



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 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 17
Guests
Visitors
Partners

74.0 %

Raffle
Cyril & Soren

Heads & Tails
Andrew



Bulletin

No 34 08/06/2026



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

Back at Rotary Hall, last week we held our meeting at the Kwinana Local, being our 'restaurant meeting' which is scheduled to happen once a month.

President Stephen, Yanti, Norm and John M have returned from a very successful trip to Jakarta where they renovated three more schools, they also presented a donation of one thousand AU Dollars to special school that caters for blind students, welcome home.

Pres. Stephen gave a basic run-down of their trip, from working conditions to how their allocated funds were spent. The team will give a detailed report at our meeting on Monday 29th June.

We are invited to attend Rockingham RC meeting next week where their current exchange student will be giving his final address before leaving for home.

Some discussion was held on the future of projects like the Furniture Factory and Bunnings BBQ etc. and to identify future projects whether they be local or International, members were asked to identify any suitable projects that they would like our club to adopt.

PP John Wallhead, congratulations, 1st June, 41 years' service to Rotary.



Rotary International President
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

District Governor 9423
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



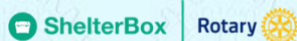
Meets on Monday
6:00 for 6:30 pm
At Rotary Hall
Brownell Crescent
Medina

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

June: Rotary Fellowships Month

- Mon 1st No Meeting Public Holiday
- Mon 8th Club Meeting
- Mon 15th Meeting with Rockingham Rotary Club
- Mon 22nd Club Meeting
- Mon 29th Club Meeting Indonesian School Report

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



8th June 2026



Tonight was a general meeting with no visitors in attendance. There was good attendance from members (68%) as well as our 3 newest members, Alan, Andrew and Helen.

Many thanks to PP Terry and PP James for running the meetings during my time away. It's good to hear that you had some of the best meetings ever in my absence.

I have been absent for a month, but during that time, Yanti and I attended the District 3410 and 3420 conferences in Jogjakarta Indonesia. They certainly do things differently there.

Yanti and I then returned to Jakarta to join Norm and John Maskell to commence the Indonesian School Renovations Project for 2026. We successfully completed the planned renovations to 3 schools. We will be presenting this to the club on Monday the 29th of June.

With the Changeover coming up on Sat 4th of July, I need the directors and their managers to submit their reports for inclusion in the Changeover booklet. I will need to have these in by Friday 19th June at the latest.

Just a reminder that we have the following vacancies in our club:

- 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.

As discussed during the evening, the club has funds to undertake more worthwhile projects, so please keep your eyes and ears open to any possibilities. 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.

Directors are reminded to submit their Budget proposals for their next Rotary year (2026-2027) so that they can be considered at the next board meeting in July.

Also at the July board meeting will be discussion and setting of the fees for 2026-2027. There was considerable discussion during the course of the meeting on this subject.

There will be no meeting next week, as we will be joining the Rockingham Rotary Club's meeting at the Safety Bay Bowling Club to hear from their exchange student. Maybe we can get our Gavel back as sergeant Norm had to use a spoon to ring the bell in lieu of the gavel

Yanti and I will join the Kwinana Lions Club in celebrating their changeover on Saturday 27/06. Genevieve will attend the RC Rockingham changeover on the same day.

Stephen Castelli President 2026/26



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27 June 2026



1. **Invitation to Rockingham Rotary meeting**

The Rockingham Rotary Club has invited us, together with Palm Beach and Baldivis Clubs, to attend their meeting on Monday 15 June to hear their exchange student give his farewell presentation. The meeting will be held at Safety Bay Bowling Club and will commence at 6.30pm. Please advise by Wednesday 10 June if intending to attend.

2. **First Aid Training**

The Club Board has agreed to subsidise 50% of the cost of training for any Club members wishing to undertake the St John's Ambulance 1-day training course in First Aid. The total cost of the course is \$180. Folks can either enrol independently or contact Genevieve for assistance.

3. **Club Changeover Night**

To be held on Saturday 4 July at the Kwinana Bowling Club, commencing at 6.30pm. The cost will be \$35 per head and will include a 3-course meal.

4. **Camp Opportunity Guest Speaker**

On Monday 13 July we will have a visit and presentation from David Cumming, who currently the Camp Coordinator of Camp Opportunity.

PE Genevieve Carr



PE Genevieve Carr June 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- ROMAC e-Newsletter
- Email with advice for donating to Rotary Foundation
- ShelterBox Newsletter
- RotaryWA Round-Up #54
- RDU Supplies update
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Letter of thanks from Portcare for freezer donation
- Notice of Rotary WA Youth Protection and Risk Management Presentation 2026
- Appeal from ShelterBox for help following cyclone in Madagascar
- RSVP to Club Changeover Night from COK
- RDU.One
- Invitation to District Changeover on Saturday 11 July
- Registration and Insurance renewal for Furniture Factory truck
- Invitation to host 4WT Semi-Final on Monday 31 August, or Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Items for Changeover

Outward Correspondence:

- items for Changeover

Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 08th June 2026



Kwinana family helped by Kwinana Rotary/Furniture Factory and Bendigo Bank after their home was destroyed by fire recently





Vice Pres.
Terry Evans



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Project Director
PP James Sharkey



Foundation Dir.
PDG John Iriks

Team 2025/26



PE/Secretary
Genevieve Carr



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy
PP Chris Oughton standing-in for Norm



Soren: Something about his hair and a comb??

John I: Went to Bunbury, came home with a bad back.

Chris O: Watered down honey, Chris flatly rejected the accusation.

Alan J: Something about a kangaroo and a 'silk purse'

Stephen: That Bali shirt.

Norm: Accused of ringing the bell with 'too much gusto'

Norm, Stephen and John: So peaceful when you lot are away.

Eric: Had to improvise to take the group pic tonight, no tripod?

What do you get when you cross a bridge with a car?

To the other side!

Why are paediatricians always so patient?

Because they have little patients.

Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

She couldn't control her pupils.

Max is presently in Timor-Leste continuing the great work, providing a safe water supply.



One of the latest water filters now being supplied by Disaster Aid Australia



Polio This Week

Global polio updates for late May highlight ongoing containment efforts and recent local detections:

Recent Local Activity (Western Australia)

- Health authorities detected vaccine-derived poliovirus in untreated wastewater in Perth.
- The strain found is associated with the oral polio vaccine, which is not used in Australia.
- Early assessments indicate the wastewater trace was linked to an overseas traveller.
- No human cases of polio have been recorded in Australia, and routine wastewater testing is ongoing

Global Epidemiology

- **Wild Poliovirus (WPV1):** Endemic transmission remains strictly localized to Afghanistan and Pakistan. [[1](#), [2](#)]
- **Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV):** Outbreaks primarily occur in regions with low childhood vaccination rates, including parts of the Horn of Africa and central

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic (CAR): two cVDPV2 cases
- Malawi: one cVDPV2 case and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case



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& Hygiene



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Child Health



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Development



Environment

Birthdays and Anniversaries June 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Gladys Blogg 12th



Wedding Anniversaries



Club Anniversaries:

John Wallhead 1st 41 years

Chris Oughton 25th 22 years

Congratulations

President Stephen Castelli with fellow Kwinana Rotarians Norm Mulcahy and John Maskell





What happened this week in history?



June 8th to June 14th



08th

1647: England parliament bans Christmas, Easter and Whitsun festivities, proves unpopular!
1779: Horatio Nelson and Captain Thomas Hardy on HMS Foudroyant set sail against Spanish fleet.
1856: Pitcairn Islanders arrive on Norfolk Island
1942: Bing Crosby records "Silent Night"

09th

68: Roman Emperor Nero commits suicide
0641: Arabic-Islamic army conquers Romans at Alexandria, taking control of Egypt
1727: Wreck of Dutch ship Zeewijk on the Abrolhos, Western Australia, with the loss of 72 lives, 82 survivors eventually build a boat and sail to Batavia (Jakarta)
1803: British explorer Matthew Flinders becoming the first person to circumnavigate Australia

10th

1610: 1st Dutch settlers arrive (from NJ), to colonize Manhattan Island
1770: British explorer Captain James Cook is the first European to discover the Great Barrier Reef
1829: The first Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race takes place (Oxford wins)
1908: The Australian Parliament passes Old Age Pensions Act providing for pensions at age 65

11th

517: British admiral Sir Thomas Pert reaches Hudson Bay
1578: England grants Sir Humphrey Gilbert a patent to explore and colonize North America
1776: Continental Congress to draft a United States Declaration of Independence.
1837: The Broad Street Riot in Boston, between English Americans and Irish-Americans

12th

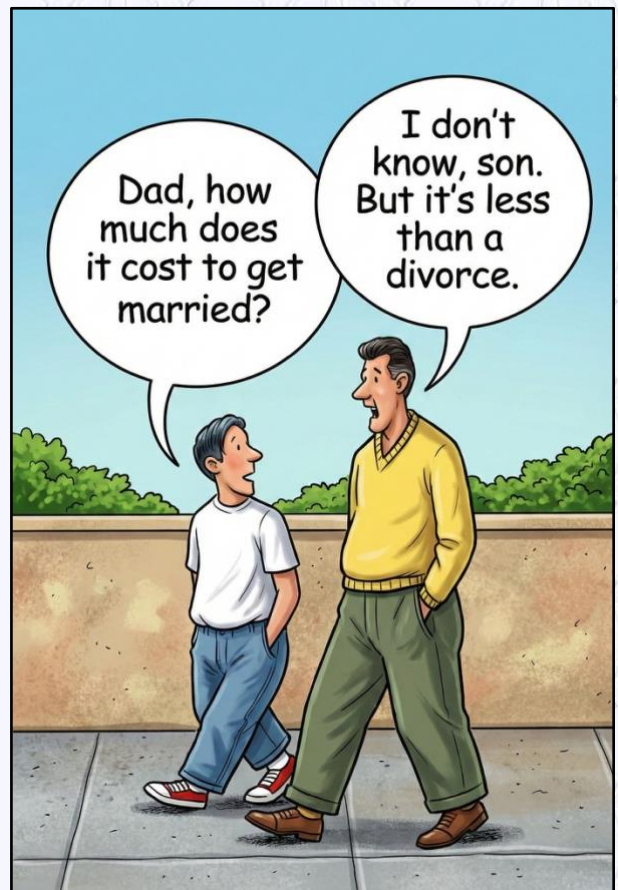
1381: Peasants' Revolt: in England, over Poll Tax.
1665: England installs a municipal government in New York City
1830: Beginning of the French colonization of Algeria: 34,000 French soldier's land.
1923: Harry Houdini frees himself from a straitjacket, suspended upside down, 40 feet in air.

13th

1665: Battle of Lowestoft, off Suffolk, England: English fleet beats Dutch.
1774: Rhode Island becomes first colony to prohibit importation of slaves.
1777: Leonard Norcross patents a submarine diving suit.
1920: US Post Office says children cannot be sent by parcel post (after various instances)

14th

1777: US Continental Congress adopts the Stars & Stripes flag, designed by Francis Hopkinson.
1789: Captain William Bligh and his men cast off from HMS Bounty reach Timor.
1839: First Henley Regatta held (it became the Henley Royal Regatta in 1851)
1847: Robert Bunsen invents the Bunsen burner.



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