



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

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Rotary Club of Kwinana is 54 years' old 1971/2025

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

- Total Members 25**
- Apologies**
- Make-up**
- Attended 14**
- Hon. Member**
- LOA**
- Guests**
- Visitors 1**
- Partners**

78.2%

Raffle

John I & Soren

With so many members away we had rather a quiet night, Mike, Stephen and Norm are busily renovating a school in Jakarta, good luck, hope you are all going well? We welcomed Soren for another visit.

PDG John Iriks is flat-out putting together a rescue plan to fill the huge gap that will be left by PP Mike stepping back from managing the Furniture Factory.

Congratulations Bob T who celebrates a significant birthday this week. Bob reached the BIG 80 on Wednesday. When one looks around the club these days at how many of us are in the age territory, it's scary!!

When I look at ClubRunner statistics, 18 of us are 70 and over, 5 are 60 and over and 3 are 50 and over, we don't have a member under 50.

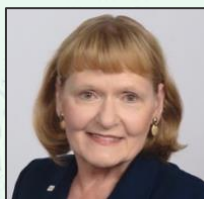
69.2% of our members are 70 and over with 19.2% 60 and over. This gives us an average age of 74.

Worldwide, the average age of Rotarians globally is 58 while in Australia it is 71, in the UK is also high at 74.

Some disturbing figures (from Rotary.org) 61% of Rotarians who joined Rotary in 2016 had terminated their membership by 2020.

Heads & Tails

John I

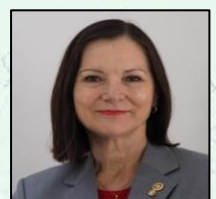


**Rotary International President
2024/25
Stephanie Urchick**

Rotary Club of McMurray
Pennsylvania USA

**District Governor
9423
2024/25**

Pat Schraven



May 2025 - Youth Services Month

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| Mon 5th | Club Meeting | |
| Mon 12th | Club Meeting | 'Forum' Furniture Factory Update. |
| Mon 19th | Club Meeting | |
| Mon 26th | Club Meeting | Matt Paton: Gilmore College Update |

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





Presidents Pen



May 2025



Please keep in mind Rotary Foundation and their Year End Donation Appeal if you are in a position to contribute.

Monday nights meal will be a roast. With our intrepid adventurers off in Indonesia putting their much-valued efforts into refurbishing schools our numbers are down. Please make an extra effort to get to meetings or advise, preferably by Friday night, if you have to be an apology. Thanks in advance.

Just a little reutterance from Monday night. Please consider having a discussion with your family for the benefit of community and the satisfaction of knowing that even in the most tragic of circumstances some good can arise. If one of your family members is a donor and anyone is not aware, it is far better to be prepared and know the answer, should this question ever be asked. Confronted with this terrible situation in Intensive Care forewarned is forearmed and you can carry out your loved ones wishes. For more information check donatelifegov.au.

The Furniture Factory restructure is progressing well. Thank you to all those who are filling in, to keep our club projects moving smoothly.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers who contribute so much to all aspects of our lives.

Terry Evans
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall.

Monday 05th May 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 Kitchenette
- 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.
- Cub trip to Harvey to attend the Harvey Club/Peter Schultz changeover

PE Stephen is presently with Mike and Norm in Jakarta renovating a school.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr May 2025

Inward Correspondence.



- Regional Council Communication
- Reminder to update RI website regarding Club information for 2025 – 2026
- RDU Supplies update
- May issue of *Rotary Down Under*
- Reminder of how to donate to Rotary Foundation
- ROMAC newsletter
- Update regarding Rotary grants
- Webinar invitation
- ROMAC Communications

Outward Correspondence:

- Order sent to Imprint Plastic for new President and Past President badges
- Invitation sent to DGE Veronica Lawrence to attend our Club Changeover on Saturday 28 June – accepted!



2024/25

PDG John Iriks



RYPEN Camp took place (2nd – 4th May 2025)

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a **transformational weekend camp** designed for teenagers aged **14-17**, where they will: Build confidence in **communication & leadership**



2024/25

Rtn. Tony Miller

2025/26

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



Events Manager
PDG John Iriks



Membership Dir.
PP Edd Samut

International

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.

Cyril, stand-in Sergeant tonight.

Eagles and Dockers supporters paid-up after their losses last weekend.

Genevieve again paid-up for being last through the door!!!

Greg: Went to the theatre last Saturday, left his phone on silent, missed 7 calls by Monday.

John Iriks: Owned-up, Monday, Golf Day, set a reminder for 7am, should have been there at 6.30am

05th May 2025

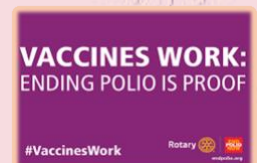
World Immunization Week 2025, themed 'Immunization for All is Humanly Possible', wrapped up 30 April.

The annual campaign coordinated by WHO aims to promote uptake of vaccines, raise awareness about their importance, safety and effectiveness, and encourage action to improve immunization access worldwide. During the week, we saw lot of buzz and great content on polio eradication — thank you to all who engaged with it. To view some of this content, please check out the [WHO Polio X account](#) and the new [GPEI LinkedIn page](#). Be sure to like, follow and share!

Health ministers from across the Eastern Mediterranean Region met virtually with GPEI partners on 27 April for the 13th meeting of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks, renewing an urgent call to end polio in the Region. [More](#).

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

- Pakistan: two WPV1 cases and 22 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases



Stephen, Mike and Norm presently in Jakarta





Recognition and awards all around



Birthdays and Anniversaries May 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

Kertrina 2nd
Bob T 7th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob and Jo 12th 55 years
John and Chris 20th 53 years
Edd and Ann 27th 53 years



Club Anniversaries:

Mike Nella 01st First joined Kwinana Rotary 1982

Congratulations



What happened this week in history?



May 5th to May 11th



5th

- 1494: On 2nd voyage to New World Christopher Columbus sights Jamaica
- 1893: Panic of 1893 causes a large crash on the NY Stock Exchange
- 1912: Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda begins publishing
- 1930: Amy Johnson takes off - first woman to fly solo from England to Australia

6th

- 1541: King Henry VIII orders a bible in English be placed in every church in England
- 1794: Haiti, under Toussaint Louverture, revolts against France
- 1837: US blacksmith John Deere creates the first steel plough in Grand Detour, Illinois
- 1851: Linus Yale Jr. patents the Yale cylinder lock

7th

- 1663: Theatre Royal in Drury Lane London opens
- 1718: The city of New Orleans founded by Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville
- 1867: Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel patents dynamite in England
- 1913: British House of Commons rejects women's right to vote

8th

- 1348: Ship from Bordeaux carrying the plague, lands in Melcombe Regis (Weymouth), Dorset.
- 1541: Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his expedition discover the Mississippi River
- 1847: Scot, Robert Thompson patents rubber tyre
- 1886: Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta sells the first Coca-Cola (contained cocaine)

9th

- 1502: Christopher Columbus leaves Spain on his 4th and final trip to the New World
- 1788: British parliament accepts abolition of slave trade
- 1896: 1st horseless carriage show in London (featured 10 models)
- 1901: The first Australian Parliament opens in Melbourne, first working session will be 21 May

10th

- 1503: Christopher Columbus discovers the Cayman Islands
- 1655: Jamaica captured by the English
- 1797: 1st US Navy ship, the "United States," is launched
- 1924: J. Edgar Hoover appointed head of FBI

11th

- 1749: British parliament accepts Consolidation Act, to reorganise the Royal Navy
- 1812: Waltz introduced into English ballrooms. Some observers consider it disgusting and immoral.
- 1820: Launch of HMS Beagle, the ship a young Charles Darwin on his famous scientific voyage
- 1947: BF Goodrich announced the development of tubeless tyre.

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.



RECONCILIATION DAY

Bridging Now to Next

We invite you to join us at this Reconciliation Day event where we will come together to respect and acknowledge Aboriginal culture, land, history and heritage.

Have a yarn with our Elders whilst you enjoy dance, music and a BBQ.

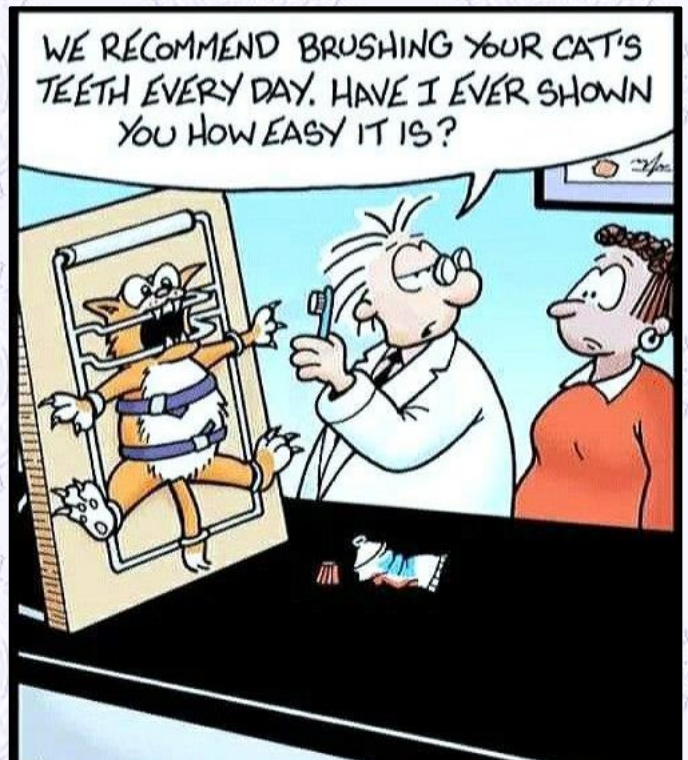
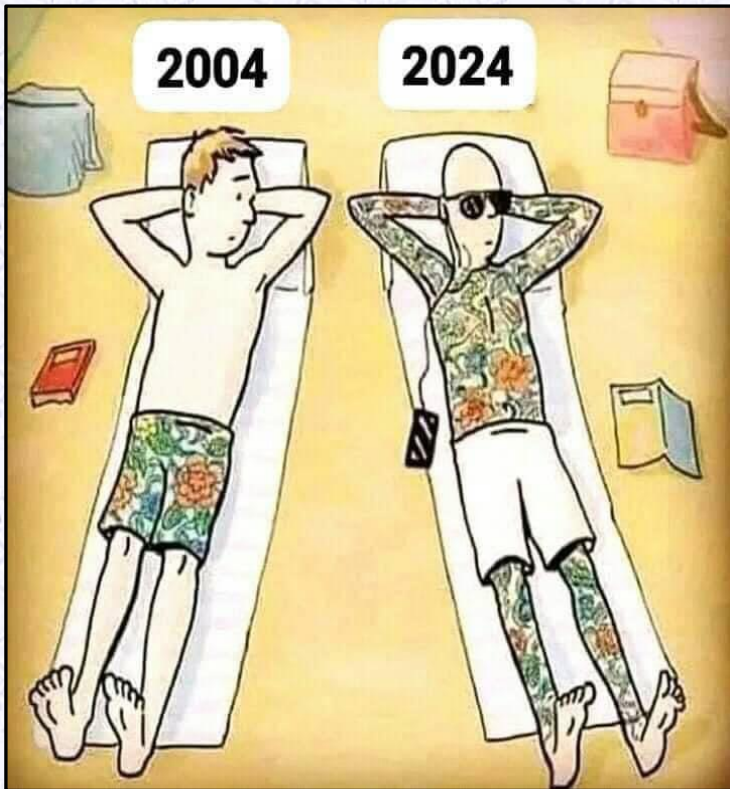
-  Guest Speakers
-  Entertainment
-  Raffles  BBQ  Activities

This event is proudly sponsored by Alcoa.

EVENT DETAILS

-  Wednesday 4th June
-  9.30am - 1pm
-  Medina Hall
7 Pace Road, Medina





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

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