



# 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

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

### Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

Total Members 27  
Apologies  
Make-up  
Attended 15  
Hon. Member  
LOA  
Guests  
Visitors  
Partners

73%

Raffle

Bob T & Greg

Heads & Tails

James

Shortish meeting tonight, numbers were down a bit, we were scheduled to have a 'Club Forum' no guest speaker. Because numbers were down it was decided to hold at a later date.

Had the usual reports followed by short discussion on a few items of local interest, early finish.

We are all concerned about declining membership, some current statistics about Rotary in Australia.

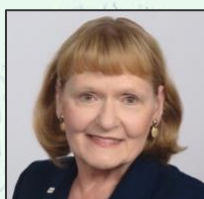
Currently over 1,100 clubs with 30,000 members belonging to 21 Rotary Districts.

In Australia, membership has declined significantly, with a 28% drop in the past 22 years, and per-capita membership has halved.

We all acknowledge that we are an 'ageing membership' currently the average age of a Rotarian in Australia is reported at 67 years, down from 71 in 2016.

Across the world, **Rotary has been losing more members than it has been gaining**, with about 44,000 new people signing up every year, but 51,000 departing. (26 Aug 2024).

Did you Know? Donald Trump is a Past President of the Rotary Club of New York 6. (The 'mind boggles' when one thinks of The Four-Way-Test)



Rotary International President  
2024/25

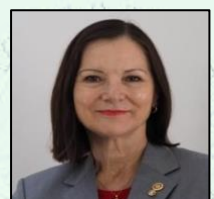
Stephanie Urchick

Rotary Club of McMurray  
Pennsylvania USA

District Governor  
9423

2024/25

Pat Schraven



March 2025 - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Deputy Mayor Barry Winmar
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting	Club Forum St Patrick's Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Meeting at Safety Bay Bowling Club.	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting	

Attendance Officer: Kertrina 0401 632 749



Rotary International



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

Visitors welcome  
contact us  
0417 904 419



Presidents Pen



March 2025



With minimal numbers for our Monday night meeting, we decided to postpone our Club forum.

It is now proposed for 7th April. Please put your thinking caps on and see if you can contribute.

Chris will also give us a rundown on Rotary's Community Development initiative.

This Monday is the meeting at Safety Bay Bowling Club to meet Rotary's Vocational Training Team.

We have eleven people going, it should be a most informative meeting. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mike has done a fantastic job in the Furniture Factory and is off to Indonesia to do more work up there shortly.

Please drop past to see him and offer him a helping hand before he departs.

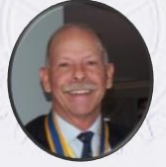
Terry Evans  
President 2024/25

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025





Stephen Castelli President 2025/26



Stephen is looking at a number of options for Club Events. Included on the list at the moment are:

- **Trip to Kalgoorlie** for meeting with Kalgoorlie Club. People to make their own way there via car, train, caravan bicycle, whatever.
- **Koorliny Arts Shows**
- **Train to Perth Airport**. For all those that want to experience this new option to get to and from airport
  - We may have a built in Tour Guide in Josh Carr
- **Progressive Dinner**
  - We will need at least 3 people willing to host member and partners for dinner.
  - Each Host will provide the venue for 1 of either Entrée, Mains or Desert.
  - All attending will need to assist with providing the food. A Roster for food will be arranged if this goes ahead.
- **Restaurant Evening, April**  
At Marleena's Kitchenette, Wellard. <https://marleenaskitchenette.getserved.com.au/>
  - Keep the ideas coming.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr March 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Invitation to Rotary Foundation webinar on Wednesday 9 April 2025
- Notice regarding creating a will through Rotary Foundation
- Latest Regional Council update
- Rotary District Newsletter #21
- RDU Supplies update
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Information regarding District Budget 2025 – 2026
- ShelterBox notice
- Message from RI President

Outward Correspondence: Nil



2024/25

PDG John Iriks



We're thrilled to announce that applications for the  
**RYPEN Camp (2nd – 4th May 2025) are NOW OPEN!**



2024/25  
2025/26

Rtn. Tony Miller  
PP James Sharkey



### Anthony Miller

**Anthony** spoke on his reasons for leaving Kwinana and living and working in Vietnam. He mentioned how he will miss being a member of our Rotary Club and I am sure that feeling will be reciprocated by many of our Club members. We wish Anthony our best wishes on his future endeavors.

### Bevan Piper

**Edd Samut** gave a short report on the condition of our honorary member, Bevan Piper who has been hospitalized following a fall at his home. We wish Bevan a speedy recovery.

### Max Bird – International Services Project Manager

**Max** reported on the good work being achieved by Rotary in East Timor. Many more water filters have been supplied and commissioned at several more schools. Max is also planning a reconnaissance visit to East Timor for up to 20 Rotarians to allow them to experience and see the wonderful outcomes the water project has had on the local communities and the difficulties faced by our Rotary teams.

James Sharkey (Acting Projects Director)

A shopper in L.A notices a Mexican bookstore.

They decide to go in because they have never come across a Mexican book store before.

They walk around the shop for a while looking at all the books and then finally ask the shop assistant, "Do you have that book on Donald Trump's foreign policies with Mexico?"

The shop assistant looks upset and says, "Get out, and stay out!!" .

The shopper replies, "Yes, that is the one!"



Act. Project Director  
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.  
PP Max Bird



Membership Dir.  
PP Edd Samut



Events Manager  
PDG John Iriks

International

Youth



Community  
Kertrina Riordan

PP James Sharkey has stepped-up taking over the role of Project Director from Tony Miller who recently resigned to take up a position in Vietnam. James has also elected to remain in the position for 1925/26



Treasurer  
Karen Zabiela

Max Bird  
Project Manager  
Rotary Projects Timor-Leste

In June 2025 Max will be leading three groups of visiting Rotarians to Timor-Leste on a 10-day working trip.

The schedule as follows

### Group 1

**Arrive Timor Leste Sunday, 1 June; depart Tuesday 10 June** (10 working days); Number of installations 2-3 /Schools to be confirmed from the above list as to who is ready, working toward Los Palos East of Dili; volunteers from Bunbury

### Group 2

**Arrive Timor Leste Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June; depart Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** (10 working days); Number of installations 2-3 /Schools to be confirmed from the above list as to who is ready, working toward Halico West of Dili; volunteers from Longford including two members from Bunnings Darwin

### Group 3

**Arrive Timor Leste Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June; depart Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** (10 working days); Number of installations/Schools/Area; volunteers from. *(Still needs to be confirmed we have the numbers they may be members of the Rotary Club of Kwinana and Albany Port)*





Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



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

St. Patrick's Day, those not wearing something green had to pay-up.

Eric: Sporting a 'Green' hat, been to the Reject Shop.

Only one 'Loud Shirt' this week, Max B.

Stephen: Wearing St Patrick's braces.

Terry: No 'President's collar'?

James: Answered a message as 'Seamus' the Irish equivalent of the name James.

Pronounced Shay-muss

Every picture tells a story???



12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

- Dr Jamal Ahmed appointed WHO Director for Polio Eradication and Chair of GPEI Strategy Committee – Dr Ahmed is a long-time polio eradicator, having served since 2022 as Coordinator of WHO’s Africa Regional Office (AFRO) Polio Eradication Programme, based in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. Prior to that, he worked for WHO’s polio eradication programme in Geneva as Team Lead for Surveillance, Lab and Data, and as Chair of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s (GPEI) Surveillance Group. He has also served in the WHO Pakistan Country Office as Coordinator of the Polio Team and as the lead for the Risk Assessment and Decision Support Unit. Dr Ahmed takes over this critical role in the polio eradication programme, following the sudden and tragic passing of previous director Aidan O’Leary in August 2024. His notable expertise and experience, in particular at regional and country level, will be crucial in helping drive the partnership towards successful implementation of its strategies, to secure a lasting world free of all forms of poliovirus. [More](#).
- International Women’s Day – global polio partners continue to celebrate the critical role women play in overcoming barriers to safeguarding children’s health. WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Hanan Balkhy became the latest [GPEI Gender Champion](#), and called on governments, donors and partners to invest in gender equity in an op-ed published in [Arab News](#).
- Polio at [EIB Group Forum 2025](#): last week, at the European Investment Bank (EIB) Group Forum in Luxembourg, Ted Chaiban (Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF), Mike Ryan (Deputy Director General, WHO), Sania Nishtar (CEO, Gavi) and Thomas Östros (Vice President, EIB) took part in a [panel on global health partnerships](#), including the GPEI, and their value in overcoming barriers in global health. Immediately afterwards, a dedicated session on polio featured remarks from WHO, UNICEF and Gates Foundation leadership.
- Expert groups convene on polio eradication. The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization ([SAGE](#)) is meeting this week at WHO in Geneva, following last week’s meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee on Polio Eradication ([IHR EC](#)). Among a wide range of immunization topics, SAGE is expected to review the global poliovirus epidemiology and current status of bivalent OPV cessation planning and preferred routine immunization schedule with whole-cell pertussis hexavalent vaccine; while the IHR EC reviewed latest international detections of WPVs and cVDPVs. The reports from both meetings will be published over the coming weeks.
- Breakthrough in next-generation polio vaccines: researchers have taken a major step towards producing a more affordable and lower-risk polio vaccine using virus-like particles (VLPs). Such new technologies could make for ideal tools especially for the post-eradication era, with the aim of having cost-effective vaccines available in an equitable manner. [More](#).

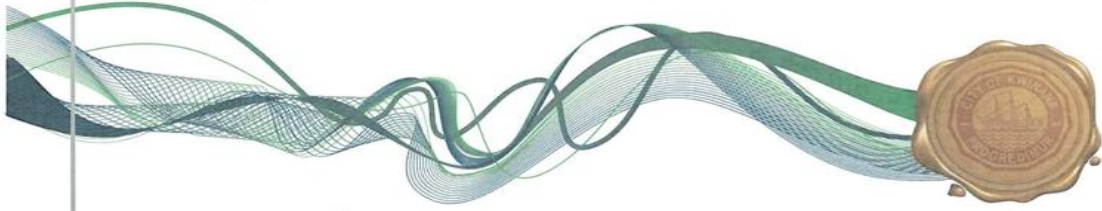


#### Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: 18 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: three cVDPV2 cases and three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases
- Occupied Palestinian territory: three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Tanzania: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

KWINANA  
*Community*  
2024 AWARDS

City of  
Kwinana



*Nomination*  
**ROTARY CLUB OF  
KWINANA INC.**

**NOMINEE KWINANA GROUP OF THE YEAR**

*Pt Feasey*

Peter Feasey, Mayor  
Dated 26 March 2024

City of  
Kwinana

26 March 2024

Our Ref.: COMS28-3

Rotary Club of Kwinana Inc  
C/O James Sharkey  
37 Boyle Avenue  
ROCKINGHAM WA 6168

Dear Rotary Club of Kwinana Inc

**KWINANA COMMUNITY AWARDS**

I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for your remarkable contributions to our community. While your nomination for the Kwinana Community Awards unfortunately did not result in success this time, please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Your dedication and passion have made a profound impact on the lives of many within our community. Through your tireless work and commitment, you have exemplified the true spirit of service and generosity.

Enclosed with this letter, please find your nominee certificate. This certificate serves as a token of our appreciation for your outstanding contributions and serves as a reminder of the positive difference you have made in Kwinana. Although you may not have received formal recognition through the Kwinana Community Awards on this occasion, your impact resonates deeply within our community and will continue to inspire others for years to come.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable contributions and dedication to making our community a more vibrant and supportive place for all. Your efforts truly make a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do.

Yours sincerely,

*Pt Feasey*

Peter Feasey  
MAYOR



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries March 2025*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

Bevan Piper 7<sup>th</sup> (96)  
Barry Winmar 12<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Cooper 16<sup>th</sup>  
John Maskell 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Brian Thompson 25<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

John & Deryl 16<sup>th</sup> 62 years  
Greg & Marge 26<sup>th</sup> 59 years



### **Club Anniversaries:**

*Congratulations*



# What happened this week in history?



Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

to

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>



17<sup>th</sup>

1659: 1st known cheque written (£400), now on display at Westminster Abbey  
1852: Studebaker Brothers wagon company established - precursor of the automobile manufacturer  
1917: 1st synagogue in 425 years opens in Madrid  
1937: DuPont Corp patents nylon, developed by employee Wallace Carothers

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

19<sup>th</sup>

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**



**TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS**



- 1 - Talk to yourself.  
There are times you need expert advice.
- 2 - "In Style"  
are the clothes that still fit.
- 3 - You don't need anger management.  
You need people to stop pissing you off.
- 4 - Your people skills are just fine.  
It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- 5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is,  
"I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- 6 - "On time"  
is when you get there.
- 7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid,  
but it sure does muffle the sound.
- 8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves  
in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out  
wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 9 - Lately, you've noticed people your  
age are so much older than you.
- #10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
- 11 - Aging has slowed you down,  
but it hasn't shut you up.
- 12 - You still haven't learned to act your age  
and hope you never will.

... And one more:  
"One for the road" means peeing before  
you leave the house!!

**Paddy is inconsolable when his dog went missing.**  
**His wife says, "Why not put an advert into the paper?" He does this, but still hadn't received a reply after two weeks!**  
**"What did you put in the paper?" asks his trusting wife.**  
**"Here boy". replies Paddy.**

**Group 9 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

**Rotary Club of Kwinana**  
 Contributions welcome: [eblogg@bigpond.com](mailto:eblogg@bigpond.com)