



# 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 25  
Apologies  
Make-up  
Attended 15  
Hon. Member  
LOA  
Guests  
Visitors  
Partners

62.5%

Raffle

Mike & John W

No guest speaker, instead we watched a video from the 2024 Rotary Convention Nachu Dean on "Urgency of Environmental Crisis" video ran for about 14 minutes, very interesting.

He is the first and only person in history to have successfully walked around the world and swam between 5 continents.

It took him 3 years to travel 4 continents, 31 countries and 33,000 kilometres.

PDG John Iriks and Chris have been holidaying in Japan, they recently met up with Miho Kondo (Fuji) who was an exchange student in 1987, Miho last visited us on her honeymoon in 1997.

She stayed with Mike Nella, counsellor, Jacob Karel, Wallhead, Franklyn, James, Dixon and Iriks families.

Miho is nursing manager in the triage section of a 750-bed hospital in Hiroshima. She (and her husband who designs the front end of Mazda vehicles) have a 24-year-old son studying architecture at a nearby university.

Next Monday will be a 'Club Forum' (See President Terry's report)

### Heads & Tails

Genevieve



Rotary International President  
2024/25  
**Stephanie Urchick**

Rotary Club of McMurray  
Pennsylvania USA

District Governor  
9423  
2024/25

Pat Schraven



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

Visitors welcome  
contact us  
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### April 2025 - Maternal and Child Health

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting:	Club Forum, Community Group 7
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting:	Alan Johnson, Thumbnail
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Meeting:	Easter Monday
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting:	Follow-up: Club Forum.

Attendance Officer: Kertrina 0401 632 749





Presidents Pen



March 2025



The festival of Steve and Yanti continues.  
On Monday night we shared in a bottle of port and some of Yanti's wonderful brownies.  
Many thanks for sharing with us and all the very best for the future together.

Numbers on Monday night were a little disappointing.  
We did have a few apologies but for those who didn't inform please make the effort to do so via what's app or message somehow.

Please put some thought into our upcoming Club Forum on Monday night, it is vitally important to our future.

Terry Evans  
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall. Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025





Stephen Castelli President 2025/26



- A Blind Wine tasting will be held at the Castelli residence in June/July
- A Restaurant evening will be held at Marleenas's Kitchinette (The Strand – Wellard) towards end of April
- The “Glam up your Truck” competition at the District Conference was well patronised. Many thanks to Genevieve for all the hard work and creativity that she put into the Truck.
- The members enjoyed Brownies and Port last Monday to help Stephen and Yanti celebrate their recent wedding
- The recent Board Meeting unanimously accepted the appointment of PP James Sharkey to the position of Projects Director for the remainder of the 2024/2025 Rotary year. Congratulations (and thanks).
- We are still looking for a Club Services Director / President Elect for the 2025/2026 Rotary year. This vacancy was created by the departure of Tony Miller. Anyone that wants to discuss, please let any board member know.
- The Club Changeover will take place on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. This will be held at the Rotary Hall. Please enter this date into your calendar.
- The Bread Project is progressing well, and I thank all those people that participate each and every week. PP Greg will be out of service shortly due to some much-needed surgery, so I will be looking for some assistance to fill that gap for 6 weeks. Please let me know if you can help.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr April 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Notice re Rotary WA District Assemblies
- Reminder re upcoming Rotary Foundation webinar
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- District newsletter #22
- Notice re RDU supplies; 2025 – 2026 Presidential theme
- ShelterBox message re recent earthquake in Myanmar/Thailand
- ROMAC newsletter

Outward Correspondence:

- Entry for “Glam Up Your Truck” fundraiser for District conference



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



**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)



Act. Project Director  
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.  
PP Max Bird

International



Membership Dir.  
PP Edd Samut



Events Manager  
PDG John Iriks

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



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



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

Terry and Greg: Sporting recent haircuts.  
Freo supporters fined because they won the Derby, unable to locate any West Coast fans!!!  
James and Cathy: Said to have enjoyed coffee, muffins and cream.  
Stephen fined for deserting Norman last Saturday.  
Mike: Newlywed but not displaying a wedding ring.  
Eric and Bob T fined for wearing shorts.  
Terry: Where is your 'Chain of Office' ??

The Kwinana "Glam up your Truck" competition entry at the District Conference

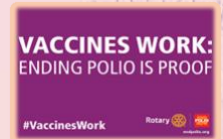


31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Seroprevalence surveys play a vital role in measuring population immunity, guiding immunization strategies, and assessing program performance in the context of polio eradication efforts. [This article](#) looks at the impact of novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) in Nigeria, with study findings demonstrating the vaccine's strong safety and immunogenicity characteristics.

Public health, war and cross-border challenges: the recent cVDPV2 outbreak in Gaza. [This article](#) underscores the need for coordinated response in conflict-affected regions and reflects the significance of global health collaboration in outbreak response management.

Click [here](#) to view a photo story, which gives a snapshot of activities implemented across the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) throughout 2024.



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

- Pakistan: 24 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Angola: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Djibouti: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Israel: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases and three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

Blast-from-the-Past

Steve and Sue Spinks win the 2003 President's Car Rally





## Nacho Dean



Nacho Dean is a well-known adventurer.

He is the first and only person in history to have successfully walked around the world and swum between 5 continents.

- From 2013 to 2016 he walked around the world,
- An expedition he called EarthWideWalk.
- It took him 3 years to travel 4 continents, 31 countries and 33,000 kilometres on foot, solo and unassisted, support of the environment.
- Between 2018 and 2019 he completed the Nemo Expedition, a challenge in which he swam between the 5 continents to send a message about ocean conservation.

Author of 2 books “Libre y Salvaje” and “La llamada del océano” published with Planeta publishing house, he has given more than 150 international conferences and has been the protagonist of countless interviews and reports in the media.

Born in Malaga, Spain. He owes his passion for adventure and his love for nature to his parents who, from an early age, took him to the mountains, camping and swimming in the sea. As the son of a sailor, Nacho Dean grew up moving constantly (from those years he acquired his ability to adapt to change, a skill that would prove very useful in facing the extreme conditions of his expeditions), surrounded by souvenirs that his father brought back from his long trips around the world (African masks and spears, cutlery from Thailand, wood carvings from Angola, trays from Egypt...) and reading the adventure books of Jules Verne, Jack London and Rudyard Kipling.

During his youth he enjoyed countless sports such as climbing, surfing, mountain biking and snowboarding, and took advantage of any occasion to be outdoors, where he was happy and in a very instinctive way felt life in all its fullness. Gradually, at the age of 20, he began to go trekking for several days and weeks in the mountains, sometimes alone, sometimes accompanied, spending his first nights outside bivouacking and sleeping in shelters.

A new world of exciting discoveries unfolded before him: weeks walking in contact with nature, arriving at places on his own two feet with only what fits into a backpack. Then came the Trans-Pyrenees Crossing, four different variants of the Camino de Santiago, trips to Lapland above the Arctic Circle and the Sahara Desert, where the dream of a lifetime would slowly start taking shape. One day, a question inevitably seized his mind: why not walk around the world?

On the trip he went alone, or rather, with Jimmy, a small 12-kilo cart that allowed him to carry the things he needed during the trip, including the tent, mat, sleeping bag, first aid kit, a computer, camera, phone and some clothes among other things.

After returning from his walk around the world and publishing his first book, he met Sara (1985) who accompanied him during his training and with whom he now has two daughters: Mar (2020) and Iris (2021).





## *Birthdays and Anniversaries April 2025*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

Ann Samut	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Stephen Castelli	6 <sup>th</sup>
Natalie Rowe	10 <sup>th</sup>
Cyril Bennett	10 <sup>th</sup>
Marge Williams	25 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Zabiela	28 <sup>th</sup>



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Norm & Karen	01 <sup>st</sup>	34 years
Cyril & Lynne	06 <sup>th</sup>	29 years

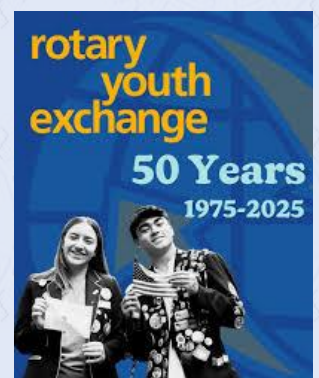


### **Club Anniversaries:**

Pam Brookes	10 <sup>th</sup>	2 years
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*Congratulations*

The year 2025 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Youth Exchange program as one of Rotary International's official youth programs. Although the program started well before 1975, Rotary members, program volunteers, and alumni everywhere should be proud to celebrate the last fifty years as the program has grown and become a prime example of Rotary service worldwide for so many. Rotary Youth Exchange would not be possible without the essential work that volunteers, Rotary members and non-member's alike, contribute year after year.





# What happened this week in history?



Mar 31<sup>st</sup>

to

Apr 6<sup>th</sup>



31<sup>st</sup>

1850: US population hits 23,191,876 (Black population: 3,638,808 (15.7%))  
1880: 1st town to claim to be completely illuminated by electric lighting (Wabash, Indiana)  
1889: Eiffel Tower officially opens in Paris. Built for the Exposition Universelle  
1920: British parliament accepts Irish Home Rule law

1<sup>st</sup>

1748: Ruins of Pompeii rediscovered by Spaniard Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre  
1778: New Orleans businessman Oliver Pollock creates the "\$" symbol  
1867: Singapore, Penang & Malacca become British crown colonies  
1918: United Kingdom: the Royal Air Force is created

2<sup>nd</sup>

1827: US inventor Joseph Dixon of Salem, Massachusetts, begins manufacturing lead pencils  
1845: H L Fizeau & Leon Foucault take 1st photo of the Sun  
1872: US engineer George Brayton patents an internal combustion engine (Brayton Cycle)  
1912: Titanic undergoes sea trials under its own power

3<sup>rd</sup>

1848: German explorer Ludwig Leichhardt disappears trying to reach the Swan River in Australia  
1860: Start of the Pony Express, between St Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California  
1882: American outlaw Jesse James is shot in the back of the head and killed by Robert Ford  
1933: 1st airplane flight over Mt Everest

4<sup>th</sup>

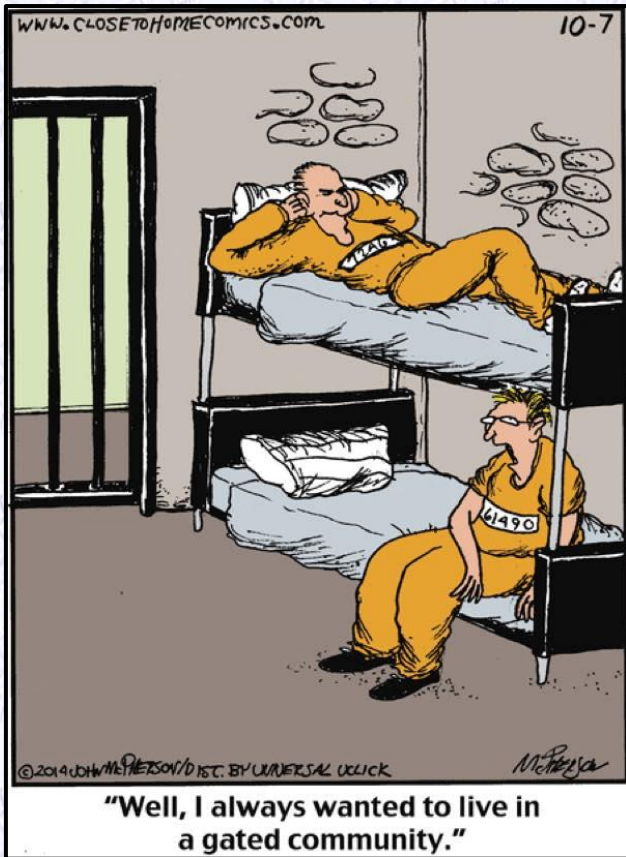
1591: Francis Drake knighted by Queen Elizabeth I aboard his galleon "Golden Hind".  
1818: Congress decides on the US flag: 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars  
1828: Casparus van Wooden patents chocolate milk powder (Amsterdam)  
1902: Cecil Rhodes scholarship fund forms with \$10 million

5<sup>th</sup>

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

6<sup>th</sup>

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



"Well, I always wanted to live in a gated community."



"Who's been a very bad boy?"



**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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