



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

No 35 14/04/2025



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

Total Members 25
Apologies
Make-up
Attended 20
Hon. Member
LOA
Guests
Visitors 1
Partners

83.0%

Raffle
Stephen, both

Heads & Tails
Edd

Good meeting tonight, we learned a bit more about our latest member Alan Johnson who provided us with a 'thumbnail' as all new members are requested to do.

Club member Rtn Cyril Bennett (who incidentally celebrated a very significant birthday this week by reaching the big '80' Congratulations Cyril) brought along family member Matt Graham.

President Terry and PDG John Iriks both spoke on how best we can cover the significant loss of PP Mike's management of the Furniture Factory, hopefully the project gets the support required.

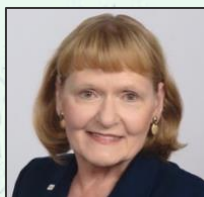
Please talk to PP John Iriks and discuss the level of assistance you may be able to offer. A Furniture Factory committee has been set-up with 6 members so far volunteering.

With the unexpected resignation of Tony Miller, incoming President Stephen Castelli is desperately seeking someone to be 'President Elect/Club Service' for 2025/26.

We wish PP Greg Williams a successful shoulder replacement operation and a speedy as possible recovery.

Greg and Edd recently attended the Gilmore College Anzac Service.

Happy and safe Easter to everyone.
No meeting next week, Easter Monday,



Rotary International President
2024/25

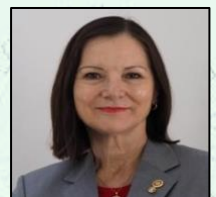
Stephanie Urchick

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
0417 904 419

April 2025 - Maternal and Child Health

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

Attendance Officer: **Kertrina** 0401 632 749





Presidents Pen



April 2025



Thanks to John, Steve, Karen and James for stepping up to take part in our Furniture Shop Committee. First meeting will be after Easter.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist and make running of the shop easier and smoother. Please consider stepping forward as many hands make lighter work. Fundraisers and events in the community have always been good fun so let us all get behind our activities, enjoy and make them work.

Thanks also to Karen for taking care of the attendance roll for us. Please remember to put in your apology via what's app or message if you cannot attend as discussed at Monday's meeting.

Terry Evans
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall.

Monday 14th April 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 28th 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.
- Possible club trip to Harvey to attend the Harvey Club/Peter Schultz changeover

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr April 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- RAWCS fundraising raffle promotion
- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Brand news update
- District Newsletter #23
- RDU Supplies update

Outward Correspondence:

none



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.

Reconciliation Day 2025 BBQ to be held on June 4th, volunteers required.

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.

Eric: Telling Stephen a joke, stuffed up the ‘punchline’
Edd: When is an electric car not an electric car?
Agony Aunts: Friday, Greg, Bob C, Edd and Eric
Paying for Breakfast, ??
Sam: Came armed with a cushion?
Mike: In need of a ‘shave’
Bob T: Drinking Red Wine???
John I: Calling the Sergeant detrimental names!!
Football winners and Losers.
Bob C: Badge, upside-down.
John I: Seen eating ‘Fairy Bread’ !!!
John M: Washing-up the gravy cup??

14th April 2025

Poliovirus-essential facility (PEF) in Belgium awarded world’s first Certificate of Containment – a polio vaccine manufacturing facility in Belgium became the first ever PEF to receive a full Certificate of Containment (CC), approved by the Global Commission for the Certification of Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC). This work is part of ongoing worldwide efforts to ensure the safe and secure containment of polioviruses in facilities that retain them. [More](#).

Advance notification was received this week of a cVDPV2 isolated from an environmental sample in Papua New Guinea. The virus was isolated only from the environment – no associated cases of paralysis have been detected. The virus was isolated from a sample collected on 11 March, from Lae City, Morobe Province. It has 19 mutations in VP1 genomic region and is genetically linked to cVDPV2-n from Indonesia, last detected there in June 2024. At this time, there is no evidence of local transmission in Papua New Guinea with this event. Nevertheless, health authorities in the country are treating this event as high risk and have notified WHO officially through the International Health Regulations and are implementing measures to address the situation. Authorities are continuing to assess subnational immunity levels and implementing efforts to address coverage gaps; strengthening surveillance including conducting retrospective searches for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases; and continuing extensive field investigations, including sampling of healthy children to further assess potential circulation of the virus. Partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, notably through our regional and country colleagues, continue to support local and national health authorities in these efforts. The isolate will be officially reflected in next week’s global update.

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

- Angola: one cVDPV2 case
- Côte d’Ivoire: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Ethiopia: three cVDPV2 cases
- Israel: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample





Rtn Alam Johnson: Thumbnail



Alan Johnson, born 1960, Alan firstly told us he has Type 2 Diabetes and had this to say.

“ The word diabetic should not be used in this context. It is insulin resistance. Two things going on

1. The mechanism that lets energy get into the cells to be passed around the body is faulty. The insulin that allows this process to occur cannot facilitate this process
2. This leaves the cells saying I need energy, so hormone is sent out to make you feel hungry.
3. But your blood is full of sugar
4. So now it stores it in the only way it can... Fat. Good idea but not really good.
5. Type 2 can progress to Type 1 as your insulin producing Pancreas wears out from the over production of insulin in Type 2. Bit of a shit show but that's it in a nutshell.

Happy to chat about it.

Early years Pt Pirie

Went to school there until end of third year where a became a boarded at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide, Studied Metallurgy at SAIT

After a couple of family trauma's withdrew

Worked at Smelters (Lead Smelter at the end of the main street – Similar to Kwinana and the industrial strip) as plant operator and then become Electrical apprentice

That was my ticket out of town

Came to WA with the intention of working around AUS First of many times across Nullarbor across to WA.

Went to a gold mine and then onto a gig with SECWA looking after power stations on the Aboriginal Communities of WA. Now this was an eye opener, saw some great country and met some great people

Fell off power pole, 10 Mtrs is a good fall.

BACK to SA

Worked mainly in Power Generation until I came back to WA with a couple of mates to do the Kimberlys (I could never shut up about them) and saw my old boss. Had interview in the front Bar at Halls Creek and

BACK To WA

Did contract work on Power stations again with SECWA and started workshop in Broome.

SECWA shut down country undertakings so went Iron ore mining. Big trains...

At about this time Rosemary and I got together and after a few R&Rs in SA and WA decided to get together. She came from SA, and I dropped down from The Kimberly. Ended up with a house in High Wycombe

At that time, I was a tech for a power generation company but was getting used and abused. Final straw was when we had a 1-year-old, I was sent to Cocos Islands for 7 weeks. Rosemary got me through to the 2nd Interview while I was still at cocos (I think it was time to go) Went to live in Kambalda as elec super of the concentrator

At this time the seed was sown in my head about something like The Fathering Project.

Saw too many kids not seeing grandparents except for a couple of weeks a year.

(Many people in the gold fields were from the East or another country)

SO, BACK TO SA.

Lived in a little town called MALLALA (Home of motor sport SA)

Worked for Power Generation company

Worked on Robotics building Holdens- I now know how much glue they use.
And that if you are an engineer and can cut 2 bolts from the car then that is ½ a \$million saved.
(Economy of scale)

Worked making wine bottles. (Scary stuff when you have bottles flying past at 500 bottles / minute on 4 lines (2000 in total)

Looked at FIFO again as shift work was killing us, so went 8/6 on a uranium mine,
Electrical Supervisor (This is where working at a Lead Smelter for 8 years came in handy)

At this point (7 years) it was decided that our Kid has seen enough of her grandparents, and I was open to offers

BACK TO WA

Once again Power Generation company Mine power stations

And another Power generation company. This time building power stations on remote Aboriginal communities

And then a Generator rental company running station on Mine site

And then another Generation company as the Electrical Supervisor.

So that's it really, so for a busted arse electrician I haven't done too bad.

The next phase

Cert 4 Community services (Possibly more study)

Work with The Fathering Project

Work with Salvos

Relax and enjoy

More involved with Rotary

Interesting videos

Zenith 74 hrs on renewables

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16ETHbuwyn>

Wiki (I know not entirely the best resource but easiest for me to find)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pebble-bed_reactor

Amcor glass (Video from Germany and glass jars but you can get the idea)

<https://youtu.be/PKdHzCTO27Q?feature=shared>

When our lawnmower broke, my wife kept hinting I should get it fixed.
But I always had something more pressing
like working on the shed, fixing the boat, or brewing beer.
Finally, she found a clever way to get me to pay attention.
I came home one day to find her sitting in the tall grass, cutting it with tiny sewing scissors.
I stood there watching her for a minute, then went inside.
A minute later, I came back out with a toothbrush and said,
"When you finish with the grass, you might as well clean the driveway."
The doctors say I'll walk again, but I'll always have a limp.

Birthdays and Anniversaries April 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

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



Wedding Anniversaries

Norm & Karen	01 st	34 years
Cyril & Lynne	06 th	29 years



Club Anniversaries:

Pam Brookes	10 th	2 years
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Congratulations



The National Youth Science Forum is a two-week programme for students moving into Year 12 who are thinking about a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.(STEM). It is held each January at Universities in either WA, Canberra or Brisbane.

For this prestigious program participants live on campus and are involved in site tours, laboratory activities, workshops, lectures and social events. This includes discussion of National and international issues with leading experts in their fields and group activities to improve communication and presentation skills. There is little time for outside activities, and everyone is encouraged to embrace their passion for STEM as well as outside interests such as sport, the arts and music. The program continues after January, in the form of university seminars and industry site visits in March and April and afterwards as a network of like-minded young people who have become lifelong friends with the common aim of encouraging excellence in STEM.

The cost includes return travel to and accommodation. All activities are fully supervised by student staff and Resident Rotary Counsellors.

For more information [Click](#) here



What happened this week in history?



April 14th

to

Apr 20th



14th

43BC: Assassination of Julius Caesar
1828: First American Dictionary: its author Noah Webster registers its copyright for publication
1860: 1st Pony Express rider arrives in San Francisco from St Joseph, Missouri
1912: RMS Titanic, the world's largest ocean liner, hits an iceberg at 11.40pm off Newfoundland

15th

1755: Samuel Johnson's "A Dictionary of the English Language" published in London
1793: Bank of England issues first £5 note
1870: Last day US silver coins allow to circulate in Canada
1923: 1st sound on film public performance shown at Rialto Theatre (NYC)

16th

1746: Jacobite Rising 1745: Battle of Culloden, the last battle on British soil:
1789: George Washington heads for 1st presidential inauguration
1922: Annie Oakley sets women's record by breaking 100 clay targets in a row
1953: British royal yacht Britannia launched by Queen Elizabeth II

17th

1492: Christopher Columbus signs a contract with the Spanish monarchs to find the "Indies".
1534: Thomas More confined in the Tower of London
1875: Modern Snooker invented by Sir Neville Chamberlain, a bored British officer in India
1964: Ford Mustang formally introduced (\$2,368 base)

18th

1506: The cornerstone of the current St. Peter's Basilica is laid in the Vatican by Pope Julius II
1809: First run of 2,000 guineas horse race at Newmarket, England
1874: David Livingstone, African explorer, buried in Westminster Abbey
1906: San Francisco earthquake and fire kills nearly 4,000 while destroying 75% of the city

19th

1770: British explorer Captain James Cook first sights Australia.
1839: Treaty of London constitutes Belgium an independent kingdom
1904: Much of Toronto destroyed by fire
1948: Chiang Kai-shek elected President of Nationalist China

20th

1611: First known performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth at the Globe Theatre, London
1770: Captain James Cook arrives in, what is now New South Wales
1862: First pasteurization test completed by Frenchmen Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard
1887: Georges Bouton wins the world's 1st motor race on a steam-powered quadricycle



Australia's Biggest Afternoon Tea

Thurs 22 May 2025
 2pm - 4pm
 Doors Open 1:40pm
 Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre
 17 Harley Way Medina

Cost: \$10 pp includes tea/coffee & afternoon tea

All proceeds go to the Cancer Council! Need more info?? Call 0414 870 743

Can't attend but want to make a donation? Please use our QR code



Don't forget to bring your spare change as there will be games, raffles & lucky squares!

Tickets can be purchased at Frank Konecny or by calling 0414 870 743, before 3pm May 16th. We sold out last year, so HURRY so you don't miss out!

Cancer Council
 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



CONNECT, LEARN AND HAVE FUN

FREE Children's Event at Skottowe Park!

Fun, Food & Prizes – Everyone Welcome!

Date: Wednesday, 23rd April
Location: Skottowe Park, Kwinana
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Brought to you by NewGen Power Station's FREE Community Feed Grant, this event is all about connecting, learning, and having fun together!

- FREE Food & Refreshments**
- Treasure Hunt – Prizes for the kids!**
- Community Discovery Challenge – Prizes for caregivers!**
- Fun Activities & Games**
- Community Stalls & Information – Discover services available in Kwinana!**

Reserve your spot by calling 9439-2470



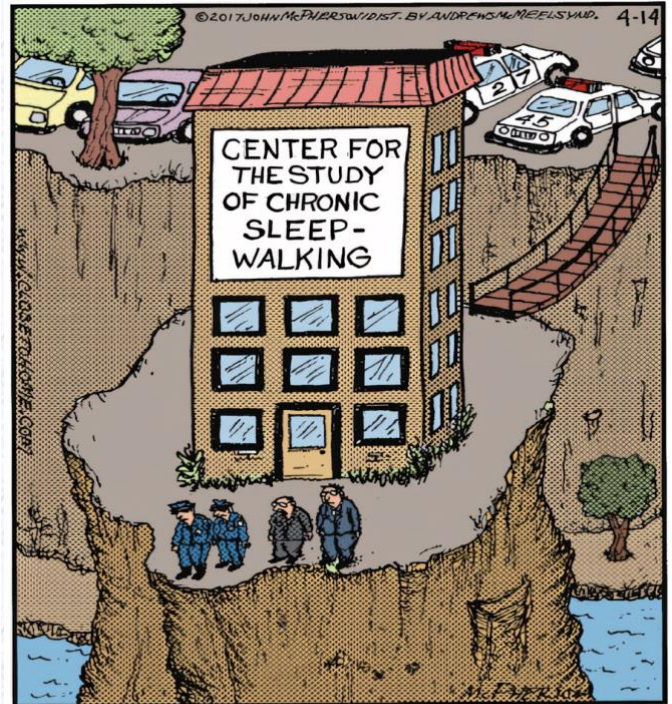
FRANK KONECNY
 COMMUNITY CENTRE
 "Bringing People Together"

Edd and Greg attended the Anzac Service at Gilmore College





Grilled Chicken



"Well, yes, I will admit that after three tragedies like this, we are questioning the wisdom in building the center at this location."

Nearby 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

Rotary Club of Kwinana
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