



# The Rotary Club of Kwinana

Rotary  District 9423 Western Australia  
Chartered: 22 April 1971 

Team 2023-24

President  
**Bob Cooper**

Secretary  
**Genevieve Carr**

Treasurer  
**Karen Zabiela**



President Bob

## Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Kwinana is 53 years' old 1971/2023

### Facts & Figures

#### Attendance this week

- Total Members 27
- Apologies 6
- Make-up 6
- Attended 15
- Hon. Member 2
- LOA 2
- Guests 2
- Visitors 2
- Partners 2

80.8%

Raffle  
**Terry & Tony**

Heads & Tails  
**Chris O**

Number again a little light-on, quite a few members away etc. Rtn Pam Brookes daughter Ellen joined us.

Guest Speaker tonight was Peter Faulkner, long time member and dual Past President of the Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hill Rotary Club, Peter was here to tell us the story of Disaster Aid Australia, who primarily provide aid in the form of fresh water to area's of need throughout the world via a very Hi-tech water filter called a SkyHydrant that can deliver thousands of litres of clean water every day for up to ten years before a filter change is needed, the cost today is \$A6000 dollars to provide and install the units.

Project Director Tony is very pleased with the overall result of Bunnings BBQ last Sunday, very happy with the support of members and of course the financial reward is rewarding and much appreciated.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1971 this Rotary Club was officially chartered, we are 53 years old, our longest serving member is PDG John Iriks who joined our club on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1979, the latest member, we welcomed Pam Brookes on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Our oldest member is PP Bevan Piper, 95 years young. Our youngest is Rtn. Barry Winmar, the average age of our membership is 72 years. We currently have 27 active and 1 honorary member.



**Rotary International President**  
2023/24  
**Gordon McInally**  
Rotary Club of South Queenferry  
Lothian Scotland

**District Governor**  
9423  
2023/24  
**Ineke Oliver**



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

Visitors welcome  
contact us  
0417 904 419

### April 2024 April 2024 Maternal and Child health Month

- Mon. 1st No Meeting
- Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Edd Samut: Know your Tyres.
- Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Rotary Action Day
- Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Bevan Piper A little history.
- Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Bunnings BBQ
- Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting Peter Faulkner/Disaster Aid Australia
- Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Pat Barrallon Hon. Consul for WA (Seychelles)

Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749





What could change your ideas on service above self? One sure thing is to attend District Assemblies. Another is to attend District Conference and yet another is to attend a world Conference.

Seeing how other dedicated Rotarians perform in a myriad of circumstances in a myriad of languages broadens one's outlook on what it means to do service above self.

The saying that knowledge is power comes to the forefront when training, involvement, and participation in the many and varied Rotary Training opportunities that are on offer. We become more enlightened and able to see the bigger picture that extends beyond our club's visions and projects.

Without downgrading our Club's projects, involvement, and dedication I ask that you take the opportunity to attend the aforementioned learning areas and become involved in District Management as Directors, Committee Members etc. in projects such as RYLA, Youth Exchange, RAWCS and many more.

A healthy organisation is one of constant review and change with fresh ideas coming from the change of the guard and participants with the guidance that comes from the old guard and their experience and wisdom attained.

So, I implore you to be part of that change and participate in Club and District Management.

This Rotary year is three quarters of the way through, and I am impressed with the way that The Rotary Club of Kwinana is a leader in our commitment to "Service Above Self"

So become involved and participate or be a backstop for someone else by encouraging them to strive for a better peaceful world that involves Rotary's ethics in business and personal life inscribed in our Four Way Test.

Bob Cooper  
President 2023/24

Meeting at Rotary Hall, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024





President 2024/25

Terry Evans



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

1. Have had one expression of interest for Rotary Community Leader
2. Received information regarding insurance; need to keep register of Friends of Rotary to ensure are covered by Rotary Insurance.
3. To commence planning Club Changeover: Plan to hold the event at Kwinana Bowling Club on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

PE Terry Evans



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024



Inward Correspondence.

- Pilot update
- Rotary WA District Newsletter #40
- Update re banking details for donations to Rotary Foundation
- RDU supplies update.
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Message of Happy Birthday to our Club!!!

Outward Correspondence

None this week

**The world's oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old.** While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5.

**The world's oldest cat lived to 38 years and three days old.** Creme Puff was the oldest cat to ever live.



2023/24

PP Genevieve Carr



Youth Services Report

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

1. RYPEN: Application for one candidate submitted and accepted.
2. Youth Exchange: Attended Parent-Teacher interviews last Wednesday 17 April at Gilmore College. All teachers are very satisfied with Othilie's academic progress. School ball this week!



2023/24

Rtn. Karen Zabiela



Bills paid, money in the bank.

Bring your empty drink containers, we have collection bins.  
When buying drinks from the fridge, foreign money not accepted.

President Bob with WA DAA Rep Tony Miller and Guest Speaker, DAA Chair/Treasurer Peter Faulkner





Projects Director  
Rtn. Tony Miller



PP Max Bird  
Foundation Dir.



PP Edd Samut  
Membership Dir.



PDG John Iriks  
Events Manager

**Project Director's Report:**

Furniture-On-Line, going exceptionally well, Mike wishes to thank everybody for their ongoing assistance.

21<sup>st</sup> April (Sunday) This year's first sausage sizzle at Bunnings.  
Outstanding success, thanks to all concerned.

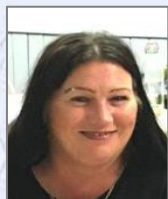
Reconciliation Day BBQ, 29<sup>th</sup> May

Mental Health Walk, 11am, Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tony will be on IPL radio, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Earlier video is on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= XIiqta0b6I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIiqta0b6I)



Kertrina Riordan  
Community



Peter Schulz  
Vocational

**Public Relations:**

Kim will continue to assist in this role, thank you Kim.

**Membership:**

PP Ed Samut takes on the role for 2023/24



PP. Max Bird  
International

**Community:**

Bread Program, helpers welcome.

Breakfast Club always in need of more assistance.

**International:**



PP Genevieve Carr  
Youth

**Youth:**

Report above.

Visit your club webpage.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=8106>

or type Kwinana Rotary into 'Search'



**Fine Session: Sergeant Cyril Bennett**



Stand-in: Norm



Deputy Bill Rowe



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

Terry: No Badge

Dockers, falling over again.

Eagles for having a great win at the expense of the Dockers.

Terry: At the Bunnings BBQ, Terry was obviously trying to increase profits!! Gave a customer a bun with only onions and no sausage.

Norm: Left his 'take-away' meal in the fridge AGAIN.

Furniture guys always get 'just one more job' on Saturday mornings.

Tony: Sat at one table, then 'got a better offer' and moved.

Norm: Blamed for stuffing-up 'the saying of grace'

Blast from the past  
Rotary Centennial Dinner, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 at Golden Ponds,  
PP John Wallhead and PP Bob Cooper awarded a PHF by DG John Iriks





Guest Speaker: PP Peter Faulkner  
Disaster Aid Australia  
Chair/Treasurer Peter Faulkner



Peter is a retired mechanical engineer who has worked both overseas and within Australia. He was responsible for the set-up and management of a ceramic magnet company in Chennai, India. Peter was also co-owner and Director of Bendigo and Northcote Potteries. Member of Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills.

The RC of Endeavour Hills were instrumental in setting-up ShelterBox Australia in 2003. This partnership was dissolved in 2010, and Disaster Aid Australia was formed.

Disaster Aid Australia began life as a project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (District 9820 Victoria, Australia)

Initially it was involved in providing family aid packages and Sawyer water filters.



Following interest in our program from several other countries we became a founder member of Disaster Aid International.

We continued to build on our initial deployments working with Disaster Aid International partners whenever possible. We installed the first **SkyHydrant™** in the Philippines.

We started training local partners in Malaysia and the Philippines in the installation operation and maintenance of SkyHydrants.

Following a review of the effectiveness of our aid provision we discovered that many of the items in the Family Survival Packs were not being used.

As many of the homes in developing countries are fairly basic compared with western standards it became apparent that we could provide materials so people could repair their homes for much less than the cost of a Family Survival Pack.

We developed the '[Smart Aid](#)' approach which includes:



- Operating as project managers in disaster relief and rebuilding;
- Our volunteer 'Disaster Aid Response Team' (DARTs) members concentrate on working with local people (including Rotary clubs, government agencies and NGOs) to establish what *they* most need.
- We look at the affected people as partners, and a resource, not victims.
- Purchasing materials locally we help local economies, and employment, to recover faster.
- Helping communities to become more resilient in the face of disasters by planning and training.

Our experience of **SkyHydrants** showed us that the installation of a unit provides a huge improvement in the health of the community, particularly the children. (Reduction in illness of up to 80%)

As a consequence, we launched the '[Safe Water for Every Child](#)' program.

We also commenced the three year [Bhutan 2020](#) project to deliver safe water to 120 major schools in Bhutan.



The Bhutan 2020 project has continued, although the COVID pandemic has caused some delays.

We do expect the 120 school installations to be completed by the mid of 2022.

Although the COVID pandemic travel restrictions prevented travel from Australia from March 2020 we have continued to provide financial support to partners.

In 2020 the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills merged with the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong to become the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills.

Disaster Aid Australia is now a project of the new club that now helps by:

- Meeting our office rent.
- Assisting with fundraising
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- **DISASTERS:** We will continue with Smart Aid disaster response and consider the local people in disaster-affected communities to be our greatest resource.
- **SAFE WATER:** Our aim based on 'Safe Water for Every Child' is; while continuing to support existing partners, to also bring the program to new countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Disaster Aid channel on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@disasteraidaustraliachanne5302>



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries April 2024*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Norm & Karen 1<sup>st</sup> 33 years  
Cyril & Lynne 6<sup>th</sup> 28 years



### **Club Anniversaries:**

Pam Brookes 10<sup>th</sup> 1 year

*Congratulations!*

## **Polio this week**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

The thirty-eighth meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) on the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the WHO Director-General on 20 March 2024 to review the data on wild poliovirus (WPV1) and circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPV) in the context of the global target of interruption and certification of WPV1 eradication by 2026 and interruption and certification of cVDPV2 elimination by 2028. Read the Committee's report [here](#).



### **Summary of new poliovirus this week**

- DR Congo: one cVDPV1 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case



**Earth's poles are moving.** This magnetic reversal of the North and South Pole has happened 171 times in the past 71 million years. We're overdue a flip. It could come soon, as the North Pole is moving at around 55 kilometres per year, an increase over the 15km per year up until 1990.

**You can actually die laughing.** And a number of people have, typically due to intense laughter causing a heart attack or suffocation. Comedy shows should come with a warning.

**The Moon looks upside down in the Southern Hemisphere.** Compared to the Northern Hemisphere, anyway. This means that the 'Man in the Moon' is upside down in the Southern Hemisphere and looks more like a rabbit.

**Bob Aitken, a cherished member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024.**

In addition to running Bob Aitken Media, his own media company, Bob Aitken AM JP was the Chairman of Rotary District 9685 Polio Committee, the Rotary International (RI) 'END POLIO NOW' Coordinator for Zone 8 and Chairman of the RI Zone 8 History and Archives Committee and, as such, he had charge of planning, researching and writing the 'Centenary of Rotary in Australia: 1927-2021.



Among an extraordinarily long list of achievements and awards, Bob is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a recipient of RI's 'Service Above Self' award and the Australian Rotary Health Medal, a member of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, former District Governor (DG) District 9690 / 9685, Project Manager NSW Graffiti Removal Day and Chairman of Graffiti Removal Australia. He is a Life Member of the NSW Parents and Teachers Association as a result of 10 years of leadership at Parkes and Blaxland High Schools.

A lifetime of work in media (journalism and media management), including 27 years as Managing Editor of 'Rotary Down Under', ensured Bob was the perfect candidate as Executive Director of Rotary Down Under Inc, which specialised in public relations and corporate development.

Bob was a world traveller for Rotary, and it was no surprise his love and passion for the organisation would ensure his ongoing involvement after retirement.

In 1963, Bob accepted a cadetship in journalism with the Parkes Champion Post. He became editor in 1969 and Managing Editor in 1972, serving in the latter role until taking on the role of Managing Editor of Rotary Down Under magazine in 1984.

The Aitken family moved to Lapstone when Bob accepted the role as Editor of Rotary Down Under, which included Australia, New Zealand and the surrounding Pacific Islands.

The magazine flourished under Bob's guidance, moving from Black & White to a colour edition, then to an online digital production. Bob also organised a fund-raising appeal, which not only purchased Rotary Down Under House in Parramatta but also secured the financial future of the magazine.

Bob completed two terms as Chairman of the Rotary World Magazine Press Advisory Group (31 magazines in 24 languages) and was advisor to the RI Board of Directors in that time. He had also previously served as Chairman of the RI Communications Committee (2 terms) and General Coordinator of the RI Public Image Resource Group (4 terms), along with many other RI special committee groups. He was vice chair of the Host Organisation Committee for the RI Convention in Sydney in 2014.

Bob visited our club on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Seen here with President Chris Oughton and PDG John Iriks





# What happened this week in history?



April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>



21<sup>st</sup>

1836: Battle of San Jacinto, Texas wins independence from Mexico  
1857: Alexander Douglas patents the 'bustle'  
1898: Spanish American War: a state of war exists between the USA and Spain.  
1918: German fighter ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen "The Red Baron", shot down and killed.

22<sup>nd</sup>

1500: Pedro Álvares Cabral is the first European to discover Brazil, landing near Monte Pascoal,  
1659: Lord Protector Richard Cromwell disbands English parliament  
1793: President Washington attends opening of Rickett's, 1st circus in US  
1915: 1st military use of poison gas (chlorine, by Germany) in WW I

23<sup>rd</sup>

1344: Order of the Garter founded by English King Edward III, most senior knighthood in the UK  
1597: William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is first performed, before Elizabeth I  
1661: English king Charles II crowned in London  
1867: Queen Victoria & Napoleon III turn down plans for a channel tunnel

24<sup>th</sup>

1184 BC: The Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse (traditional date)  
1066: Halley's Comet sparks English monk to predict country will be destroyed  
1833: Jacob Evert & George Dulty patent 1st soda fountain  
1888: Eastman Kodak founded by George Eastman

25<sup>th</sup>

1607: Battle at Gibraltar: Dutch fleet beats Spanish Portuguese fleet  
1719: Daniel Defoe publishes "Robinson Crusoe", regarded as the 1st English novel  
1792: Guillotine first used in France, executes highwayman Nicolas Pelletier  
1915: First landings at Gaba Tepe and Cape Helles on the Gallipoli Peninsula by ANZAC forces

26<sup>th</sup>

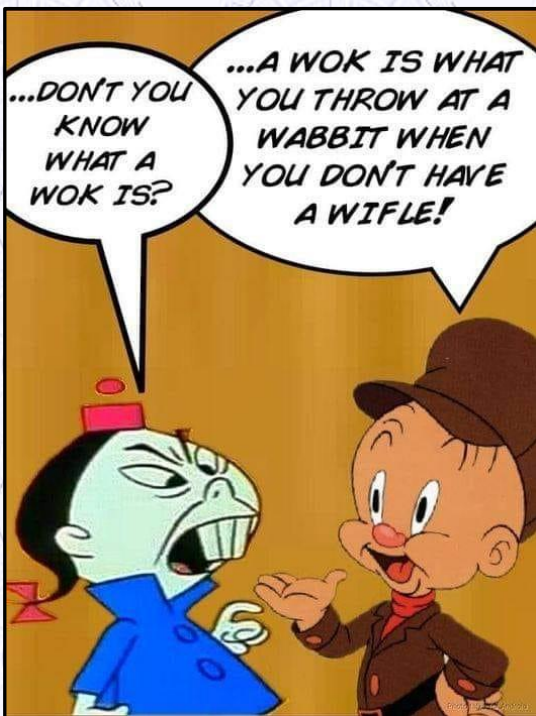
1755: 1st Russian university opens in Moscow  
1819: Odd Fellows Lodge forms  
1928: Madame Tussaud's waxwork exhibition reopens in London after a fire  
1954: Mass trials of Jonas Salk's anti-polio vaccine begin

27<sup>th</sup>

1296: Battle of Dunbar: The Scots are defeated by Edward I of England  
1565: 1st Spanish settlement in the Philippines forms at Cebu City  
1828: Zoological Gardens at Regent's Park in London opens  
1904: The ALP under Prime Minister Chris Watson becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> Labor government in the world



"No, they can't be used as a flotation device, but if you don't behave, I might use them to smother you in your sleep."



...DONT YOU KNOW WHAT A WOK IS?  
 ...A WOK IS WHAT YOU THROW AT A WABBIT WHEN YOU DONT HAVE A WIFLE!



NURSING?! THIS IS A SHOPPING MALL! WE CAN'T ALLOW WOMEN TO BRAZENLY DISPLAY THEIR BREASTS!!

**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

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