



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** 3
- Attended** 11
- Hon. Member**
- LOA**
- Guests**
- Visitors** 1
- Partners**

58.2%

Raffle
Bob T & Greg

Heads & Tails
Genevieve



Heading towards the end of 2024/25, numbers down again this week, down to 11 members present. Acting attendance officer Karen acknowledges that now members are using WhatsApp to register for meeting meals, the response has been good and it's working well, however it would be even better if a response could be lodged by noon Saturday.

Former Rotarian and PP Soren Houllberg tonight gave us a snapshot into his life since leaving his native Denmark in 1979. Soren has already been accepted for membership of our club by our board and will be officially inducted very soon.

Mike and Norm have arrived home after their working trip to Jakarta; Stephen is still over there with partner Yanti.

PDG John Iriks is busily working on setting up a roster to manage the Furniture Factory, John sincerely thanks those members and partners that have volunteered so far, any members that aren't involved yet and would like to be, your assistance will be much appreciated, same thing I'm sure applies to the Bread project.



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

- Mon 5th Club Meeting
- Mon 12th Club Meeting 'Forum' Furniture Factory Update.
- Mon 19th Club Meeting Thumbnail by Soren
- Mon 26th Club Meeting Matt Paton: Gilmore College Update

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'

Meets Monday
6 for 6.30pm
At Rotary Hall
Brownell Crescent,
Medina

Visitors welcome
contact us
0417 904 419





Presidents Pen



May 2025



Thanks to Soren for his interesting and informative rundown on his life and experiences. He has had varied careers in many places around the world. We look forward to enjoying your company in our Rotary Club.

I spent Thursday with Tish and John Maskell helping out at Frank Konecny Community centre erecting a new garden shed. Thank you for your time, expertise and tools John. Hopefully will last many centuries.

The girls at the centre were very appreciative as time has been an issue for them this week.

Welcome back to Mike and Norm after another hardworking trip to Indonesia. Steve and Yanti are staying on for a short time.

The efforts of the Furniture Shop crew are very much appreciated by the Indonesian schools and orphanages which you help. They must be life changing for everyone concerned with them.

Thanks to John for keeping things running smoothly.

Again, numbers will be short this Monday so please try to inform Karen or myself if you cannot attend, preferably by Friday night. Drive safe with the changing weather coming. See you all Monday.

Terry Evans
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall.

Monday 19th 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.
- Cub trip to Harvey to attend the Harvey Club/Peter Schultz changeover

PE Stephen and Yanti are presently in Jakarta.

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr May 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Notification regarding new electronic communication from RDU
- Rotary South Pacific social media launch
- May 2025 Rotary Leader
- Invitation to webinar for event management
- Regional Council communication
- RDU Supplies update
- Acceptance of invitation to Club Changeover from Mayor Peter Feasey
- Items for Changeover – President and Past President badges, new theme banner, President's tie, new Presidential collar

Outward Correspondence:

- Banked \$121 from money spinner
- Soren Houlberg has completed white card for membership!



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



Community
Kertrina Riordan

International

Youth

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.

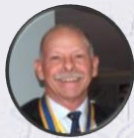
James has also elected to remain in the position for 1925/26



Treasurer
Karen Zabiela



Fine Session: Sergeant Norm Mulcahy



PP Stephen Castelli
PP Greg Williams stand-in when required.

All of the Catholic members were stood up and fined, In honour of Pope Leo

Soren, seen drinking our State drink, Emu Export, fined.

Eagles and Dockers both had a win, hasn't happened for how long???
Norm fined because he didn't fine Bear's supporters??

Genevieve: Just because Collingwood also had a win.

Terry: Where is the President's collar?

Karen: When only 2 contesting heads & tails, only 1 coin required.

19th May 2025

- WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus named by TIME magazine as one of 100 most influential health leaders. [More](#).
- World Health Assembly (WHA) convenes in Geneva next week: health ministers and leaders from around the world will convene at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, next week, to discuss global public health policy. Among a wide range of topics, health leaders will review the global status of the polio eradication effort and evaluate steps that need to be taken to achieving lasting success. A [report](#) on the global effort, previously presented to the Executive Board in February, will help inform Member State and delegate discussions.
- The role of science and global cooperation in winning the fight against polio: Dr Vachagan Harutyunyan, Team Leader for Polio Operations and Data and Information Systems at WHO, offers his views on the role of [science, ingenuity and global cooperation](#) in securing success in polio eradication.

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

- Pakistan: eleven WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Algeria: three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Burkina Faso: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Côte d'Ivoire: one cVDPV2 case
- Ethiopia: five cVDPV2 cases
- Somalia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Sudan: two cVDPV2 cases





A little about our pending member: Soren Houlberg



Soren hails from Denmark, born January 1939. Was trained in art of Small-Goods and Pastries.

Soren has worked around the world plying his craft, starting many businesses, some very successful and some not so.

Arrived in Australia 1979, met a Rotarian hotel owner, settled in Frankston, Victoria.

Sadly, Soren lost his wife of 20 years in 1986.

Moved to Cairns and started a restaurant, circumstances triggered by the then Hawke govt. rendered Cairns unviable.

Soren arrived in WA 1995 and settled in Medina.

Became involved in many enterprises using his smallgoods and pastry skills, he also became involved in the chocolate business.

During this time Soren had a strong interest in Beekeeping, at one time had more than 250 hives, providing a quite lucrative honey business.

He was both President and Vice President of the WA Apiarists' Society and is their 'Swarmcatcher' for Metro South, (Kwinana to Mandurah)
Soren is a member of the Rockingham Kwinana Bee Buddy Group



Soren was successful, with the help of the then Kwinana Mayor, in getting the home beekeeping fees amended making it much easier to keep bees at home.

Red tape had deterred some because budding apiarists were required to register with both their local and State governments.

Soren is a former Rotarian and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cairns Mulgrave in Queensland; Soren was their President in 1990/91.

The club was part of Rotary District 9550, comprising Northern Queensland, Northern Territory, plus Timor-Leste. In 2017 three clubs merged to become the Rotary Club of Cairns Trinity.

Bees can beat their wings up to 230 times per second, creating the familiar buzzing sound we associate with them. Their wings are strengthened by veins with distinctive patterns which can be used to recognise species

On a single foraging trip, a worker bee will visit between 50 and 100 flowers.

A single bee can carry up to 35% of their body weight in pollen.

Soren with Kwinana President Terry Evans



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 19th

to

May 25th



19th

1506: Christopher Columbus selects his son Diego Columbus as sole heir
1536: Anne Boleyn, second wife of English King Henry VIII, is beheaded at the Tower of London
1884: Ringling Brothers circus premieres
1962: Marilyn Monroe sings "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to JFK before 15,000 attendees,

20th

1310: Shoes first made for both right & left feet
1830: D Hyde patents fountain pen
1840: York Minster badly damaged by fire
1873: Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patent the first blue jeans with copper rivets

21st

1382: Earthquake centered on Dover Straits causes damage, including to Canterbury Cathedral
1840: Captain William Hobson proclaims British sovereignty over New Zealand
1881: American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton
1914: Greyhound Bus Co begins in Minnesota

22nd

1455: Opening battle in England's 30-year Wars of the Roses.
1570: 1st atlas (Theatre of the World), published by Abraham Ortelius in Antwerp with 70 maps
1840: The transporting of British convicts to the New South Wales colony is abolished
1897: The Blackwall Tunnel under the River Thames, in London, England officially opens

23rd

1568: The Netherlands declares independence from Spain
1785: Benjamin Franklin announces his invention of bifocals
1845: New York City Police Department (NYPD) is formed.
1934: outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow - Bonnie and Clyde, are killed by police

24th

1738: John Wesley is converted, launching the Methodist movement.
1798: Irish Rebellion of 1798 led by the United Irishmen against British rule begins
1830: "Mary Had A Little Lamb" by Sarah Josepha Hale is first published.
1915: Thomas Edison invents teletype to record telephone conversations

25th

1868: Australian Aboriginal Cricket tour of England begins v Surrey Gentlemen.
1878: W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's comic opera "H.M.S. Pinafore" premieres in London
1914: British House of Commons passes the Irish Home Rule Bill
1927: Henry Ford announces that he is ending production of the Model T Ford

Blast from the past: BBQ duty, Eric B, Greg W, Steve S and Julie T



Blast from the past: BBQ trailer gets a makeover



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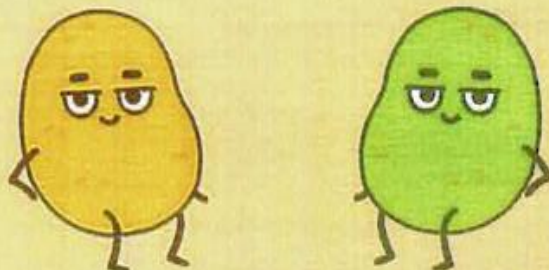


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Meat & Mingle



FRANK KONECNY
COMMUNITY CENTRE
Bringing People Together



"Join us for a sunset feast — meat, spuds, sweets, and good vibes all round!"

Vegetarian options
available

Thursday 5th June
4-6pm

Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre
17 Harley Way Medina

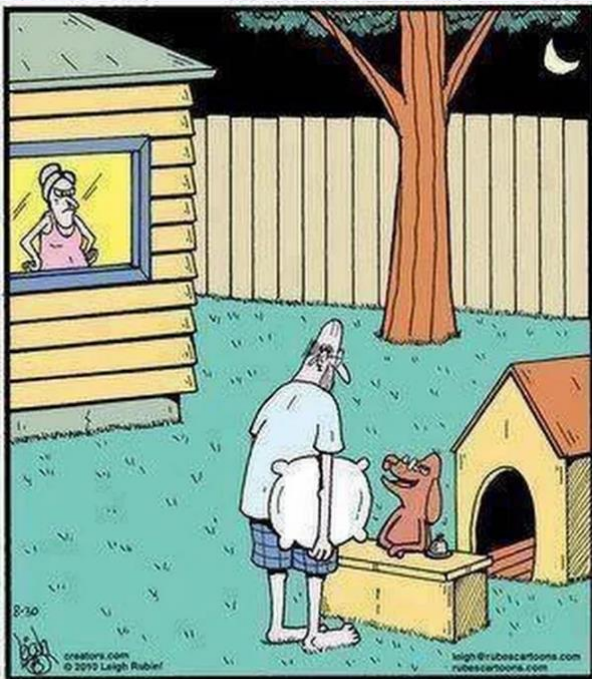
FREE Event, All Welcome!

*Wind down with us at the Senior Citizens Centre
for a tasty evening treat!*

Drinks available by donation



Bookings Close **28th May** for catering purposes
Call- 9439-2470 to book your spot or there is a booking
sheet in the Dining Room at the Senior Citizens Centre



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"



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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

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