



Bulletin

RI District 9800

Volume 58 Number 29

February 13, 2025

Celebrating 57 Years of Service

PRESIDENT

Pam Norton

Ph 0409 667 552

p.j.norton28@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Alison Vickers

Ph 0402 431 590

alandmon@bigpond.net.au

MEETING

Kew Golf Club

120 Belford Road Kew East

Thursday 12:30 pm

Meeting begins at 1pm

Apologies: **Bob Crozier**

bob_crozier@hotmail.com

Bulletin: **Barb Brook**

Barbrook814@gmail.com

RI PRESIDENT

Stephanie A.Urchick

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Michael Lapina

michael.lapina@rotary9800.org

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. I would like to welcome our speaker, Brian Wawn, who will talk about coal in Australia, a somewhat divisive topic.

We also welcome his friend Michael Asten, who has spoken on this topic previously.

We finally have firm details about our Gala Dinner. It is to be held on Thursday April 3rd, here at the Golf Club. We will of course not have a meeting on that day. This needs to be a big fundraiser, so please invite all your friends. There will be dancing, and a Silent Auction, for which we need lots of donations. Tickets are \$100, which is more than in the past, but everything is just so expensive now and we have to charge that much. It should be a lot of fun.

Sunday March 2nd is Clean Up Australia Day, at Willsmere Park as usual, at 9.30 am. We also have a charity barbeque on that day, which Mike MacFarlane can tell us details of. Some people might fit in both events, but otherwise, we will be requiring a number of volunteers.

Wednesday February 26th is the third Aquathon, 6pm, at the Leisure Centre on Belmore Rd. We always need a few volunteers for this and we would really appreciate a couple of people putting up their hands. There is very little to do- the young people at the Leisure Centre do most of it, but we need to be a presence, and also sell raffle tickets.

Finally, some sad news. I need to report the passing of a well-known Rotarian, David Shave, who I believe was known to many of the longer term members, and was a very popular Rotarian. His funeral is at Springvale on Friday February 21st. Jonathan has any other details you might want.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 16 February

Reply to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (leaflet later in the Bulletin)

Wednesday 19 February

Clean up at Hamer Court – contact Pam if you can assist

Thursday 20 February

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Laurette Coinet
Home Library Services

Sunday 23 February

Rotary Leadership Institute Face to face Program
At Djerring Flemington Hub 25 Mt Alexander Rd
Flemington (Registration details p 7 of the Bulletin)

Wednesday 26 February

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

Thursday 27 February

1pm RCK meeting speaker Edith Gould
Holocaust Survivor

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. Please let Barb know if you can assist on the roster – cooking, serving, finances.

9.30am Clean up Australia Day Willsmere Park
(27 Willow Grove, Kew East The car park is off Willow Grove.)

Thursday 6 March

1pm RCK meeting Fellowship (sit in Committees at tables)

Friday 7 March

11am Rotary Safe families online Joint International Mega Meeting (Registration details p 5 of the Bulletin)

Tuesday 11 March

5.30pm Board Meeting – Colin's

Thursday 13 March

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Linda Ball Bush Heritage

Thursday 20 March

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Laurette Coinet
Home Library Services

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Thursday 27 March

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Nello Ragusa
Hopes and Dreams.

Thursday 3 April

6.30pm Gala Dinner – Kew Golf Club \$100.00 per person
Please let Margaret know if you have silent auction items

Monday 7 April

Rotarians for Bees Dinner
Box Hill Golf Club

16 – 18 May 2025

Morphettville SA Combined District Conference

Sunday 15 June

Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Thursday 26 June

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover (night)

Saturday 5 July

District Changeover (lunchtime) more details to follow

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Cam. " This is the Victory, even our faith" Cam used this quote as her thought, as it was her school motto. This week her school in Sri Lanka is celebrating 125 years , and there are celebrations in Melbourne, Washington DC and in Colombo this weekend.

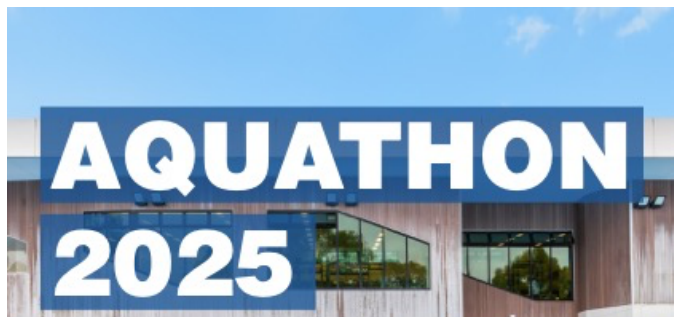
Guest Speaker from 6 February

Brian Ahmed, owner of WYNDHAM CACHE, talked to Kew Rotary last week about egg farming and the benefits of eating eggs from caged hens.
If you travel to Werribee South or via the M1, his restaurant, near the farm , is excellent for breakfast and lunch (and functions). The store is well stocked with fresh local produce including eggs, also imported (mostly European) foods. The address is 1 K Avenue (at 343 K Road) near all the Werribee attractions. If you go, say hello to Brian and remind him of his visit to Kew Rotary.

Evelyn Perks

Aquathon

Can you assist with supervision? Please let Kim know.
3rd race Boroondara Sports Complex
Wednesday 26 February
We are sponsoring the medals with the YMCA for these events.



Rotary District Conference



In Adelaide at the Morphettville Racecourse.
Further details and bookings
<https://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org/about>

Footy tipping will be back for 2025

Some of us are looking forward to a new year of football tipping. This is a great event to be part of and history shows you don't need football skills or knowledge!
For only \$50 you get many months of entertainment and a topic that equalises all members. Winner enjoys half the total funds, remainder to the winners charity. We encourage you to get family and friends to join us. Send an email to Russell or talk to Pennie and just be part of it for fun. First game **March 6**.

Pennie - 0425714316

Russell email. - rhoath@bigpond.net.au

Raffle

The winner of the Raffle today was Colin.
Thanks to Evelyne and Joel who had visited Bryan Ahmed egg farm, they donated a second prize and this was won by Michael Asten. Thank you Evelyne and Joel.

From the RCK International Committee

Thanks Jill for the photos and wonderful news.
Dili National Hospital eye department requested some glasses frames, as they have now trained staff and equipment to test vision and prescribe lenses. Peter, Mark and the team worked at this hospital in the early days after independence. Jill reached out to Peter, and he was able to supply frames from his donors stock, and this picture is the joy and gratitude of the staff receiving this gift which we sent to our people on the ground through DIK.



This is a little boy who was going blind in one eye, and they contacted Jill to help



bring him to Australia. Jill connected this family with our new contacts at Dili National Hospital eye department, who were able to operate the next day, and rescue his sight, and provide local follow up. The family and the staff are very grateful and send their thanks in pictures and video

Sumba – thank you Rotary Club of Balwyn

Peter Stewart on behalf of the Sumba Eye Program, through the Rotary Club of Kew, applied for a Rotary Centenary Grant being offered by the Rotary cCub of Balwyn for community/overseas projects. This was done in Sept/Oct 2024

Below is the reply dated 28th Nov 2024

On behalf of President Ian Davidson, it is with great pleasure that I confirm our telephone conversation on congratulating you and your Club the Rotary Club of Kew as being a successful applicant for a Balwyn Centenary Grant. It has been an exhaustive and detailed process deciding which of the applications were more worthy of support. Unfortunately, many very good and worthwhile projects did not make the final list.

In fact, Balwyn Centenary Grants would have liked to have funded every application but of course that would be impossible.

Confirming Balwyn will make a grant of \$30,000 to the Rotary Club of Kew

The other successful applications were from

- 1. The Rotary Club of Ballarat to install a commercial kitchen into the Ballarat Soup Bus to service the homeless and under-privileged*
- 2. The Rotary Club of Eynesbury to restore the historic Myer Cottage and make it suitable as a multi-purpose community centre*
- 3. The Rotary Club of Northlakes-Toukley to upgrade the facilities at the maternity ward, Sunkoski Community Hospital in Nepal*
- 4. The Rotary Club of Richmond to establish a women's bakery in Epe, Nigeria helping to empower women and girls in Nigeria*

As Chairperson of the Balwyn Centenary Grants Committee, I will follow up with you to assist in producing an RDU article and providing banking details and any other matters which need addressing with regard to your application. Hopefully, we can meet each other in the future and you and your Rotary Club members of Kew are always welcome to visit us at Balwyn at any time. Please accept congratulations from the Rotary Club of Balwyn and give Balwyn's best wishes to your club Members.

Kind regards on behalf of
Anne Frueh

This money will be spent finalising the set up of the Ophthalmology/Optometry department at RSUD Waikabubak Hospital Waikabubak West Sumba Indonesia.

Sumba – thank you Rotary Club of Balwyn con'd

Our next trip is 3rd to 10th May 2025 comprising of 2 Australian Ophthalmologists and 4 Australian Optometrists who will be liaising/working with Ophthalmology surgeons from Hassinudin University Makassar.

We hope that a local Ophthalmologist will have been appointed by then to run the department.

We are now very close to providing what we set out to do and that was to provide a sustainable eyecare program for the people of Sumba.

Peter Stewart

Environment

A recycling centre operates at the Scout Hall in Glass Street Kew East. It operates from 2-4 pm every Saturday. Below is a list of the items that Kew East Community Recycling accepts.

- Used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and electric toothbrushes
- Pump/plunger dispensers
- Skincare & makeup packaging
- Razors
- Plastic bread tags
- Blister packs
- Damaged toys – electronic, metal, plastic or plush (NO batteries)
- Take away coffee cups and lids

Club member can bring items to RCK meetings, and Kim can take them to the site on a Saturday afternoon if members prefer.

RI Theme for February – Peace and Conflict Resolution



Guest Speaker

Our speaker today was Brian Wawn who spoke on Coal



in Australia – quite a contentious presentation. Brian established the Energy Bureau in late 2021, to stimulate discussion of energy issues in Australia

Prior to this, he operated for 15 years a business (Resources Monitor) reporting on mining and other engineering projects in Australia and overseas in the 1990s and early 2000s, he was a director of companies reporting on building projects in Australia and Southeast Asia. He was an Australian diplomat from 1970 to 1984, with postings in Laos, Sri Lanka and Germany. Brian is the author of the book, *The Economies of the ASEAN Countries* (published by Macmillan, London, 1982 and, in Japanese, by Tanizawa, Tokyo, 1984) Over the past 18 months, has had eight articles on energy-policy issues published by *Spectator Australia*

Vale David Shave

David, a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, died on 9 February. The funeral will be held at the Boyd Chapel in the Springvale Botanical Crematorium on Friday 21 February at 2.30pm. (David stated in Rotary in East Kew, which became Kew on Yarra, then Yarra Bend, that then merged with RC Boroondara and then they merged with Canterbury.)

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



Rotary SAFE Families is going global and is being endorsed by District 9800.

We are continuing our campaign in primary prevention of family violence to men, women, children and elderly of any diversity but increasing our reach into global peace and mental health literacy.

The invitations to join this meeting online extends to more than 30 countries.

We now have 3 inspirational Patrons who will be supporting our journey:

Gordon McNally, Immed. RI PP

Pat Merryweather-Arges, Immed. Past Vice President

Grace Van Zyl, Chair Rotary Action Group for Peace

We are providing members on Registration the chance to become a Special Representative of Rotary SAFE Families- Building a Culture of Peace.

Please join us at our first global Mega-Meeting on Friday 7 March at 11.00 AM (AEDT)

Register here: <https://forms.gle/TBxBwTrAZtEEhJH49>

OR via our QR code link on our Invitation below

Invites You To The

**ROTARY
SAFE
FAMILIES**

ONLINE JOINT INTERNATIONAL
MEGA - MEETING

**THEME:
INTRODUCING
ROTARY SAFE FAMILIES
BUILDING A CULTURE
OF PEACE GLOBALLY**

					
PAT MERRYWEATHER-ARGES Patron / Guest Speaker Rotary SAFE Families Past Rotary International Vice President 2023-2024	GUEST SPEAKER MICHAEL LAPIÑA Rotary International District Governor 2024-2025 - D9800 Australia	GUEST SPEAKER MOO BAULCH, OAM Chair - National Violence Against Women Prevention Organisation Chair: Our Watch Australia	Co-HOST - GUEST SPEAKER DOROTHY GILMOUR President Rotary Hawthorn D9800 Australia. Co-Chair: Rotary SAFE Families	MODERATOR Past President ROBERT FISHER Rotary Melbourne District, Australia Major Contributor End Polio Now	CO-HOST - GUEST SPEAKER Past President OZUEM O. ESIRI CO-Host & Conventor: Rotary Districts & Clubs-Joint International Online Mega Meeting



DATE: FRI. 7 March 2025
AUSTRALIA - 11.00 AM (AEDT)
INDIA - 5.30 AM (IST)
NEW ZEALAND 1.00 PM (NZDT)
TOKYO, JAPAN - Fri. 7 March: 9.00 Am (JST)

THURSDAY 6 March 2025
Illinois, USA - Thur. 6 March: 6.00 PM (CST)
Toronto Canada - Thur. 6 March: 7.00 PM (EST)
Los Angeles, USA - Thur. 6 March: 4.00 PM (PST)

**HELP ROTARY
REDUCE
FAMILY ABUSE**

Rotary
Districts & Clubs
Joint International
Online Mega Meeting

Rotary
District 9800

Rotary
District 9800
PEACE

The Rotary Club of Kew acknowledges the ongoing support of the following businesses



You are invited to attend the

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A one day, face-to-face opportunity



The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

It is especially relevant for people moving into leadership roles in the club.

Part 1 & 2:

In this session you will:

- ◆ Learn innovative ideas and strategies to influence improvement in your club
- ◆ Learn how to attract and retain new members
- ◆ Explore the resources in My Rotary and learn how these can help you and your club
- ◆ Find out about the structure of Rotary at Club, District, National and International level.
- ◆ Learn about effective leadership styles and behaviours when working with volunteers.
- ◆ Explore tips that work in effective Rotary teams and the importance of planning.

Part 3:

In this session you will:

- ◆ Understand about The Avenues of Service in your club and other clubs, projects that exist and the goals and purpose of such projects.
- ◆ Learn how to access funds to support projects.
- ◆ Gain an insight into the Rotary Foundation
- ◆ Learn about opportunities to secure District and International Grants.

Part 4:

In this session you will:

- ◆ Learn effective strategies in promoting the great work done by your club members.
- ◆ Learn a technique that will enable you to tell the stories that make your projects important for others.
- ◆ Learn tips and techniques that enable you effectively to use social and print media.
- ◆ Prepare and deliver short, impactful, and engaging information about "your Rotary" experience.

This will all be covered in one day.

**Sunday 23 February 2025
At Djerring Flemington Hub
25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington**

From 9am to 5pm

All costs are covered by D9800 so you do not need to pay anything

**To register email Jane Pennington
Jane.Pennington@rotary9800.org by 16 February.**

Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
20 Feb	Dias C	Wen K	Tan M H	Levin R	Stewart P	Crozier B
27 Feb	Forsyth J	Levin R	Crawford J	Dias C	Stillwell M	Maddock G
6 Mar	Dadafarin M	Verginis G	Hoath R	Ewart C	Bourke M	Vickers A
13 Mar	Vickers A	Crawford J	Cohen J	Maddock G	Scott J	McFarlane M
20 Mar	Turner-Atkins M	Vickers A	Dalziel, A	Wen K	Garling W	Payne F
27 Mar	Cohen J	Garling W	Devidas D	Dadafarin M	Verginis G	Scott J
03 Apr	Gale J	Dalziel A	Crozier B	Payne F	Perks E	Crawford J
10 Apr	Brook B	Dias C	Payne F	Vickers A	Turner-Atkins M	Shepherd J
17 Apr	Payne F	Bourke M	Brown D	Levin R	Stewart P	Garling W
24 Apr	Verginis G	Williams M	Tan M H	Dias C	Stillwell M	Stewart P
01-May	Burns C	Brook B	Payne F	Ewart C	Bourke M	Stillwell M
08-May	Zammit C	Crozier B	Crawford J	Maddock G	Scott J	Cohen J
15-May	Levin R	Devidas D	Hoath R	Wen K	Garling W	Wen K
22-May	Ewart C	Brown D	Cohen J	Dadafarin M	Verginis G	Verginis G
29-May	Stillwell M	Cohen J	Dalziel A	Payne F	Stewart P	Ibbotson P