



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 16
Guests 1
Visitors
Partners 3

83.0 %

Raffle
Karen M & Alan A

Heads & Tails
Andrew



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

Visitors/New members
always welcome
Contact
0400 837 603

The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9423 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



Bulletin

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

Our last general meeting of the 2025/26 year, Naveed, a former member of the Belmont Club, Brad Morgan, Helen's partner, Karen Mulcahy and Deryl Wallhead also joined us.

We had a presentation by President Stephen on their, (with (Norm Mulcahy and John Maskell) recent trip to Indonesia to renovate another three schools.

Stephen showed us with the aid of a ppt presentation some of the schools they were working on, and they also revisited a couple of schools they had worked on some years ago.

Stephen also told us that a decision is pending on whether their Indonesian project will continue to be supported by our Rotary Club.

Our changeover meeting is coming up this coming Saturday at the Kwinana Bowling Club. President Stephen asked our male members to dress a little more formally than has been the example in recent times.

Formalities are due to begin at 6.30pm, a 3-course meal will be served at a cost of \$35, drinks on sale at the bar.

AJ reported holding a very successful Fathering Project event at Medina Primary School, great attendance, very positive outcome.



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: New Leadership Month

Sat 4th	Changeover at the Kwinana Bowling Club
Mon 6th	No Meeting
Mon 13th	No Meeting
Wed 15th	Meeting at Palm Beach RC
Mon 20th	Club Meeting
Mon 27th	Club Meeting

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





President's Pen



29th June 2026



Tonight is my last weekly meeting as President, and it was a good meeting with 2 guests in attendance (Navid and Brad Morgan) as well as 2 partners (Derryl Wallhead and Karen Mulcahy). Attendance was 63%.

Apologies from PP James, PP Chris and PP Soren.

Welcome back Tony Miller who is now back from Vietnam.

The Indonesian School Renovations team presented on their recent visit to Indonesia. In the 13 years that the project has been going, we have been able to renovate 19 schools. When the members in attendance that evening were asked if the club should continue to participate/support this project, the majority of the club approved continuing participation. The board will be considering a budget request from the team for the 2026-2027 year to do 3 more schools at the next board meeting.

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 (twice) and we can thoroughly recommend it.

Reminder of Changeover coming up on Sat 4th of July at the Kwinana Bowls Club. The meeting time will be 6:00 for 6:30. Dress will be smart.

Thanks to Karen Mulcahy for putting her hand up to run the raffle on the night.

District Changeover will be held at the Mercure hotel in Perth on Saturday the 11th of July. Please let me know if you are interested in going, as we may travel together.

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. Fathering project is a good example of a new project that the club is supporting.

As reported by Karen, our fees for 2026-2027 will be \$100, but this is conditional on all members assisting with running 3 Bunnings BBQ's during the Rotary year.

Yanti and I joined the Kwinana Lions Club in celebrating their changeover on Saturday 27/06. This was well attended and well run. Mind you, with everything going on, it was nearly 4 hours long.

Stephen Castelli President 2025/26

A man takes his seat at the World Cup Final and notices an empty seat next to him.

He asks the guy on the other side, "Who would ever miss the World Cup final?"

The guy replies, "Well, that was my wife's seat.

We have been to the last five World Cup finals together, but sadly she passed away."

The man says, "That's terrible, but couldn't you get a close family member to come with you?"

The guy shakes his head and says, "No... they're all at the funeral!"



Genevieve Carr President 2026/27 June 2026



1. Changeover Night: Saturday 4 July at Kwinana Bowling Club, commencing at 6.30pm. The cost will be \$35 per head for a 3-course meal.

2. Monday 6 July: No Club Meeting

3. Meeting at Palm Beach Rotary: Palm Beach have invited us to visit their club on Wednesday 15 July to hear their guest speaker – US Perth-based Consul General Colleen Altstock. For this reason, there will be no regular Club Meeting on Monday 13 July. Board Members will have a Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm.

4. New Programs Manager: New member Helen Souter has agreed to take on the role of organising guest speakers for 2026 – 2027. Please advise Helen of any suitable contacts/suggestions.

PE Genevieve Carr



PE Genevieve Carr 29th June 2026



Inward Correspondence.

- Guest Speaker opportunity
- Request from Tamar Anderson, of Reach Kwinana, for sponsorship of additional two students to attend first aid training
- Notice of upcoming events from Rotary Club of Perth
- Invitation to meeting with Palm Beach Rotary Club on Wednesday 15 July
- Reminder of District Changeover on Saturday 11 July at Mercure Hotel; RSVP by Friday 3 July
- Request from ShelterBox for support for Venezuela Emergency Appeal
- RotaryWA Round-Up #56
- RDU Supplies update

Outward Correspondence:

- Application for community grant sent to Fremantle Port



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Project Director
PP James Sharkey

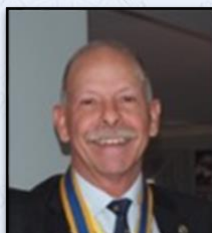


Foundation Dir.
PP Terry Evans

Team 2026/27



Membership Dir.
Norm Mulcahy



Secretary/Vice Pres.
PP Stephen Castelli



Public Relations
PDG John Iriks



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy
PP Chris Oughton standing-in for Norm



? driving a Hyundai for 5 years , doesn't know how to turn off the lights!!!

Welcome back, Tony Miller

Eric: Badge upside down

Sam: Time for a haircut.

John M: Indonesian team member not wearing an appropriate shirt.

Stephen: Changed his photo on the program?

Tony M: Congratulations, stopped smoking.

John Iriks fined sergeant for fining Eric for having his badge upside down, us older folks do that, so we know who we are!!!



Guest Speaker: President Stephen
Indonesian School Project



The Indonesian School Renovation Project started in 2013 as a Rotaract Club of Rockingham / Kwinana and Rotaract Club of Jakarta joint Project.

This was under then District Chair Mike Nella, for the project to be undertaken and to continue, funds were raised for the 1st 2 schools in 2013 and 2014 via Garage Sales held at Mike's house.

The Rotaract Clubs of Rockingham / Kwinana and the Rotaract Club of Jakarta effectively folded in 2014.

However, once again under the leadership of PP Mike Nella, and to continue to fund the Indonesian School Renovations project, the Garage Sales continued to raise funds.

As of 2015 the Indonesian School Renovation Project became a project of the Rotary Club of Kwinana.

At this stage, the small team were able to renovate 1 school each year from 2016 to 2019 with the funds raised by the continuing Garage Sales from Mike's home. Any pickups and Deliveries were via Mike's personal truck. This had no tail lift and was open, so life sometimes was difficult.

Due to Mike's desire to grow the project to be able to do more of the club's great work in Indonesia, he was able to get the premises at 1 Gentle Rd in 2019. It was at this stage that the Furniture Factory was born, and it expanded the operating days to Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In 2019 we were joined by the Rotary Club of Jakarta Cilandak who assisted in painting the school. 1 of these was Yanti.

The committed team continued with raising funds via the Furniture Factory at 1 Gentle Rd for the Rotary Club of Kwinana Indonesian School Renovation Project during the Covid 19 years of 2020 and 2021, however for obvious reasons, there were no schools renovated in either of those years.

In 2022 approval was given to purchase a 2nd hand furniture truck with a tail lift unit.

It was also at this stage that the shed was built behind the Rotary Hall for the storage of excess furniture. A payment of \$100 per week continues to be made from the Furniture Factory acct to the Club Acct to repay the Club acct.

In 2024, the owner of 1 Gentle Rd decided that he needed to sell the site, and the process commenced to find an alternative site.

Through good luck, the premises at 26 Seabrook became available as the new owners had bought it with the purpose of storing machinery inside. However, they discovered that the premises had timber floors and would not be suitable for this reason.

PDG John and Mike were able to negotiate a good lease deal, with the current 2-year lease expiring in August 2026.

The new expanded premises enabled the project to take and more importantly display more furniture and bric a brac.

Due to the increased funds being raised, in 2024, the Club's Indonesian School Renovation Project was able to renovate 3 schools Instead of 1 school.

In late 2024, Mike announced his decision to retire from the Furniture Factory and subsequently from Rotary.

As a result of Mike's departure, PDG John Iriks has taken on the management of the Club's Furniture Factory supported by a large number of Rotarians, their partners and volunteers, however, there is ALWAYS scope for more members etc to become involved.

In summary, the Indonesian School Renovation Project has been able to renovate 19 schools, and we look forward to continuing with the project. It has provided a better educational opportunity and outcome to at least 2,500 students in a fairly remote part of Indonesia, with an ongoing impact to approx. 10,000 students.

The door is always open to anyone that wants to participate in the Furniture Factory and the Club's Indonesian School Renovation project.

A budget proposal has been put forward to support the renovation of 3 more schools in 2027, and this will be reviewed by the Board at the next board meeting.





Polio This Week 29th June 2026

Technical Advisory Group sets priorities and benchmarks to end polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Polio Eradication, an independent body of global experts, recently convened to review progress, challenges and operational plans across the world's last two wild polio-endemic countries, and identified key priorities and milestones, as both countries continue to work to interrupt their remaining chains of wild poliovirus transmission. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2 case
- Ethiopia: one cVDPV1 case
- Lao PDR: two cVDPV1 cases
- Mali: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample



Club Meeting at Rotary Hall Monday 29th June 2026



Birthdays and Anniversaries July 2026

Birthday Congratulations:

Karen Mulchay 2nd
Rosemary Johnson 4th
Janet Armstrong 8th
Carol Adams 13th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Barry and Sam Winmar 11th 34 years



Club Anniversaries:

Bob Cooper 02nd 42 years in Rotary
Soren Houlberg 01st 37 years since first joining Rotary
Kelvin Lemalu 01st 18 years since first joining Rotary

Congratulations

The Indonesian team: Rtn Norm Mulcahy, President Stephen Castelli and Rtn John Maskell





What happened this week in history?



June 29th to July 5th



29th

1659: The Russians, led by Prince Trubetskoy are defeated by the Ukrainian armies
1854: Netherlands allows corporal punishment
1929: 1st high-speed jet wind tunnel completed Langley Field, California
1963: Beatles' 1st song "From Me to You" hits UK charts

30th

1665: The number of deaths in London from the Great Plague during June is recorded as 6,137
1755: Philippines close all non-Catholic Chinese restaurants
1859: French acrobat Charles Blondin is 1st to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope
1894: London's Tower Bridge opens across the Thames

01st

1517: 1st burning of Protestants at the stake in the Netherlands
1867: The Dominion of Canada is formed, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario & Quebec
1916: First day of the Battle of the Somme: British Army suffers its worst day, losing 19,240 men
1903: Tour de France: Inaugural race begins in Montgeron, a south-eastern suburb of Paris

02nd

1266: Treaty of Perth: Norway recognises Scottish sovereignty over the Hebrides & the Isle of Man
1698: English engineer Thomas Savery patents the first steam engine
1865: William Booth and his wife Catherine found the Salvation Army
1928: British parliament reduces the age at women can vote to 21 - the same as men

3rd

1608: Samuel de Champlain founds city of Quebec
1767: Pitcairn Island is discovered by Midshipman Robert Pitcairn
1886: In Germany, Karl Benz drives 1st automobile
1928: John Logie Baird demonstrates the first colour television transmission in London

4th

1776: US Congress proclaims the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain
1796: 1st Independence Day celebration is held
1802: 1st US Military Academy opens at West Point, NY
1865: First edition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll is published

5th

1841: Thomas Cook opens first travel agency.
1865: Great Britain creates world's 1st speed limit law
1937: Spam, the luncheon meat is first introduced into the market by the Hormel Foods Corporation
1954: Singer Elvis Presley's 1st professional recording session

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.
 What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
 I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a muscle.
 Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head.
 Doc says, 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'



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