



# 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** 5  
**Attended** 14  
**Guests**  
**Visitors**  
**Partners** 3

79.0 %

## Raffle

## Heads & Tails



# Bulletin

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

Great meeting tonight, we travelled to Rockingham, to the Safety Bay Bowling Club to attend a Rockingham Rotary Club meeting, the highlight of the evening was a presentation by their Rotary Exchange Student Gianluca Pepe (from Naples). Gianluca returns home to Italy on the 1st of July.

What a pleasant young man, he gave us a pictorial insight into his twelve months in Australia. He has covered a large amount of Australia from our NW to our SW, to Queensland's Gold Coast with its many attractions.

Gianluca is very interested in marine biology and hopes to return to Australia to study. He made a very polished and interesting presentation enhanced by his infectious sense of humour.

PP Chris O was able to retrieve our missing 'gavel' that was souvenired by Rockingham during their last visit, at the end of the evening all gavels were returned to their rightful owners and under close observation.

Fast approaching the end of our Rotary year, we still have a number of positions to fill, hopefully in the next couple of weeks?

Congratulations, PP Chris Oughton who racks-up 22 years' service to Rotary and our club on June 25th

Put this in your diary: Christmas-in-July, is happening on Saturday July 25th



**Rotary International President**  
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

**District Governor 9423**  
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



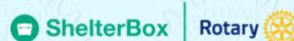
**Meets on Monday**  
**6:00 for 6:30 pm**  
**At Rotary Hall**  
**Brownell Crescent**  
**Medina**

**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



15th June 2026



Tonight was a combined meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Rockingham and Palm Beach to hear the farewell speech from their Italian Exchange Student Luca, who heads back to Naples on 1 July. There was a good turnout from our club, including Eric, John & Derryl Wallhead, Soren, James, John Iriks, Karen, Andrew, AJ, John Maskell and his sister Linn, Helen, Genevieve, and Yanti and I. Our members did well in winning many of the raffle prizes, including John Wallhead who won 3 times. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the whereabouts of a number of gavels. Palm Beach did not even realise that they had lost theirs. Kwinana got their gavel back. Rockingham were using a wooden spoon to ring the bell during the night, and it seems that a certain Kwinana Rotarian made sure that the wooden spoon would not be used by Rockingham in the future.

Sarah from the Rockingham club has created and given our club a giant cheque that can be used for photo purposes in the future. There was a secret message on the cheque which was interpreted as "Keep an eye on your Gavel"

The Indonesian School Renovations team will be presenting on the last visit to the club on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

I have spoken to the people at Kainan Café in Medina about a restaurant evening, and they are very welcome to the idea. Their food is a fusion of Filipino and Western cuisines. Yanti and I made the ultimate sacrifice and went for dinner there and can thoroughly recommend it. Can I put this down as R & D and claim it back from the club?

As advised, with the Changeover coming up on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

There is an opportunity here for people to make a huge difference to OUR club, so 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 the 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.

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 2025/26



**Genevieve Carr President 2026/27 15th June 2026**



1. **Many thanks** to the Rockingham Rotary Club for inviting us to join in a wonderful night of fellowship at their meeting this week.

2. **Changeover Night:** Saturday 4 July at Kwinana Bowling Club. Cost to be \$35 per head for a 3-course meal.

PE Genevieve Carr



**PE Genevieve Carr 15th June 2026**



Inward Correspondence.

- Notice from RI regarding managing prospective member enquiries
- Notice of how to make end-of-year donations to Rotary Foundation
- Membership Minutes
- Reminder to update club data by 1 July 2026
- RotaryWA Round-Up #55
- RDU Supplies update
- Notice of our Club being nominated for Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
- Invitation to participate in "Kwinana Senior Photo shoot"

Outward Correspondence:

None

Meeting at Safety Bay Bowling Club, Monday 15th June 2026



The 'gavels' were eventually returned to their respective owners





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

Exchange Student Gianluca Pepe (from Italy)



Stephen, Norm and John during their recent trip to Indonesia



## Polio This Week

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

### Recent Local Activity (Western Australia)

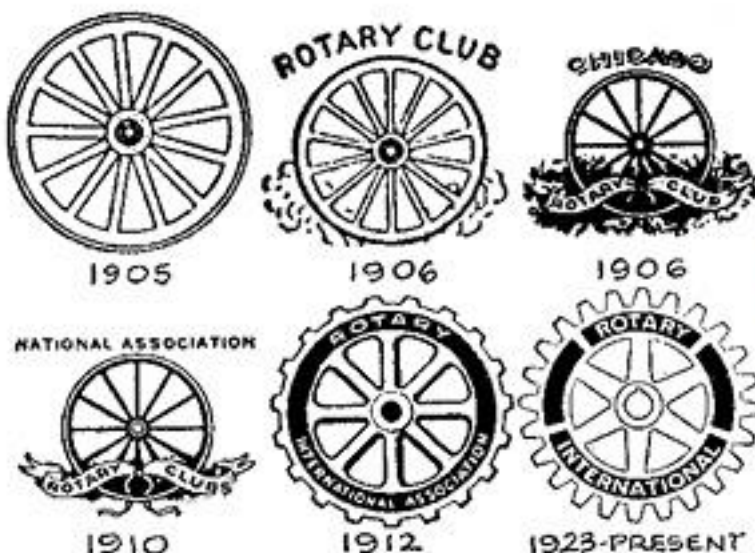
- Health authorities detected vaccine-derived poliovirus in untreated wastewater in Perth.
- The strain found is associated with the oral polio vaccine, which is not used in Australia.
- Early assessments indicate the wastewater trace was linked to an overseas traveller.
- No human cases of polio have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

### Global Epidemiology

- **Wild Poliovirus (WPV1):** Endemic transmission remains strictly localized to Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- **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



The evolution of the Rotary Wheel Logo

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries June 2026*

### **Birthday Congratulations:**

Gladys Blogg 12th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**



### **Club Anniversaries:**

John Wallhead 1st 41 years

Chris Oughton 25th 22 years

*Congratulations*

Max with the current crew working in Timor-Leste





The Rotary Club of Kwinana is a supporter of this fine group

We're having an amazing Term 2, and we wanted to share what the kids have been up to here on the farm, as well as some exciting news for our Family Community.

This term, our primary programs have been discovering the excitement of building their own cubby houses and forts with their groups. There have been some incredibly inventive structures, creative teamwork, and problem-solving happening across the farm as the children design, build, and bring their ideas to life.

Alongside these projects, our kids have also been diving into a hands-on journey of food, farming, health, and sustainability through real life, project based learning experiences. From planting garlic to designing healthy lunchboxes, every activity is designed to help children connect with the world around them in meaningful and practical ways.

### **Some of the Topics We've Been Exploring**

- Discovering where food begins
- Whole foods vs processed foods
- Soil health, composting, and worms
- Planting garlic and creating herb and garlic pull-aparts
- Root vegetables and learning about energy foods
- Exploring complex carbs vs simple carbs
- Cooking with potatoes and making a big farm vegetable soup
- Eggs, chickens, proteins, and cooking with eggs
- Seasonal fruits, natural sugars, and baking apple crumble
- Apple varieties and a fun enzymatic browning experiment
- Learning about sugar, processed sugars, and hidden sugars in drinks

Through these experiences, children are building practical life skills, confidence, creativity, resilience, and a deeper understanding of healthy living and sustainable food systems — all while learning through doing.



# What happened this week in history?



June 15th to June 21st



15<sup>th</sup>

1215: King John signs Magna Carta at Runnymede, near Windsor, England.  
1219: The flag of Denmark and the oldest national flag in the world.  
1643: Able Tasman returns to Batavia after discovering Tasmania and New Zealand.  
1667: 1st fully documented human blood transfusion by French physician, Dr. Jean-Baptiste Denys

16<sup>th</sup>

1567: Mary, Queen of Scots, imprisoned in Lochleven Castle prison, Scotland.  
1779: Spain declares war on Great Britain in support of France and the USA.  
1882: 17" hailstones weighing 1.75 lbs fall in Dubuque Iowa.  
1903: Ford Motors under Henry Ford incorporates.

17<sup>th</sup>

1579: Anti-English uprising in Ireland.  
1579: Francis Drake lands on the coast of California at Drakes Bay, names it "New Albion"  
1755: Future explorer James Cook joins the Royal Navy as an able-bodied seaman.  
1837: Charles Goodyear obtains his 1st rubber patent.

18<sup>th</sup>

1264: The Parliament of Ireland meets at Castledermot in County Kildare, the first known meeting.  
1639: Treaty of Berwick: Ends the First Bishops' War between England and Scotland.  
1767: Samuel Wallis, an English sea captain, sights Tahiti; considered the 1<sup>st</sup> European to the island  
1815: Battle of Waterloo; Napoleon Bonaparte and France defeated by British.

19<sup>th</sup>

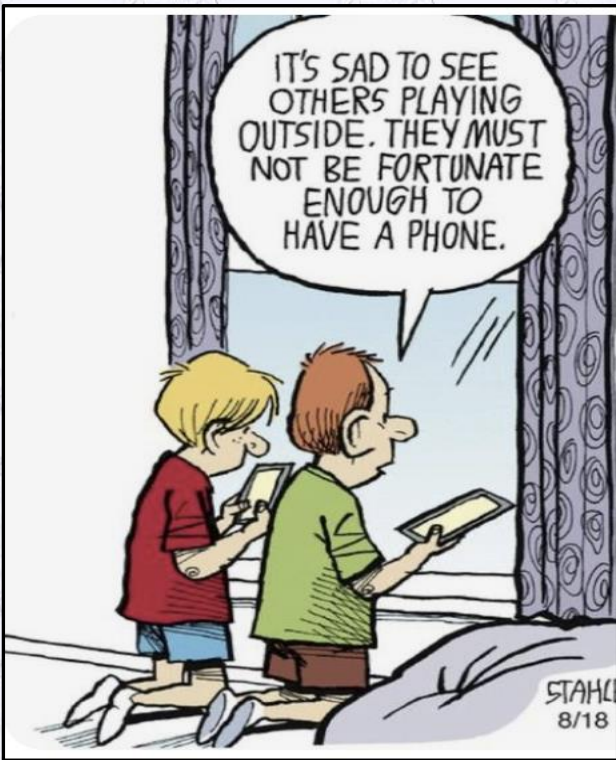
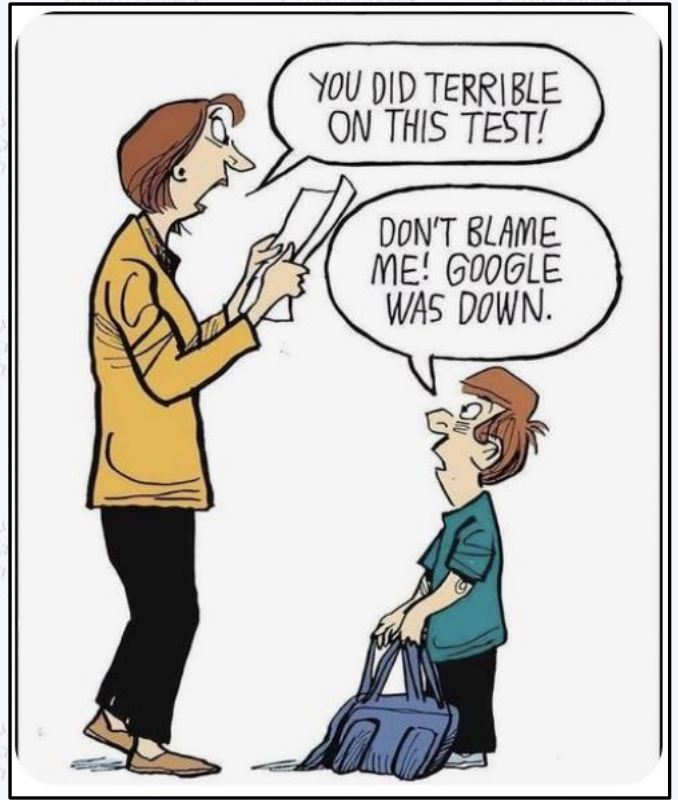
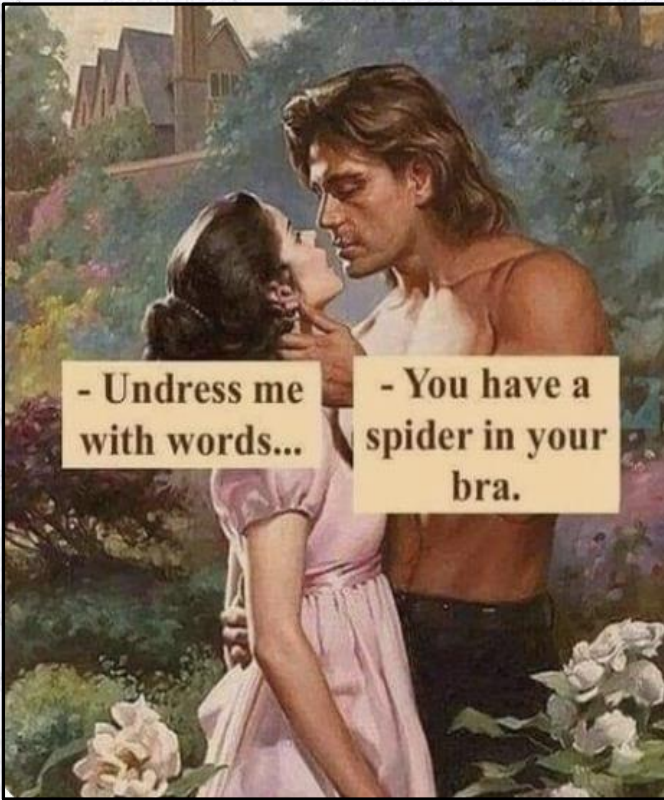
1464: French King Louis XI forms postal service.  
1829: Robert Peel introduces the Metropolitan Police Act 1829 into Parliament 1st modern police.  
1917: The British Royal Family renounces its German names and adopts the name of Windsor.  
1932: Hailstones kill 200 in Hunan Province, China.

20<sup>th</sup>

1756: Black Hole of Calcutta: 146 British soldiers, are imprisoned in a small dungeon in Calcutta.  
1919: The SS Savannah reaches Cork in Ireland after 29 days, 1<sup>st</sup> steamship to cross any ocean.  
1837: Queen Victoria at 18 ascends British throne following death of uncle, King William IV.  
1968: Jim Hines becomes 1st person to run 100 meters in under 10 seconds.

21<sup>st</sup>

1675: Foundation stone for London's St. Paul's Cathedral is laid.  
1834: American inventor and businessman Cyrus McCormick patents the reaping machine.  
1854: First Victoria Cross won during bombardment of Bomarsund in the Aland Islands (Crimean)  
1921: The UK, the Dominions, and India, become the British Commonwealth of Nations.



**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