

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Happy New Rotary Year!

It's been an amazing year with heaps of great projects happening around our state. We are entering into our 100th year in 2027 and so celebrated in style at Perth RC legacy lunch on 19 June, and then the District Celebration where we recapped on our success and recognised individuals and clubs who have made an impact over the years. Awardees were given a standing ovation when they accepted their awards and it was a humbling experience all round. Here are the winners for those of you who were unable to attend:

2025 2026

District Rotarian of the Year - Jodie Sparks (Ascot).
 Outstanding Club Achievement Award - Scarbrough RC.
 Innovation Award - Katanning Rotary Club.
 Goldfields Family Assistance Fund - Boulder Rotary Club.
 Youth Engagement Award - Canning River Rotary.
 Youth Impact Award - Esperance Rotary.

PHF's

Peter Durrant (Karrinyup) PHF+4 : Brian Johnson (Mill Point) PHF+3
 Greg Verlinden (Northam) PHF+2 ; Geoff Oliver (Greater Bunbury) PHF +1

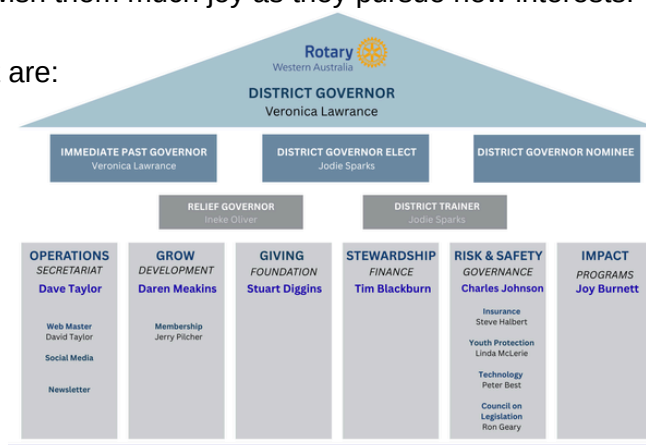
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The 2026-2027 District Leadership Team

It was with much sadness that we accepted the resignations of Peter Durrant, PDG Ineke Oliver and Executive Assistant Judy Dinnison who all retired from the Board after many years of exemplary service. Their knowledge and experience will be sadly missed and we wish them much joy as they pursue new interests.

The new District leaders upholding the six pillars of the District are:

DGE - PDG Jodie Sparks (Ascot RC)
Finance Director - Tim Blackburn (Belmont RC)
District Secretary - Dave Taylor (Nedlands RC)
Development - Darren Meakins (Scarborough RC)
Foundation - Stuart Diggins (Willetton RC)
Youth Programs - Joy Burnett (Mill Point RC)
Governance - Charles Johnson (Margaret River RC)
Insurance - Steve Halbert (Margaret River RC)
District Technology Officer - Pete Best (Booragoon RC)
Relief DG - PDG Ineke Oliver (Greater Bunbury RC)



We are here to help so never hesitate to contact any one of us, at any time.

Regional Pilot Update

Our Community groups and leaders are taking on a new perspective and I encourage you to be part of the conversations, part of the growth plans and part of the collaboration in your groups. This means we all need to have open minds, listen more and be receptive to new ideas, this is a great opportunity for us all to grow Rotary in WA but it takes work, patience, tolerance and the ability to sometimes compromise.

Rotary Community Leadership (RCL) training will commence mid August so keep in contact with your RCLs to find out more.

In and around our Clubs and projects

North Perth Rotary had an amazing article published in the RDU magazine (Jul/Aug edition, pages 58/59) about their 'Food Relief for North Perth' project. It was a joy to read about the impact they are having in their community and the needs they are meeting, following what began as a simple observation during Bruno Fic's term as Assistant Governor and which has now grown into one of North Perth Rotary's most successful and visible community initiatives.

The club now delivers six Foodbank drives each year, collecting more than 16 tonnes of food for Western Australians in need. Bruno said the idea first emerged several years ago and has gained momentum since.

We need to find out what our community's needs are, collaborate with them to organise how we can help, set goals and priorities so we make an IMPACT!

If you've never done a community needs assessment then follow this link and start now [https://](https://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au/resource/community-assessment-tool)

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“Since we started, we've completed 20 Foodbank drives and collected a total of 16,582 kilograms of food. It's something the whole club is very proud of.”



Is your branding up to date?

It's time to re-do your club logo/mashup/lock up - whatever you want to call it - this year's Rotary International Presidential Message is "**Create Lasting Impact**" - there is no logo anymore so whatever logo you are using is not brand compliant.

Branding is important for Rotary's identity, assuring our communities that we are a united organisation, easily recognisable and consistent.

If your branding is not compliant, you run the risk of not being identified with Rotary and may be seen as 'imposters'.

It's easy, it's quick and available at the Brand centre - <https://brandcenter.rotary.org> - you can even give this link to your graphic designer, printing partner etc so they use the correct fonts, colours and dimensions.

Happy designing!

Thank you to...

...our McCusker intern Nunnally Wong for her work on our Document Control System.

Nunnally has been working behind the scenes at Tim Blackburn's office (big thank you to Tim) organising our systems.

You too can support a McCusker intern to help you with your systems, media etc by contacting them on :

internships@mccuskercentre.uwa.edu.au

Be Warned interns must work in a commercial office **and not** from your home or by remote.

Dates for your diary...

Wheelchairs for Kids 70,000th wheelchair celebration : 21 July

Scarborough RC 70th Anniversary : 13th Aug

World Polio Day : 24 October

Hyde Park Festival : 28 Feb/1 Mar 2027

100 years of Rotary : 15-18 April 2027

Expo in Forrest Place : 17 April 2027

Include your important dates in the Club Runner Calendar so we can celebrate with you.

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