



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 42 16/06/2025



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

Facts & Figures

Attendance this week

- Total Members** 25
- Apologies**
- Make-up** 4
- Attended** 14
- Hon. Member**
- LOA**
- Guests** 1
- Visitors** 1
- Partners**

75.0%

Raffle

Terry & Stephen

Heads & Tails

Stephen



We had our last meeting at Rotary Hall for the 2024/25 Rotary year tonight, next week a number of club members are travelling to Harvey to attend the RC of Harvey changeover when one of our former members, Peter Schultz is coming in as their President for 2025/26, we wish Peter a rewarding and successful year.

Rotary International were quick to appoint a replacement World President after the shock resignation by Mário César Martins de Camargo from Brazil. His replacement is Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy.

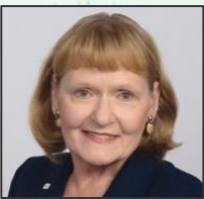
We are saddened to learn that PP Mike Nella has tendered his resignation from our Rotary Club as of June 30th.

Mike together with partner Kylee have worked tirelessly establishing and growing the Rotary Furniture Factory from its humble beginnings at Michael's home to premises at Gentle Road, then to its present location in Seabrook Way, Medina.

We offer our very best wishes to Mike and Kylee, I'm sure Mike is aware that our door will always be open.

PDG John Iriks is working very hard to preserve the legacy left to us by the dedication and hard work put in by Mike and his team over the years.

Bevan is recovering in Hollywood Hospital after a successful hip operation following a recent fall at home. Sincere thanks must go to Edd and Ann Samut for the continuous assistance they provide to Bevan.

	Rotary International President 2024/25 Stephanie Urchick	District Governor 9423 2024/25 Pat Schraven
	Rotary Club of McMurray Pennsylvania USA	

June 2025 - Rotary Fellowship Month

Mon 9th	Club Meeting	
Mon 16th	Club Meeting	David Redpath/Old Flames
Mon 23rd	Club Meeting	Members travelling to Harvey
Sat 28th	Club Meeting	Changeover Night
Mon 30th	No Meeting	

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



June 2025



Monday night was my last weekly meeting at our clubrooms.
No meeting for us on Monday night and then our Changeover on the 28th.

I have survived the year and would like to thank you all for your much valued advice and help.

Hopefully Rotary has contributed to my personal growth and you have all been part of that.

I look forward to having continued involvement with the club and the wonderful people in it.

All the very best for the next year to incoming President Steve and his Board

Terry Evans
President 2024/25

Rotary Meeting at Rotary Hall.

Monday 16th June 2025





Stephen Castelli President 2025/26



- 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.
- The Bread Project is progressing well, and I thank all those people that participate each and every week.
- Club trip to Harvey to attend the Harvey Club/Peter Schultz changeover

PE Stephen Castelli



PP Genevieve Carr June 2025



Inward Correspondence.

- Invoice from Imprint Plastic for new badge
- Acceptance of invitation to Changeover from Lions Club of Kwinana
- Invitation to participate in joint Rotary club project
- Rotary Brand News update
- Message of thanks for support from ARH (Indigenous Health Scholarship)
- Rotary year end updates for Young Leaders Club
- ShelterBox appeal
- RDU Supplies update
- Invoice from Department of Transport
- Notification regarding new website for RDU

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.

James Sharkey (Acting Projects Director)



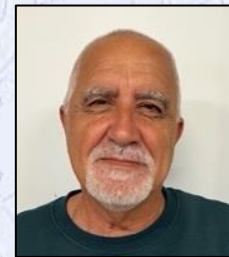
Act. Project Director
PP James Sharkey



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.

Stephen fined all those who don't have an Italian surname, honouring our Italian President.

West Coast, another loss!!!

Dockers: Had a win, (just)

Terry: Forgot to pick up the bread last Friday.

Bob T: Should have been there!! Set off the alarm at church last Sunday.

Greg: Have any more mattresses been delivered to your street??

John I: Dobbed-in Bob T

Couple of 'no badges'

John W: Should be paying 'wealth taxes' judging by the amount of coin on the table!!!

Soren: Has honey for sale, claims it is certified etc. not that 'back yard' stuff Oughtie sells.

Bevan recovering in Hollywood Hospital after hip surgery, selfie by Genevieve



16th June 2025

Importance of vaccine research for post-eradication era

As the world prepares for a polio-free future, scientists are working on next-gen vaccines using virus-like particles (VLPs), an initiative launched and coordinated by WHO. In *Vaccine Insights*, Professor Nicola Stonehouse, from the University of Leeds, reflects on her collaboration with the GPEI and how this breakthrough could shape post-certification strategy. [[Read the interview](#)]

More Than Polio: How Somalia's Vaccine Drive is Securing a Healthier Future

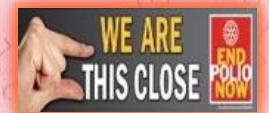
In a powerful show of political will, Somalia vaccinated nearly 1.4 million children last week—protecting them not just against polio, but also measles and pneumonia. This integrated effort highlights the broader impact of polio eradication on strengthening health systems. [[Learn more](#)]

New SAGE Report Calls for Bold Action on Polio and Routine Immunization

The latest report from WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) urges stronger global action on polio eradication—highlighting concerns over rising wild virus cases, variant poliovirus spread into new regions, and the urgent need to reach zero-dose children. It backs bOPV cessation plans, endorses a new risk-assessment framework for IPV-only schedules, and updates key vaccine recommendations. [[Read the full report](#)]

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

- Angola: one cVDPV2 case
- Benin: one cVDPV2 case
- Niger: one cVDPV2 case



Blast from the past:

Gilmore College Breakfast Club





Guest Speaker: David Redpath
Old Flames
Kwinana Senior High School
Gilmore College



Thank you for inviting me along tonight to provide current information about the Old Flames Alumni activities and Scholarship Program, particularly the Kwinana Rotary Valk Scholarship Program for 2024-25.

Old Flames was founded in 2017 and formally incorporated in 2018 following a Reunion organised by the KSHS Class of 74. That year we registered the Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust, achieved Tax Deductibility status with the Australian Taxation Office and Registration as a charity with the ACNC. Lots of complex documentation!!

We are here to help present day students at our old school achieve their aspirations and dreams. One young student came to me to thank us for her Scholarship which enabled her family to change her enrolment and get her into her courses of choice.

Since the founding of Old Flames in 2018 and up to and including this year we have been able to provide some \$100,000 in support to Gilmore college and its students, mainly by funding Scholarships.

Old Flames Alumni total scholarship program this year is \$17,000 of which the Kwinana Rotary Valk Scholarship represents \$7,000. To the best of my knowledge this is the biggest Scholarship program run by an Alumni Association in a Government public school in WA.

There are very few Alumni Associations in Government Schools in Australia which run a Scholarship program.

Rotary Valk Scholarships

- Year 12 Sustainability Scholarship \$500
- Year 12 Creative Arts Scholarship \$500
- Year 12 Hospitality Scholarship (VET) \$500
- Year 12 Building & Construction Scholarship (VET) \$500

Vet Program Scholarships

- Year 11 Vet Program Scholarship 4x \$250
- Year 11 Vet Program Scholarship 2x \$1000
- Year 12 Vet Program Scholarship 2x \$1000

The remainder of our funds come from two other corporate sponsors, a Memorial Scholarship funded by the family of a former teacher and fundraising from events we run.

Old Flames held a fundraiser 50th Anniversary Reunion in October 2024 and raised \$2,500 then in late March we held a music festival in Harvey and raised \$3,500 for Old Flames Scholarships and Awards. Around a hundred former students of KSHS attended that event.

100% of the funds raised or donated to Old Flames goes toward Scholarships and grants to Gilmore College and its students

Other support to Gilmore College included \$1000 to assist two girls to attend a National Volleyball tournament in 2024.

In 2023 we contributed \$1000 to the Gilmore College Volleyball teams participating in the National Championships in Queensland and \$1000 to the Gilmore Greens participation in the National Robotics Championship in Sydney.

In 2022 we ran a 'Walk of Fame' footpath construction project where former students could buy a brick engraved with their names and years of attendance at KSHS/Gilmore College. We raised \$20,000 for the path which runs behind B Block and the pathway was opened in 2023.

Positive Advocacy on behalf of Gilmore College is an important role for Old Flames. Each year we hold a small function at the end of the year. As part of that function, we nominate an outstanding former student to the Old Flames Hall of Fame to serve as a positive role model and example for present day students to aspire to.

Members of the Hall of Fame include:-

Tanya Dupagne, Tony Solin, Caroline Hume, Peter Jancyk and John Meyer.

Finally Old Flames Committee is sensational and very willing to undertake any task and contribute to our work. Beyond the Committee our membership is extremely supportive of our work and have donated considerably to our fundraising.

Old Flames also provides a social program for former students and later this year some 40 former students will be attending our Annual "School Camp" in the Southwest.

I can't praise our Committee and membership enough.

<https://www.oldflames-edu.net.au/>

<https://gilmorecollege.wa.edu.au/about-us/alumni/>

Birthdays and Anniversaries June 2025

Birthday Congratulations:

Gladys Blogg 12th



Wedding Anniversaries



Club Anniversaries:

John Wallhead	1st	40 years
Bevan Piper	22nd	22 years
Chris Oughton	25th	21 years

Congratulations



What happened this week in history?



June 16th to June 22nd



16th

1567: Mary, Queen of Scots, imprisoned in Lochleven Castle prison, Scotland.
1779: Spain declares war on Great Britain in support of France and the USA.
1882: 17" hailstones weighing 1.75 lbs fall in Dubuque Iowa.
1903: Ford Motors under Henry Ford incorporates.

17th

1579: Anti-English uprising in Ireland.
1579: Francis Drake lands on the coast of California at Drakes Bay, names it "New Albion"
1755: Future explorer James Cook joins the Royal Navy as an able-bodied seaman.
1837: Charles Goodyear obtains his 1st rubber patent.

18th

1264: The Parliament of Ireland meets at Castledermot in County Kildare, the first known meeting.
1639: Treaty of Berwick: Ends the First Bishops' War between England and Scotland.
1767: Samuel Wallis, an English sea captain, sights Tahiti; considered the 1st European to the island
1815: Battle of Waterloo; Napoleon Bonaparte and France defeated by British.

19th

1464: French King Louis XI forms postal service.
1829: Robert Peel introduces the Metropolitan Police Act 1829 into Parliament 1st modern police.
1917: The British Royal Family renounces its German names and adopts the name of Windsor.
1932: Hailstones kill 200 in Hunan Province, China.

20th

1756: Black Hole of Calcutta: 146 British soldiers, are imprisoned in a small dungeon in Calcutta.
1919: The SS Savannah reaches Cork in Ireland after 29 days, 1st steamship to cross any ocean.
1837: Queen Victoria at 18 ascends British throne following death of uncle, King William IV.
1968: Jim Hines becomes 1st person to run 100 meters in under 10 seconds.

21st

1675: Foundation stone for London's St. Paul's Cathedral is laid.
1834: American inventor and businessman Cyrus McCormick patents the reaping machine.
1854: First Victoria Cross won during bombardment of Bomarsund in the Aland Islands (Crimean)
1921: The UK, the Dominions, and India, become the British Commonwealth of Nations.

22nd

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

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become **Rotary International's president for 2025-26**.

Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of **RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June**. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain ***Unite for Good***, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology.

Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



Bruce the Aussie builder was going through a house he had just built for the woman who owned it. She was telling him what colour to paint each room.

They went into the first room, and she said, "I want this room to be painted a light blue."

The builder went to the front door and yelled, "GREEN SIDE UP!" When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be bright red. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"

When he came back, the woman said, "I keep telling you colours, but you go out the front and yell 'green side up' - what is that for?" The builder said, "Don't worry about that, I've just got a couple of Kiwis laying the turf out front."

Wife:
Can you stop yawning
when I'm talking to you?

Husband:
I'm not yawning, I'm
trying to say something!



Mick and Paddy are on
a cruise.

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Paddy says, "It's awfully
quiet on deck tonight."

Mick says, "Everyone will
be watching the band."

Paddy says, "There isn't
a band playing tonight."

😂😂😂
Mick says, "I definitely
heard someone say,
'A band on ship'"

Paddy took 2 stuffed
dogs to the Antiques
Roadshow....

"Ooh!" Said the
presenter, "This is a
very rare breed, do
you have any idea
what they would fetch
if they were in good
condition?"

"Sticks." replied Paddy.

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

Rotary Club of Kwinana
Contributions welcome: eblogg@bigpond.com