



# 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

No 40 26/05/2025



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

**Facts & Figures**

- Attendance this week**
- Total Members** 25
  - Apologies**
  - Make-up** 5
  - Attended** 13
  - Hon. Member**
  - LOA**
  - Guests**
  - Visitors** 1
  - Partners**

72.0%

**Raffle**  
**Bob T & Karen**

**Heads & Tails**  
**Club won**



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

**Visitors welcome**  
**contact us**  
**0417 904 419**

Our attendance still suffering, again only 13 attended tonight. Soren, who will be inducted shortly was also present, making 14 in total.

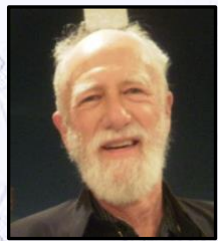
PE Stephen and Yanti are still in Indonesia doing a bit of sight-seeing.

Guest Speaker tonight was Gilmore College Principal Matt Paton; Matt has very interesting CV before becoming a WA Education Department Principal.



PDG John Iriks is continuing to put together a team to continue managing the Furniture Factory from July. John is still looking for a couple more volunteers.

PP Max Bird leaves tonight (Monday) for Timor-Leste, Max will be chaperoning some 16 Rotarians from across Australia, introducing them together with some hands-on experience on installing Disaster Aid Australia Sky Hydrant's.

Congratulations PP John Wallhead, John has served our Rotary Club for 40 years. John was inducted June 1st, 1985, was our President in 1991/92. John's wife Deryl has been a member of Inner Wheel for almost as long.



The Inner Wheel Club of Rockingham Kwinana Districts celebrated 40 years in May 2025.

	<p><b>Rotary International President</b> 2024/25 <b>Stephanie Urchick</b></p> <p>Rotary Club of McMurray Pennsylvania USA</p>	<p><b>District Governor</b> 9423 2024/25 <b>Pat Schraven</b></p>	
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<b>May 2025 - Youth Services Month</b>		
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 Principal

Attendance: Members respond via 'WhatsApp'





Presidents Pen



May 2025



I was down at the Furniture Shop this morning trying to be of some assistance and learn the ropes.

Mike is back from Indonesia and came down to help with our transition such that he can have a well-earned rest after so many years at the helm. Over more than 10 years he has raised in the order of a quarter of a million dollars for the Club and club projects with his team.

On behalf of our Club, I would like to thank Mike, Kylee, Bernie, Vicky and all the club members, partners and associates who have contributed to this wonderful effort.

District Changeover is on Saturday 14th June 6.30 to 9.30 at Leederville Function Centre, 2 course dinner and welcome drink, cost is \$55 per head. Anyone interested in attending please let me know.

Once again please let us know if you cannot attend meetings to assist our catering needs especially with our low numbers at the moment.

No meeting on Monday night due to the long weekend. If you are going anywhere stay safe and enjoy.

Terry Evans  
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall.

Monday 26th 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Invitation to Australian rotary Health get-together on 30 July \*President-Elect Stephen Castelli to attend
- Invitation to Rotary Club of Perth changeover on Friday 20 June 2025
- District Newsletter #26
- Additional item for Club Changeover
- Request for support for NSW flood appeal

Outward Correspondence:

None



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 conducting a reconnaissance visit to East Timor for 16 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.

Sam: Wearing his 'Japanese safety boots' (thongs)

Karen: The only lady here tonight, here to keep the rest of us honest.

Bob C: What can we say? "That beanie"

Max: Hello, welcome back stranger.

Sam: Broken water bottle in the kitchen?? What happened?

John I: Throwing the crockery around!!!

Terry: Late putting on the Pres. Regalia

John I: Waiting outside the hall when Edd arrived from the bread run, why are you sitting outside? Answer: got no keys and no phone.

Gilmore College Principal Matt Paton with Kwinana President Terry Evans

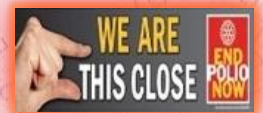


26th May 2025

- The World Health Assembly (WHA) convening in Geneva this week: health ministers and leaders from around the world are convening at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss global public health policy. Among a wide range of topics, health leaders are reviewing 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, is informing Member State and delegate discussions.
- Addressing delegates at the opening this year's WHA, WHO Director-General Dr [Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) said: "2024 was a year of mixed news for the other public health emergency of international concern – polio. We helped to stop an outbreak of wild poliovirus in Africa, but the number of cases detected in Pakistan and Afghanistan rose from 12 in 2024 to 99 last year. Ten cases have been reported so far this year. In response to a resurgence of polio in Gaza, WHO negotiated a humanitarian pause for a vaccination campaign that reached more than 560 000 children."
- [Madagascar outbreak successfully stopped](#): the multi-year outbreak of circulating variant poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) was stopped, following rigorous outbreak response implementation led by the Ministry of Health, with support of Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners. "The progress made in recent years in the immunization and eradication of polio is a hopeful sign. Today, polio is finally eradicated. Together, we have proved that it is possible to overcome limits and build lasting change. Let's continue to act, raise awareness and join forces to give every child a healthy future", said H.E. Mrs Mialy Rajoelina, The First Lady of Madagascar and immunization ambassador. The announcement was also made at a major stakeholder event in the margins of this week's WHA, attended by ministerial delegates from Madagascar and partners.
- In [this video](#), Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, delivers a clear message: "Polio remains a threat — but our resolve to end it is unwavering." As we head into the World Health Assembly, Dr Balkhy calls on the global community to stand with countries working tirelessly to end polio. The risks are real — but united, we can make polio history.

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

- Germany: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Papua New Guinea: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Sudan: one cVDPV2 case





Guest Speaker:

Matt Paton  
Principal at Gilmore College



Matt was Born in 1969 and based in the Kelmscott–Armadale area. Matt is a dedicated educator and leader with a diverse professional background. After completing high school at Trinity College Perth in 1986 and earning a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) in 1993, Matt began their career at Steggles Chickens, rising to Logistics Manager while completing a Graduate Diploma of Business in 1998.

A career shift led to a successful sales role with Elders in Derby, where they grew regional sales from \$750,000 to \$7 million.

Returning to Perth, Matt transitioned into education, earning a Graduate Diploma in Education in 2004.

Since 2005, he's held teaching and leadership roles across several schools, including Safety Bay SHS, Armadale SHS, Butler College, and Leeming SHS.

In 2024, Matt was appointed Principal of Gilmore College.

Career highlights include transforming Butler College's ATAR performance and fostering data-driven, growth-focused school cultures.

Outside of work, Matt is family-oriented, enjoys sports and loves exploring Western Australia.

Mat was very passionate about his role and his expectations for Gilmore College. Gilmore presently has appx. 1230 students, funding for WA Government Schools is tied to student numbers.

Attendance at Gilmore has improved from 71.7% to 73.5%.

Matt personally believes that the NAPLAN measuring system is preferred to ATAR. Classroom layouts have been altered at Gilmore to better assist students viewing. Matt believes students should have a 'voice' Gilmore has the land available for future expansion, hopefully negating the need to build another Gov. High School.

Matt concedes that staffing is a 'nightmare'

Last comment, "After saying all of that, Gilmore is an amazing school.

Matt then fielded a number a questions from the floor.

Introduction was made by PP Bob Thompson  
Thanks, provided by 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*

### **Blast from the past**

PP John Wallhead and PP Bob Cooper both awarded a PHF at our Centenary Dinner 19th February 2005  
The awards were presented by the current District Governor John Iriks



Just in case you would like to know what your President Elect is up to:  
Swanning around Indonesia with his wife





# What happened this week in history?



May 26th to June 1st



26<sup>th</sup>

- 1798: British kill about 500 Irish insurgents at the Battle of Tara
- 1896: Dow Jones index begins with an average of 12 industrial stocks (closing is 40.94)
- 1913: Emily Duncan becomes Great Britain's first woman magistrate
- 1927: Henry Ford and Ford produce the last (and 15th million) Model T Ford / Tin Lizzie

27<sup>th</sup>

- 1849: Opening of the Great Hall at Euston station in London
- 1895: British inventor Birt Acres patents film camera/projector
- 1930: Richard Drew invents masking tape
- 1940: British and Allied forces begin the evacuation of Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo) during WWII

28<sup>th</sup>

- 1588: King Philip II dispatches the Spanish Armada from Lisbon, Portugal to invade England
- 1742: 1st indoor swimming pool opens (Goodman's Fields, London)
- 1845: Fire in Quebec, Canada, 1,500 houses destroyed
- 1889: Édouard and André Michelin incorporate the Michelin tyre company

29<sup>th</sup>

- 1453: Constantinople, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire falls to the Turks.
- 1660: Charles II returns to London from exile in the Netherlands to claim the English throne.
- 1692: Battle at La Hogue: English and Dutch fleet beat France
- 1919: Charles Strite files patent for the automatic pop-up toaster

30<sup>th</sup>

- 1431: Joan of Arc is burned at the stake by an English-dominated tribunal in Rouen, France
- 1498: Christopher Columbus departs with 6 ships for 3rd trip to America
- 1626: An explosion at the Wanggongchang Gunpowder Factory in Beijing, kills 20,000 people
- 1842: John Francis attempts to assassinate Queen Victoria

31<sup>st</sup>

- 1669: English civil servant Samuel Pepys records the last event in his famous diary.
- 1813: In Australia, Lawson, Blaxland and Wentworth reach Mount Blaxland, Blue Mountains.
- 1879: Madison Square Garden opens in New York, named after 4th President James Madison.
- 1902: Australia Cricket all out 36 v England, Edgbaston, their lowest ever.

01<sup>st</sup>

- 1495: First written record of Scotch Whisky, Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, by Friar John Cor.
- 1533: Anne Boleyn crowned Queen of England.
- 1657: 1st Quakers arrives in New Amsterdam (NY)
- 1935: Compulsory driving tests and license plates introduced in the United Kingdom

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# Meat & Mingle



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

Vegetarian options  
available

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**4-6pm**

Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre  
17 Harley Way Medina

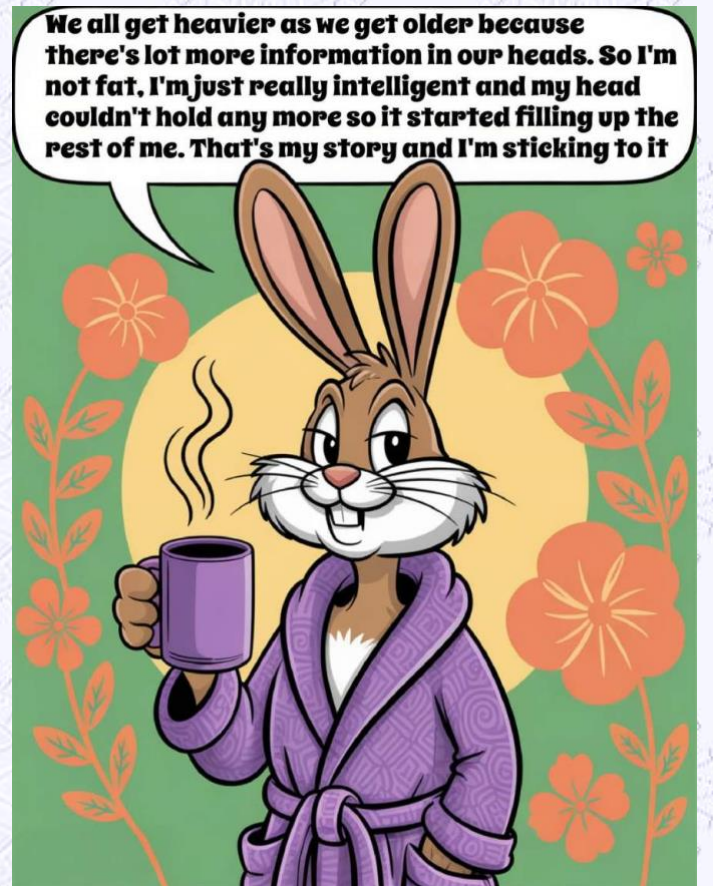
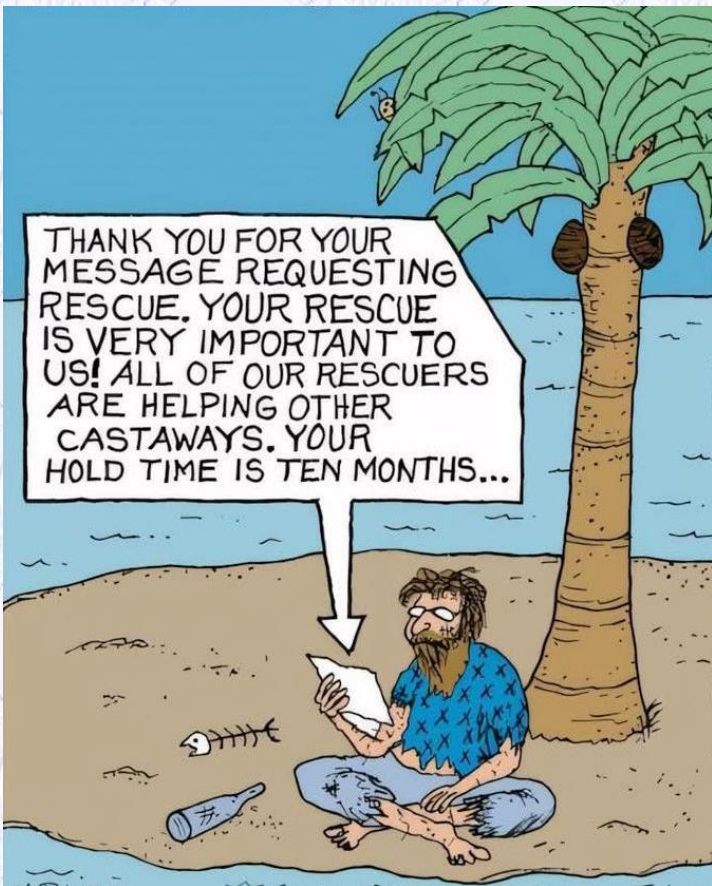
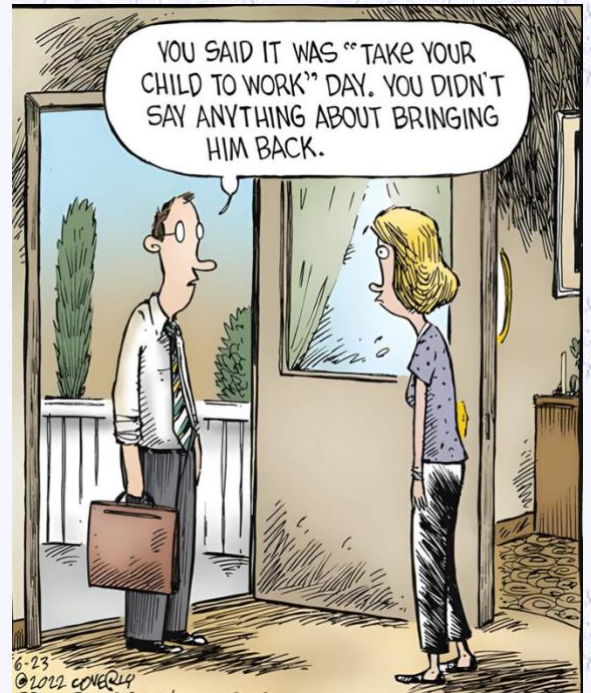
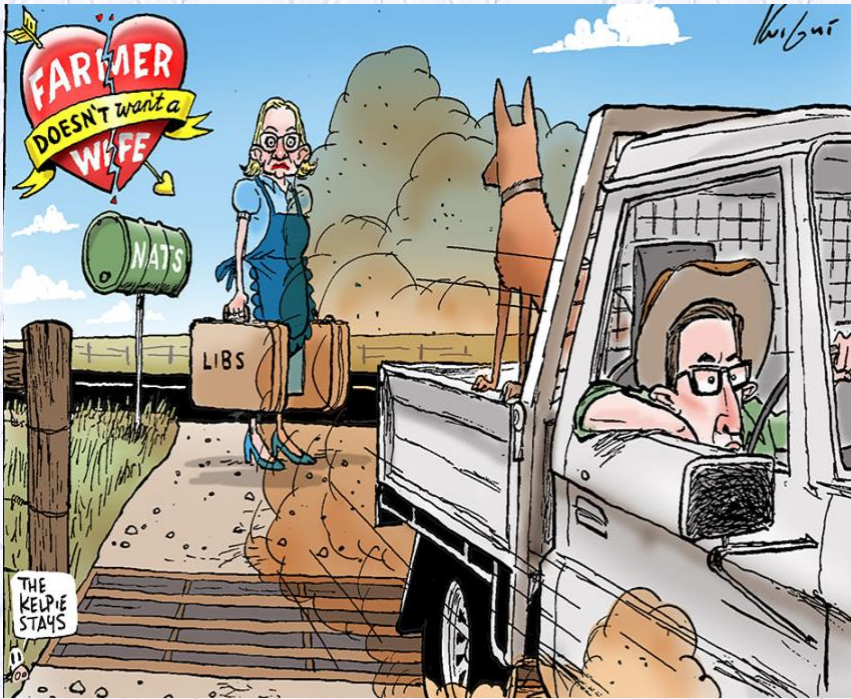
**FREE Event, All Welcome!**

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

Drinks available by donation



Bookings Close **28<sup>th</sup> 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



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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