



# 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**

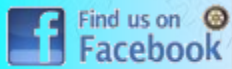
## Facts & Figures

Attendance this week  
**Total Members** 25  
**Apologies**  
**Make-up** 4  
**Attended** 19  
**Guests** 2  
**Visitors**  
**Partners**

83.0 %

**Raffle**  
**Stephen & Karen**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Eric**



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

**Visitors/New members**  
**always welcome**  
**Contact**  
**0400 837 603**



# Bulletin

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

Good meeting, we had 16 members present, 2 ladies, Jacqueline and Oria came along to check us out.

PE Genevieve organised a 'Pizza night' Domino variety.

Alan Armstrong gave us a 'thumbnail' tonight, well-presented and received.

PP Chris O and PP Soren were missing; on a fishing charter I believe.

President Stephen enthusiastically told us that next week will be his last meeting as our President and is looking forward to handing the reins to Genevieve.

Changeover meeting will be on Saturday 4th July at the Kwinana Bowling Club, 6pm for 6.30pm. 3 course meal, \$35ph.

Next week, Stephen, Norm and John will be presenting a report on their recent trip to Indonesia where they renovated three more schools.

Our next Bunnings BBQ is scheduled for Sunday August 9th  
Put this in your diary: Christmas-in-July, is happening on Saturday July 25th  
Kwinana Community Fair 2026 will be held on Saturday 7th November.



**Rotary International President**  
2025/26

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

**District Governor 9423**  
2025/26

Veronica Lawrance

Rotary Club of Mill Point



## June: Rotary Fellowships Month

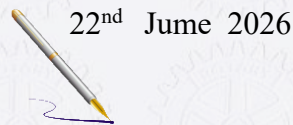
Mon 1st	No Meeting	Public Holiday
Mon 8th	Club Meeting	
Mon 15th	Meeting with Rockingham Rotary Club	
Mon 22nd	Club Meeting	Thumbnail: Alan Armstrong
Mon 29th	Club Meeting	Indonesian School Report

**Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'**





President's Pen



22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026



Tonight was a good meeting with 2 guests. Attendance was 83%

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.

Reminder of Changeover coming up on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Bowls Club.

As discussed previously, 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) for the Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24/06, 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.

I ran into Tony Miller who is now back from Vietnam. Hope to see him at the meetings soon.

Stephen Castelli President 2025/26

Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 22nd June 2026





**Genevieve Carr President 2026/27 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**



1. **Pizza Night** on Monday 22 June. Hopefully everyone had enough to eat!
2. **Monday 29 June** President Stephen and team will be presenting on the Indonesian School project. Meal for that evening will be Asian-themed, from Wellard Noodle Bar.
3. **Club Changeover Night:** Saturday 4 July at Kwinana Bowling Club, commencing at 6.30pm. Cost to be \$35 per head; 3-course meal. Please advise of attendance so that caterers can be informed by this weekend.
4. **Monday 6 July:** No meeting
5. **Monday 13 July:** Visit from David Cumming, of Camp Opportunity
6. **Genevieve away** 20 July – 29 August
7. **Saturday 25 July:** Christmas in July function

PE Genevieve Carr



**PE Genevieve Carr 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**



**Inward Correspondence.**

- Rotary Club of Perth newsletter
- Notice regarding National youth Science Forum (NYSF) applications
- Message regarding deceased estate
- Financial details from District Assembly
- Acceptance of invitation to Club Changeover from Darrel Donovan
- DG Online
- Request for BBQ on 26/06/2026
- Rotary South Pacific news
- ShelterBox newsletter
- RDU Supplies update
- Invitation to Elvis tribute at Koorliny Arts Centre on 25/07/2026
- RDU.One

**Outward Correspondence:**

- Letter sent to Rockingham Bunnings seeking permission to run fundraising BBQ on Sunday 9 August

**Below is a piece written by Inger Ward (Befriend) for the IPL Newspaper.**

### **Celebrating the Quiet Achievers: Kwinana Rotary's Remarkable Legacy.**

What an incredible milestone and heartfelt congratulations to all past and present members of the Kwinana Rotary Club.



One thing I often find myself reflecting on is just how much good happens quietly in our community. So many volunteers, community groups, service organisations, charities, sporting clubs, neighbourhood networks and everyday individuals contribute their time and energy without fanfare or expectation of recognition. Whether it's Rotary, the Salvation Army, Befriend, local sporting clubs, or countless others, there are people across Kwinana rolling up their sleeves every day simply because they care.

The truth is, we probably don't make enough noise about these efforts.

For that reason, I am always more than happy to help celebrate and share the successes of our community whenever I become aware of them. These stories deserve to be told because they remind us of the incredible generosity, compassion and community spirit that exists all around us.

I have been fortunate to experience firsthand the impact of Kwinana Rotary over many years. From supporting community initiatives to helping deliver the much-loved Kwinana Rotary Community Fair, Rotary's contribution reaches far beyond any single project or event. Their commitment to making a difference has touched countless lives and helped strengthen the fabric of our community.

One particularly meaningful example is the partnership between Kwinana Rotary and Befriend. Together, we have helped create welcoming Pop-Up Community Lounges at John Wellard Community Centre on Mondays and William Bertram Community Centre on Wednesdays. The comfortable chairs and furnishings, many generously provided through Rotary have helped transform these venues into warm, inviting spaces where people can gather, connect, share a cuppa and enjoy a genuine sense of belonging.

Rotary's ongoing support of Befriend's Seniors Week activities, along with our newer Cultural Experiences program, is also helping us engage an even broader cross-section of the community. These partnerships create opportunities for friendships to form, stories to be shared, cultures to be celebrated and barriers to participation being gently removed.

While many community projects often carry the name of the organisation delivering them, the true impact lies in the countless volunteers behind the scenes who give their time, skills and hearts to make them possible. Rotary has long embodied that spirit of service.

To every Rotarian who has contributed over the years, whether through fundraising, volunteering, sponsorship, leadership, or simply lending a hand when it was needed — thank you. The ripple effect of your efforts can be seen in community projects, events, friendships and moments of connection that continue to enrich the lives of people across Kwinana.

Today we celebrate not only a remarkable milestone alongside you, but also the enduring spirit of service, generosity, and community that Rotary represents. Here's to everything that has been achieved so far and to the many lives that will continue to be touched in the years ahead.

Congratulations, Kwinana Rotary. Kwinana is stronger because of you.



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



Alan: New haircut and drinking 'moonshine'

Table one, Pizza ?

Stephen: Phone call!!!

'Gavel' returned to our club, all involved were fined.

Bob C: Looks as though he's been fighting someone?

Stephen: Something about a misplaced fridge and table, put in truck on Thursday?

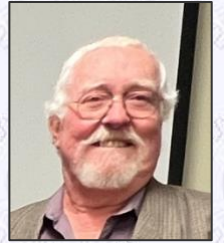
John W: Took off 3 raffle prizes at Safety Bay meeting.

A brunette, a redhead and a blonde are in a breaststroke race. The starter's gun goes off, and the three girls dive into the pool. The brunette and the redhead shoot across the pool and get out. 20 minutes later the blonde reaches the end and gets out. The judge says, "The gold medal goes to the brunette, the silver medal goes to the redhead, and the bronze goes to the blonde". The blonde says, "I don't want to be a sore loser, but I think the other girls were using their arms."



Alan Armstrong: Thumbnail

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Alan Armstrong, born at Bruce Rock District Hospital to Kingsley & Lilian Armstrong on 25th November 1953.

At 12 years old Dad sold the farm and we moved to Attadale, where I had 2 years of primary school before I was sent to 'boarding school' (Hale School, Wembley Downs)

At 17 I started a 5-year apprenticeship in Automotive Mechanics, earning \$12 dollars per week.

Thanks to my grandfather who told me to put \$2.00 a week into superannuation, thanks to grandad I have been debt-free several times throughout my life.

I then started my 'miss-spent youth' I was introduced to 'radical-tendencies'  
It's time to vote 'Labour' "I did not want to be sent to the Vietnam War"

After qualifying as a Automotive Mechanic, I then studied and became a member of the Institute of Automotive Engineers, sadly, I have forgotten more than I ever learnt.

My wife Janet, born in England 8th July 1942, we married 8th March 1982 and have been together for 40+ years.

Jan has 3 children from her first marriage, and they are my kids as well now.

2 of our children have now given us 10 grandchildren.

Only half of those grandkids have learnt what to do & 16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

There is a story about a Cougar & a Toy Boy, but I'm sworn to secrecy.

Jan & I built our first home in Yangebup and became dept free after paying 18% interest.

We then built again in Bertram & are debt free again in our now retirement home.

President Srephen, Alan Armstrong and Norm Mulchay with a 'villainous sign'



## Polio This Week 22nd June 2026

### GPEI Webinar on updated Outbreak Response SOPs

On Tuesday 23 June, join GPEI partners and experts at a special webinar launching updated [Outbreak Response Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#). The updated SOPs sharpen how countries detect, assess and respond to polio outbreaks. They introduce clearer outbreak definitions, stronger risk assessment, and more tailored response strategies, helping programmes close immunity gaps faster and prevent outbreaks from becoming prolonged. At the heart of the updated guidance is a simple goal: protect children more rapidly and interrupt transmission more reliably, even in the most challenging settings. The webinar will take place on Tuesday 23 June 2026, from 14.00hrs to 15.30hrs Central European Summer Time, at the following Zoom link:

- Zoom meeting link: <https://who.zoom.us/j/96182429094>
- Passcode: WHOPolio2\*

### Next steps for Sustaining a Polio-free World Strategy

Following the presentation of [Sustaining a Polio-free World: A strategy for long-term success](#) to the 79<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, attention is now shifting from strategy development towards implementation. A planning period, beginning now, will focus on ensuring that the necessary building blocks are in place to sustain a polio-free world after eradication. This will rely on maintaining polio-essential functions — surveillance, immunization, outbreak preparedness and response, and containment — at high quality in all countries, while embedding them within broader health systems. This effort is aligned with broader shifts in the global health architecture towards greater country ownership, reduced fragmentation, and strengthened impact.

### Award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker Carl Kurlander reflecting on what the World Cup and fight against polio have in common...

As the 2026 World Cup begins, Carl reflects on concerns about infectious disease risks at large global events while connecting them to the broader fight against polio and other preventable illnesses. He highlights the story of polio survivor and advocate [Ramesh Ferris](#) as a powerful example of how individuals can drive change. The piece ultimately argues that moments like the World Cup present a unique opportunity to mobilize public attention and collective action to “take our shot” at finally ending polio and strengthening global health efforts. [More](#).

### Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Afghanistan: two WPV1 cases
- Pakistan: one WPV1-positive environmental sample



## *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*



The 2026 Rotary International Convention drew over 38,000 attendees from more than 140 countries. Hosted in Taipei, Taiwan from June 13–17, 2026, the four-day event marked the first time the city had hosted the annual convention in 32 years.

A snapshot of the 2026 statistics and details includes:

- **Attendance:** Over 38,000 participants from 140 countries.
- **Host Support:** Powered by 12 Rotary host districts in Taiwan featuring roughly 37,000 local members.
- **Economic Impact:** Projected to inject \$50 million to \$55 million (USD) into the local economy.
- **Key Venues:** Held across the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center and the Taipei Dome.
- **Key Speakers:** Included addresses from Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousafzai.

**Performances:** The closing ceremony featured a headline performance by singer Leona Lewis.



# What happened this week in history?



June 22nd to June 28th



22<sup>nd</sup>

1675: Royal Greenwich Observatory established in England by Charles II  
1814: 1st match at the present Lord's, MCC v Herefordshire.  
1865: Acknowledged as 1st Class Cricket debut of Dr W. G. Grace; as a 16-year-old.  
1911: King George V crowned King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

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0930: World's oldest parliament, the Icelandic Parliament is established.  
1683: William Penn signs friendship treaty with Lenni Lenape Indians in Pennsylvania.  
1775: 1st regatta held on river Thames, England.  
1960: 1st contraceptive pill is made available for purchase in the U.S.

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1314: Battle of Bannockburn; Scotland regains independence from England  
1441: Eton College founded in England by Henry VI  
1509: Henry VIII is crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey, London  
1717: 1st Free Masons' grand lodge founded in London

25<sup>th</sup>

1864: Horse tramway in The Hague, Netherlands opens  
1867: 1st barbed wire patented by Lucien B. Smith of Ohio  
1876: Battle of the Little Bighorn: in what has become famously known as "Custer's Last Stand"  
1910: US Mann Act passed (no women may cross state lines for immoral purposes)

26<sup>th</sup>

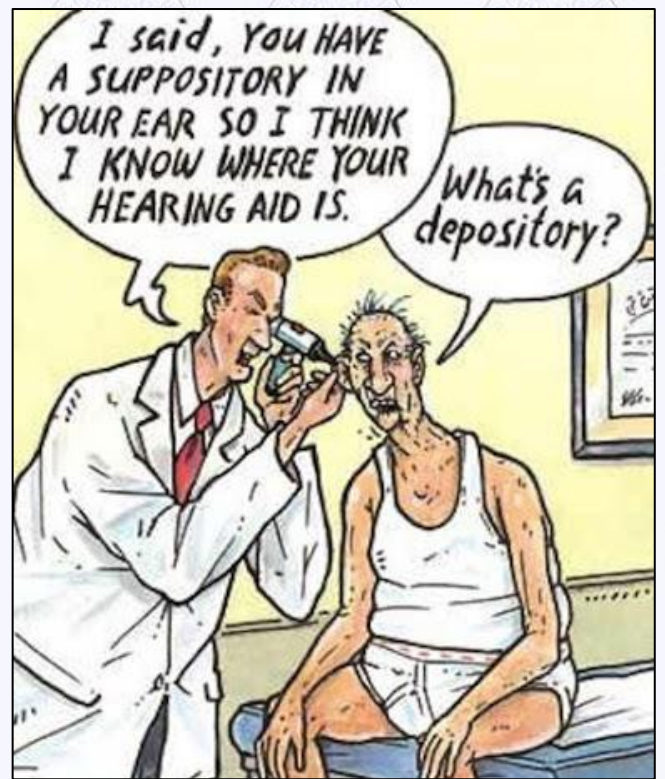
1498: Toothbrush invented in China using boar bristles  
1721: Dr Zabdiel Boylston gives 1st smallpox inoculations in America  
1843: Hong Kong proclaimed a British Crown Colony  
1936: 1st flight of Fw61 helicopter

27<sup>th</sup>

1778: Liberty Bell returns home to Philadelphia after the British departure  
1806: Buenos Aires captured by British  
1898: Joshua Slocum arrives in Newport, Rhode Island, the 1st solo circumnavigation of the globe  
1929: 1st colour TV demo, performed by Bell Laboratories in NYC

28<sup>th</sup>

748: Riot after public execution in Amsterdam, 200+ killed  
1820: Tomato is proven to be non-poisonous by Colonel Robert Gibbon eating a tomato  
1838: Coronation of Queen Victoria in Westminster Abbey, London  
1880: Australian bushranger Ned Kelly captured at Glenrowan



### 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