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Celebrating 57 Years of Service

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MEETING

Kew Golf Club

120 Belford Road Kew East

Thursday 12:30 pm

Meeting begins at 1pm

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it benefit all concerned?

LINKS

[Garden DesignFest](#)

[Facebook Rotary D9800](#)



President's Message



Good afternoon everyone. It is wonderful to see so many people here. We have a lot of partners attending and we have Jill and Jennie and a number of people from the Fair Trade shop. Also Margaret Turner-Atkins' daughter Elise, who will accompany our carol singing, and Elise's son Bertie who will probably entertain us all.

I particularly welcome Jess Wilson, the state member for this electorate, and a Rotarian. I also

welcome Dianne and Alan Samuel, from Impact for Women, for whom we are being Father Christmas today. Welcome to everyone. It promises to be a wonderful Christmas lunch.

I am not going to give a long speech. We have had a busy year (of course everyone always says they have had a busy year) particularly as it was our Garden Designfest year which involved almost every club member. We have reinstituted having every club member in a service committee, so we hope to start the New Year with some new projects. The one project I will mention is the Antique Fair, which was held this year under Kim's successful watch, and it will be held again in June 2025.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank each of our Board members who are so capable and hardworking. Special thanks to Mike as MC, and Jonathan, our long suffering Treasurer, who is usually MC. Also Margaret who is mainly responsible for organizing this lunch, and is always ready to take on any tasks. Michael Stillwell, the Community leader for District 9800 is very helpful with anything to do with Rotary. The other members are Kim Wen, Pennie Ibbotson, Joan Scott, Barb Brook, Colin Burns, Andrew Dalziel, Peter Stewart and Alison Vickers and we could not have a more capable Board. I want to particularly thank Andrew Dalziel who is unable to be here today for health reasons, but is always available for advice and support.

That is enough from me. I have a funny little Christmas quote from Shirley Temple which I would like to share. She said "I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was 6. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 15 January

6pm (race 1 starts) Aquathon – Boroondara Sports Complex

Thursday 23 January

1pm 1st RCK meeting for 2025

Sunday 26 January – Australia Day

11.45am – serving lunch at supported accommodation (4 locations)

Wednesday 5 February

6pm (race 1 starts) Aquathon – Hawthorn Sports and Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 11 February

RCK Board Meeting 369 High Street, Kew

Wednesday 26 February

6pm (race 1 starts) Aquathon – Boroondara Sports Complex

Sunday 2 March

10am – 2pm Operate BBQ for Chemist Warehouse at their Head Office in Preston.
Chemist Warehouse is a long time corporate sponsor of the Save Our Sons Foundation.
Below is a link to their website:
<https://saveoursons.org.au/>
Chemist Warehouse will be celebrating a 10 year partnership with Save Our Sons in March; commencing with Family Day.

Friday 14 March

Save the date for upcoming Gala Dinner – more details to follow
Please let Margaret know if you have silent auction items (not for delivery till after Christmas).

16 – 18 May 2025

Morphetville SA Combined District Conference

Sunday 15 June

Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Bank Account Details

When making payments directly to the Club, please use the following details:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

Account 125381590

Please remember to include your name and reason for payment in the reference section

Australia Day lunch at supported accommodation

Please let Barb know if you can serve lunch at one of the 4 supported accommodation locations on 26 January. We are continuing to have a spit roast and salads from the same company. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. A few more people would be great.

Aquathon

Can you assist with supervision?

Please let Kim know

We are sponsoring the medals with the YMCA for these events. There are big signs up at both locations advertising the events.

AQUATHON 2025

Take part in The Y's 2025 run and swim event, Aquathon!

Taking place across Boroondara Sports Complex and Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre, this event caters to all fitness levels, our short and long courses mean that you can set the challenge that is just right for you.

Whether you want to run it solo or as a team, the Y Aquathon is an event not to be missed!

RACE 1: WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY BOROONDARA SPORTS COMPLEX
RACE 2: WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY HAWTHORN AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE
RACE 3: WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY BOROONDARA SPORTS COMPLEX

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL EVENT DETAILS, COURSE INFORMATION AND RACE REGISTRATION

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Christmas Rotary Meeting



Thank you to all involved in today's Christmas gathering
To Mike our MC
Gillian for her words and the blessing (see next column)
Margaret for organizing the day
The choir for leading the carols
Elise our pianist
Santa aka George
Wendy for organizing the prizes for the lucky tickets
Pam for leading us, organising a gift for the Kew Golf Club staff and presenting a very special award with Jess Wilson.



Bob for taking the replies for the 59 people in attendance
Jill and Jennie for bringing the shop volunteers
Members for bringing gifts for

Impact for Women. (Alan Samuel shared that 5000 bags of love are being distributed and 1000 toys.)



Christmas Rotary Meeting from Rev Gillian Crozier

Friends, I am aware that within this room, there are those not only from the Christian tradition, but from other faiths eg: Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam. And there are others who perhaps see themselves as spiritual but not religious. And yet others who see themselves as agnostic.

At this time of year, as well as Santa coming, we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Now it was a widespread practice in the ancient world to paint pictures/create stories of the birth famous people in a way that brought out the impact and significance of their life to follow.

These birth stories of Jesus then, are to be seen not so much as reports of his birth but as saying something about the significance of his life and teachings.

A bit like an overture/an orchestral piece at the beginning of an opera or ballet which prepares the audience for what is to come.

Jesus of Nazareth was a mystic, a teacher and a healer. Jesus said that Peace, Nonviolence, Love, Mercy and Compassion are the way we should live our lives.

The Buddhist mystics says this.

The Muslim mystics says this.

The Sikh mystics says this.

The Baha'i Mystics say this.

The Jewish Mystics say this.

Please feel welcome and included.

Blessing

Source of Wisdom, Source of Courage, Source of all good hopes – may we be open to the best wisdom, the best courage and the best hopes.

Every day offers us the opportunity to make a difference not just in our own lives but in the lives of others.

With our gifts and resources, we offer our hands, our minds and our hearts to help in turning the world to be a loving community of hope.

May our hearts and minds be open to the presence of the sacred within us and among us.

May our giving, our living and our fellowship, as we gather together to share this meal, be blessed, that we may continue this great work of Rotary.

And may we each one of us experience the spirit of Advent hope, peace, joy and love.

AMEN.

Thank you

This is a personal thank you to the Rotary Club of Kew. I feel very honoured to have received a Paul Harris Fellowship today. Thank you. As I said, I have known about PHFs since I was a Rotaractor, but did not think I would ever have one.

Thank you to all that knew about this presentation and kept it a secret from me!

It is important to say the activities I have been involved with – End Trachoma, Australia Day Meals, Collecting Food for BCO hampers, Coffee with a Cop, Garden Designfest are all activities that large numbers of Rotary Club of Kew members have taken part in and your support for these occasions, whether it was a windy day near the Harp or on other occasions very hot or wet RCK members were there to ensure activities were well supported and Rotary was serving the community. Again thank you for this very special award.

Barb

Thank you



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