



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2025/26

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Stephen Castelli

Secretary
Genevieve Carr

Treasurer
Karen Zabiela

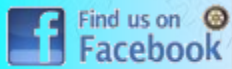
Facts & Figures

Attendance this week
Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up 3
Attended 12
Guests 1
Visitors 12
Partners 1

71.5 %

Raffle
John I & Soren

Heads & Tails
Anne A & Andrew



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

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

Very interesting meeting tonight, guest speaker was Rotary Club of Cambridge PP Jeremy Wood, enthusiastically promoting the Rotary Peace Pole Project. The Peace Pole movement began in 1955 in Japan by Masahisa Goi. The movement is now part of the May Peace Prevail on Earth Organisation, with over 250,000 poles worldwide.

In Australia, the project has led to over 700 poles being installed. Peace Poles carry the message of peace, May Peace Prevail on Earth, in the languages of the world. They are recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument dedicated to peace on earth. Peace Poles have been planted on every continent in over 200,000 communities

Jeremy was President of Cambridge RC for 3 consecutive years 2015/18, President again in 2021/22, also served as Assistant Governor. The Rotary Club of Cambridge was formed in 2007 through a merger of the Floreat and City Beach clubs.

President Stephen and Yanti have met up in Indonesia with Norm Mc and John M where they are starting their renovation projects on three more local schools. We send our best wishes for a safe and rewarding experience.



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 (TBA)

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





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 11th 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. **Welcome** to Guest Speaker Jeremy Wood, together with members of the Rotary Club of Rockingham, Mrs Anne Aquino (Principal of St Vincent's Primary School)
2. **Monday 18 May**
No speaker or meal organized for this meeting. Plan for business discussion only.
3. **Monday 25 May**
Restaurant night meeting; further details to follow.
4. **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.
5. **Changeover Night**
Scheduled for Saturday 4 July at Kwinana Bowling Club.

PE Genevieve Carr

Paint rollers at the 'ready'



Yanti, using local knowledge to 'strike a deal'





PE Genevieve Carr April 20th 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- DG Online #7
- Notice of Rotary Community Leaders 2026 – 2028
- Invitation to Cultural Experience on Friday 15 May
- ShelterBox notice of #Offthe Grid challenge
- Invitation to Rotary Club of Perth Centenary Legacy Luncheon on 19 June 2026
- RDU Supplies update
- Camp Opportunity Notice
- Notice of Kwinana Community Men's Shed 1st General meeting on Wednesday 15 May 2026
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- RDU.One

Outward Correspondence:

None

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.

This link contains a very interesting bio of our next RI President.

<https://www.lakehasucityrotary.com/stories/meet-your-2026-27-rotary-president-olayinka-hakeem-babalola>



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



Karen: Furniture Factory sign in the middle of the roundabout since Thursday.

Alan J: Being topically tropic, with his LOUD shirt.

President of the Rockingham Club, sergeant hears nasty things could be in store.

The 'Late' James. 6.40pm

Rockingham Treasurer, Kirsten, arrived 6.42, sat on table 2. Served meal first.

Congratulations to the Rockingham Rotarian who stole our gavel from under my nose. I need you to do a swap when I return yours.

Jeremy W: Peace Bell in Christchurch NZ.

Helen fined Chris and James, unfortunately I didn't hear what was said.

I just wish once someone would call me "Sir" without adding, "You're making a scene."

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

Isn't it scary that doctors call what they do "practice"?



PP Jeremy Wood Rotary Club of Cambridge
Rotary Peace Pole Project



Cambridge Club in Western Australia adopts Rotary100 Peace Pole Project

Occasionally an unexpected project comes along - one that really catches on. This is true of the Rotary Centenary R100 Peace Pole Project initiated by the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin. It is such a simple project that so easily brings the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” to so many young people. Quite by chance the Peace Pole project landed at the door of the Rotary Club of Cambridge. A representative of the Peace Pole Foundation approached several schools in Perth with a view to their installing Peace Poles as part of the aim to install 100 poles in 100 schools by World Peace Day. One of those schools approached the Rotary club of Cambridge. Their request was a simple one: “Please could our club sponsor a Peace Pole for them?” Not having previously heard of the project, the school was asked to send the background information. This school was Mount Hawthorn Primary School.

The club agreed to finance that pole and, thinking it was such a good project, it was decided to extend the offer to all the schools in the club’s area of focus. All the schools approached (initially eight in all) accepted the offer with considerable enthusiasm. Over time, that initial number has grown a bit such that twelve have been installed at Primary Schools and one at a church. All the schools have indicated that they will mark World Peace Day annually with a “Peace Assembly”. Rotary Cambridge will be invited to attend these ceremonies.

The schools have all been very enthusiastic about the overall concept and are all very proud to have the poles erected on their premises. As one school principal remarked, “this Peace Pole project ticks all the right boxes for them and exactly reflects the values they are trying to instil in the students”. They have all had extensive discussions between the staff and the students concerning the message on the pole and the best places to site them.

The ceremonies themselves have enabled the club to highlight the Areas of Focus of Rotary International; particularly the Promotion of Peace and Disease Prevention and Treatment.

There is no doubt that the project will expand and gain momentum once other clubs have bought into the project and discovered firstly, how easy it is and, secondly, how much goodwill and community contact are generated in the process. The club also hopes to have poles installed in some of the local parks as has been done in Canberra.

This has been the most fantastic project. Club members have all enjoyed visiting the schools and attending their ceremonies. The good relations and contacts that have been made with all of the local schools over a long period have been enhanced dramatically.

An acknowledgement is extended to the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin, and Michael Raby in particular, whose assistance has allowed the project to be implemented so smoothly. Also, Peter Clapinski who handled the manufacture and shipping of the poles was extremely helpful.



<https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>

GPEI mourns the passing of Ted Turner

The GPEI mourns the passing of Ted Turner, founder of the UN Foundation, a philanthropist, humanitarian, and relentless champion for a polio-free world. Through bold leadership and extraordinary generosity, he helped drive global efforts to improve children's health and promote peace. A legacy measured not just in success, but in humanity.

Pakistan and Afghanistan unite to protect millions of children in synchronized polio campaigns

Amid geopolitical tensions and insecurity across the region, health workers in Pakistan and Afghanistan came together in April in a synchronized effort to protect every child from polio. [More](#).

Saudi Arabia fuels polio eradication research with vital funding and leadership

Polio eradication has long been underpinned by scientific innovation, driven by years of rigorous research, bringing together leading scientists, epidemiologists, modellers and polio experts to chart the most effective path forward. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief), plays a pivotal role in advancing this research agenda, both through landmark financial support, and by lending expertise and strategic insight through the GPEI's Polio Research Committee. Currently funding four different studies tackling different aspects of eradication, the Kingdom is helping to fill critical knowledge gaps, from optimizing vaccination schedules to understanding communities, to overcome the last barriers to a polio-free world. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Afghanistan : six WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: two WPV1 cases and 14 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Australia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV3 cases



My wife says I'm useless at fixing Electrical Appliances, Boy is she's in for a Shock.

A friend of mine had a hen who could count her own eggs. She was a mathemachicken.

I just told the doctor I feel like a guitar, but he thinks I'm just highly strung!!!!

I've just started reading a book about the history of glue... Now I can't put it down.

I haven't spoken to my wife in seven years... I didn't want to interrupt her

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. Centennial Dinner Feb. 19th, 2005
Jo Thompson, Diane Bird, Gail Critchley (R.I.P.) Marge Williams





What happened this week in history?



May 11th to May 17th



11th

1749: British parliament accepts Consolidation Act, to reorganise the Royal Navy
1812: Waltz introduced into English ballrooms. Some observers consider it disgusting and immoral.
1820: Launch of HMS Beagle, the ship a young Charles Darwin on his famous scientific voyage
1947: BF Goodrich announced the development of tubeless tyre.

12th

1865: Last land action of Civil war at Palmito Ranch, Texas
1888: Crouching start 1st used in track and field by Charles Sherrill of Yale
1908: Wireless Radio Broadcasting is patented by Nathan B. Stubblefield
1937: Coronation of King George VI of Great Britain at Westminster Abbey, London

13th

1787: Arthur Phillip sets sails with 11 ships of criminals to Botany Bay, Australia
1909: First Giro d'Italia takes place in Milan - Italian cyclist Luigi Ganna is the winner
1913: 1st four-engined aircraft built and flown (Igor Sikorsky, Russia)
1949: 1st British-produced jet bomber, the Canberra, makes its 1st test flight

14th

1607: English colonists establish the 1st permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown
1702: England & Netherlands declare war on France & Spain
1787: Delegates gather in Philadelphia to draw up US constitution
1908: 1st passenger flight in an airplane

15th

1602: Cape Cod discovered by English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold
1800: King George III survives a second assassination attempt
1841: First emigrant wagon train to make it to California after a 1,730 mile journey
1905: Las Vegas founded in Nevada

16th

1220: King Henry III lays the foundation stone, to start the rebuilding of Westminster Abbey
1792: Denmark abolishes slave trade
1881: World's 1st electric tram enters service in Lichterfelder (near Berlin)
1920: French heroine Joan of Arc is canonized as a saint by Pope Benedict XV

17th

1536: Anne Boleyn's 4 "lovers" executed shortly before her own beheading
1590: Anne of Denmark is crowned Queen of Scotland
1689: English King William III declares war on France in support of the Dutch Republic
1859: Australian Rules Football first 'laws of the game' published

"What happens when you don't pay your exorcist?"

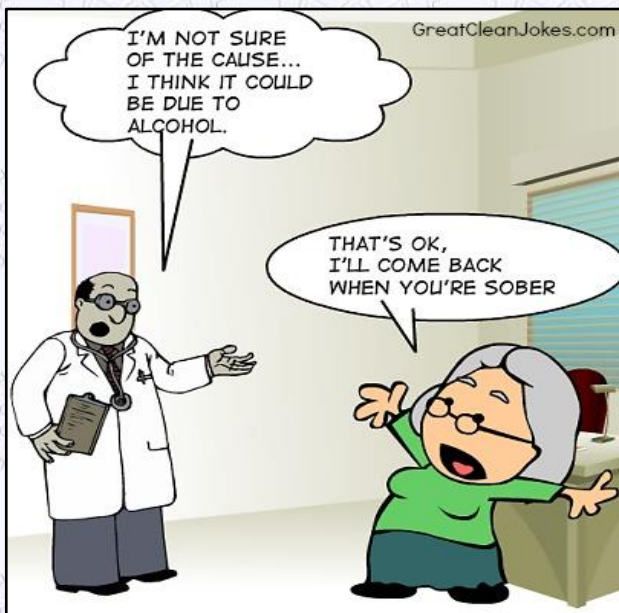
You get repossessed."

What is an astronaut's favorite part on a computer?

The space bar.

Why do French people eat snails?

They don't like fast



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