
1830: Joseph Smith and 5 others officially organize the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1889: George Eastman begins selling his Kodak flexible rolled film for the first time
1896: First modern Summer Olympic Games open in Athens, Greece

7th

1739: Dick Turpin executed in England for horse stealing
1795: France adopts the 'metre' as the basic measure of length
1827: English chemist John Walker invents wooden matches
1902: Texas Oil Company (Texaco) forms

8th

1766: 1st fire escape patented, wicker basket on a pulley & chain
1879: Milk sold in glass bottles for 1st time
1886: William Ewart Gladstone introduces the first Irish Home Rule Bill into the British Parliament
1967: 12th Eurovision Song Contest: Sandie Shaw for U K wins singing "Puppet on a String"

9th

1413: Henry V crowned King of England at Westminster Abbey
1667: 1st public art exhibition at the Palais-Royale in Paris
1864: Confederate General Robert E. Lee and 26,765 troops surrender at Appomattox Court House.
1914: "World, the Flesh & the Devil", 1st colour film, shown in London

10th

1633: First bananas go on sale in London in the shop window of Thomas Johnson's apothecary
1710: The first law regulating copyright is issued in Great Britain.
1815: Mount Tambora in the Dutch East Indies experiences a cataclysmic eruption, one of the most powerful in history, killing around 71,000 people, causes global volcanic winter.
1849: Safety pin patented by Walter Hunt (NYC); sold rights for \$400

Last night there was an accident and Trump's personal library burnt down. This is a huge catastrophe because BOTH of his books were lost, and he had only coloured in one of them so far.

Abraham Lincoln couldn't tell a lie.

Richard Nixon couldn't tell the truth.

Donald Trump can't tell the difference.

1. The lawyer hopes you get in trouble.
2. The doctor hopes you get sick.
3. The police hopes you become a criminal.
4. The teacher hopes you are born silly.
5. The landlord hopes you don't build a house.
6. The prostitute hopes you don't get married.
7. The dentist hopes that your teeth decay.
8. The mechanic hopes your car breaks down.
9. The coffin-maker wants you dead.
10. Only a thief wishes you prosperity in life!

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm And that's how it all started! 😂👦😂

My Graduation Speech

"I want to thank Google, Wikipedia, and whoever the hell invented copy and paste. Thank you."



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