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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.

I would like to welcome our speaker today, Nello Ragusa, who will talk to us about Zambia.

On Tuesday night I went to the Balwyn Rotary Club meeting, as I wanted to hear the speaker again, and I will get Gaie to invite her to speak to us.

I thought I would tell you that in conjunction with the Council, Balwyn has a short story writing competition, for adults and children and I think the prizes are \$1,000. So if any of you are secret authors, or have children or grandchildren who write well, you might like to google "Boroondara Literary Awards".

We have had to change the date of the Gala Dinner yet again, and it is now Thursday April 10th. Margaret will speak about it later.

I want to remind people that Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday week, March 2nd. I hope a lot of you will attend at 9.30 at Willsmere Park. I will have gloves and bags. It is less than 2 hours generally, and I bring tea and coffee and nice cake for when we finish. And you can feel patriotic. The Chemist Warehouse BBQ is 10am -4pm so some people may be available after Clean Up Australia. The final Aquathon is at 6pm on Wednesday, at the pool on Belmore Rd. A few volunteers would be most welcome.

And finally, I may have told you, Rotarians for Bees are holding a fundraising dinner, unfortunately on Monday April 7th, which is the same week as our dinner. We would like people to attend, but I know it is a big ask. It is at the Box Hill Golf Club. We are hoping to have Costa again. The last dinner was wonderful and this should be good too. There will be a notice in the Bulletin soon.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 23 February

Rotary Leadership Institute Face to face Program
At Djerring Flemington Hub 25 Mt Alexander Rd
Flemington

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 – 4pm 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, or receiving donations for the sausages. Chemist Warehouse is providing all items.

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

Thursday 27 March

1pm RCK meeting Speaker

Thursday 10 April

6.30pm Gala Dinner – Kew Golf Club \$100.00 per person. Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHOC>
Please let Margaret know if you have silent auction items

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Monday 7 April

Rotarians for Bees Dinner
Box Hill Golf Club

16 – 18 May 2025

Morphettville SA Combined District Conference
Further details and bookings
<https://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org/about>

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 Bob
Burning 1 kilogram of coal is a mechanism whereby 3 kilograms of good clean oxygen are removed from the atmosphere and replaced by 4 kilograms of carbon pollution.

Rotary's Response to the US's plan to withdraw from the WHO USAID funding freeze

Rotary remains committed to eradicating polio, despite the U.S. decision to withdraw from the WHO, a key partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). As a founding GPEI partner, Rotary has worked for decades with governments and organizations to reduce polio cases by 99.9% since 1988.

The organization remains dedicated to protecting every child, even in the most remote and challenging regions.

Rotary is confident that GPEI will continue to adapt, innovate, and ensure vaccine accessibility worldwide. Additionally, Rotary's collaboration with USAID has been affected by a stop-work order, impacting various projects, including the Hearts of Europe initiative.

Rotary has informed those involved and is working on alternative funding solutions to support ongoing efforts.

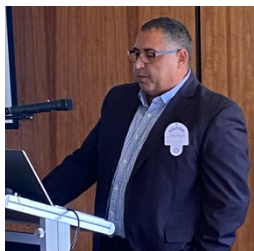
Despite these challenges, Rotary remains resolute in achieving a polio-free world.

Having eradicated smallpox, humanity can now ensure polio becomes the second disease eliminated globally, fulfilling the long-standing promise of a healthier future for all.

Guest Speaker

Our inspirational speaker today was Nello Ragusa who founded Hopes and Dreams in 2008. Nello was deeply moved after watching video footage of how in other parts of the world many children and families were living an underprivileged life. Nello felt called to do something and to really make a difference. Knowing he couldn't take this on

by himself he established key partnerships with like-minded people both in Australia and throughout Africa and Asia. Hopes and Dreams focus is on Water and Microenterprise for Females. Their focus is on Africa and India with self sustaining programs. Typically programs are for 3000 people. They have completed over 1000 projects and helped 140,000 people



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.



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!

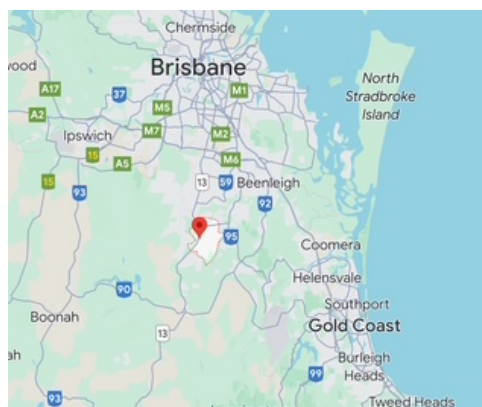
For only \$50 you get many months of entertainment and a topic that equalises all members. Winner enjoys half the total funds, remainder to the winners charity. We encourage you to get family and friends to join us. Send an email to Russell or talk to Pennie and just be part of it for fun. First game **March 6**.

Pennie - 0425714316

Russell email. - rhoath@bigpond.net.au

Toast to Rotary

Today we recognised the Rotary club of Jimboomba,



District 9640, located in South Queensland and Northern NSW. The club was established in 1982 and recognised as the best small club in 2012.

They meet on Tuesday evenings.

Raffle

The winner of the Raffle today was Joan.

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



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Das continues to have regular contact with our members and we thank him most sincerely for his continual care.

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 OZLEM O. ESIRI CO - Host & Convener: 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)



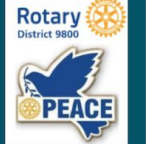
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REDUCE
FAMILY ABUSE**



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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
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