

Rotary Fellowship News

Meeting highlights — 12 August 2026

Members welcomed new friends, shared important project updates and looked ahead to a lively program of community service. Here are the key stories, dates and opportunities from this week's fellowship meeting.

Welcome, Leni



Leni with President Bob

The club warmly welcomed exchange student **Leni Tenwinkel** from Norden, Germany. Leni has begun settling into Geraldton and will attend Geraldton Grammar School.



Leni with Host-Mum, Janica

Chantelle Keogh was also introduced as a future host mother from late October through January. The club thanks Chantelle and current host mum **Janica Ringwood** for helping make Leni's exchange a memorable one.

Next Week: Cancer Prevention and Support



President Bob thanks Janhavi and Therese

Janhavi Danahukar, Regional Cancer Prevention Coordinator, and **Therese Darnley**, Cancer Council Supportive Care Coordinator, previewed next week's interactive presentation. Janhavi will use a friendly bingo activity to explain cancer risk reduction, symptoms, screening and early diagnosis. Therese outlined practical support available to people affected by cancer and their families, including

counselling, financial guidance, pet boarding assistance and wellbeing programs such as yoga and mindfulness.

"The healthcare organisations take care of diagnosis and treatment; we help take care of the rest."

Club and Project Updates

Board Meeting

The club's first face-to-face board meeting will be held on **Monday, 17 August at 5.30 pm** at Midwest Financial Services, Jim Dillon's office. President Bob Hall will contact board members directly. While Bob is away for five weeks, Vice President Jim Dillon will chair club meetings.

Bicycles for Humanity

The visiting Bicycles for Humanity group is expected on **Saturday, 29 August**. Grant Woodhams is coordinating arrangements, with a possible informal social gathering after the riders complete their journey.

Radio Auction

Peter Moore has donated two bicycles for the radio auction. Bob Urquhart will arrange collection, storage and photographs for promotion. Members are also encouraged to respond promptly when Di Gilliland seeks help with auction donations and administration.

Landor Races

More volunteers are welcome for the Landor Races in early October. Friends of Rotary may also join. Volunteers receive free camping and help for several hours behind the bar, making it a rewarding weekend of service and fellowship.

Point Moore Lighthouse Open Day

Bob Urquhart advised that the Point Moore Lighthouse will open to the public on Sunday, with half-hour tours from 9.00 am. Additional presenters are needed to help share the lighthouse's history with visitors and Barry Dring will be helping out.

Fellowship Highlights

- **A happy ending:** Jim Dillon shared the remarkable story of his two young grandchildren, who were found safe by police after walking five kilometres from their rural home.
- **The power of Rotary:** Russell McKinnon thanked fellow Rotarians who quickly helped him and Shirley secure a new house and organise practical assistance with their move.
- **A major milestone:** Russell will soon cover his 6,000th international water polo match, capping more than five decades of reporting across approximately 40 countries.

- **Maritime heritage:** Bob Urquhart was re-elected chair of the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association and reported on a well-attended talk about the *Zeewijk* shipwreck.

Dates and Help Needed

- **Monday, 5.30 pm:** Board meeting at Midwest Financial Services.
- **Next club meeting:** Cancer prevention and supportive care presentation.
- **Sunday from 9.00 am:** Point Moore Lighthouse open day; presenters needed.
- **29 August:** Bicycles for Humanity visit and proposed fellowship gathering.
- **Early October:** Landor Races; additional volunteers welcome.
- **Radio auction:** Help with donations, collection and promotion is appreciated.

Closing Note

President Bob thanked guests and members for their contributions and encouraged everyone to stay involved, wear Rotary identification in the community and support upcoming projects. The club also extended its thoughts to Bob and his family following the recent loss of his brother.