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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](#)

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President's Message



Good afternoon everyone. I would like to welcome our speaker, Dita Gould, and her friend Peter Schnall, who will be filming her talk, but will only film Dita.

Yesterday afternoon was the third and final Aquathon. Thanks to Kim for all her work.

Mike MacFarlane, Wendy and I assisted yesterday and it was very successful. It is a good opportunity to advertise our name.

We have a busy weekend coming up. This Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day, as you all know by now, and the weather promises to be a very pleasant 22 degrees for picking up rubbish. I very much hope we will have a good turnout. I have the bags and gloves and spikes and there will be morning tea afterwards. 9.30 at Willsmere Park.

The other Sunday event is the barbeque for Chemist Warehouse, 10am to 4 pm at Preston. Chemist Warehouse is a longtime sponsor of the Save Our Sons Foundation and they have donated generously to some of our projects. Thanks to Mike for his efforts with this event. See Barb or Mike MacFarlane if you can help. It is difficult having two activities on the one day, but both are very important.

I will just mention two other events. Our Gala Dinner is on Thursday April 10th here at the Golf Club. Bookings through TryBooking and details are in the Bulletin. We need Silent Auction goods, and could you please donate wine next week for a hamper, then food the following weeks.

Rotarians for Bees are having a dinner on Monday April 7th at the Box Hill Golf Club. It is very unfortunate timing but it promises to be a great night. Costa will speak and a number of other speakers. There will be a poster in the Bulletin next week. I would really like to get a table together, so if you wish to attend, please let me know. It is \$70 a head.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 2 March

10am – 4pm Operate BBQ for Chemist Warehouse at their Head Office in Preston.

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 3 April

1pm RCK meeting Speaker

Monday 7 April

Rotarians for Bees Dinner
Box Hill Golf Club

Thursday 10 April

(no lunchtime meeting)
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. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

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

Presented by the Rotary Club of Kew

BOROONDARA

ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES FAIR

Unearth hidden treasures, seek valuations, and revel in the charm of antiques and collectables.

WHEN

June 15th, 2025
10.00am to 4.00pm

WHERE

Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Rd Hawthorn Vic

ENTRY

ADULTS \$5
Children Free

WHAT'S ON

- High-end antiques and one-of-a-kind collectables include Horse Racing Memorabilia, Vintage Items, high-end Jewellery from the Victorian era, sought after Royal China, Australiana collections plus much more.
- Have your valuable items or antiques appraised by renowned Government approved valuer. Valuations \$5 per item (no jewellery, coins or stamps).

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Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Gaie.

“Attachment to being right creates suffering. When you have a choice to be right or to be kind, choose “kind” and watch your suffering disappear.”

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday also to our RCK member with a birthday in February – Michael Stillwell (1st)

Aquathon

The last race for the season was last night. Thank you Kim and all those that have assisted throughout the series.



Raffle

The winner of the Raffle today was Doug Brown

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.

Join Kew High School for breakfast this International Women's Day – Men and Women

Joan is in close contact with Kew High School as part of our Youth programs. She is hoping RCK members can join her at this event.



This year, we're welcoming **Rev Natalie Dixon-Monu**—a current KHS parent and an incredible community leader—as our guest speaker. 🙏
Natalie will share her inspiring journey and the lessons she's learned over 36 years of working with vulnerable individuals. From her roles in adult and juvenile prisons, as a family support worker, grief counsellor, and outreach in homeless shelters and rooming houses, Natalie has touched countless lives.
This special event will also serve as a **fundraiser for Boroondara Community Outreach (BCO)**, an organisation Natalie has coordinated for the past 18 years. Recently awarded **Boroondara Citizen of the Year**, Natalie's impact is far-reaching and inspirational, and we're excited to raise awareness and funds for BCO while celebrating our supportive, inclusive community. Tickets: \$10 for adults FREE for students Bookings are essential —reserve your spot via the QR code

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker today was Dita Gould, who shared her story as a child survivor of the Holocaust. Dita has written a memoir "The Girl in the Lion's Mouth", which



begins with the story of how she survived the Holocaust separated from her parents as a child, in a world of hunger, isolation, rejection and fear.

Today Dita began by recounting her early life in a small village in Hungary, where she lived with her Viennese mother and Hungarian father. She and her sister enjoyed the support of a loving extended family. Her father was well respected, but when anti-Jewish conflict began to occur between groups of younger people, he found himself the

subject of unfounded accusations, and after seeking advice from a Polish rabbi, left the village and took the family to safety in Budapest. (Dita became the only child from her village who survived the Holocaust.)

In Budapest the family were at first settled and happy, with Dita making many school friends. All the children played well together and life was good.

However, after the Nazis invaded Hungary, Dita and other Jewish people were forced to wear a yellow Star of David on their outer clothing, and, for the first time, Dita became fearful. By this time her father had been taken to a forced labour camp, and only her mother and sister were left in the family home. They were also forced to move to a "yellow Star House" where they lived with an elderly spinster. The children were also no longer allowed to attend school.

Guest Speaker con'd

Despite these deprivations Dita and her friends went on to make useful objects to sell to raise money for children in orphanages, and some of that money was subsequently given to a friend of her father's who had been sent to the Russian front, and who wanted to help other ill-treated men in labour camps. (These men did not survive.)

Dita's father continued to support others who were trying to save adults and children from being sent away, and Dita and many other children were secretly taken to a hospital to be kept safe – for a time.

Time today did not permit for the completion of Dita's story of how she managed to survive the Holocaust, and to then live a long and fulfilled life, as outlined in her book.

Joan

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

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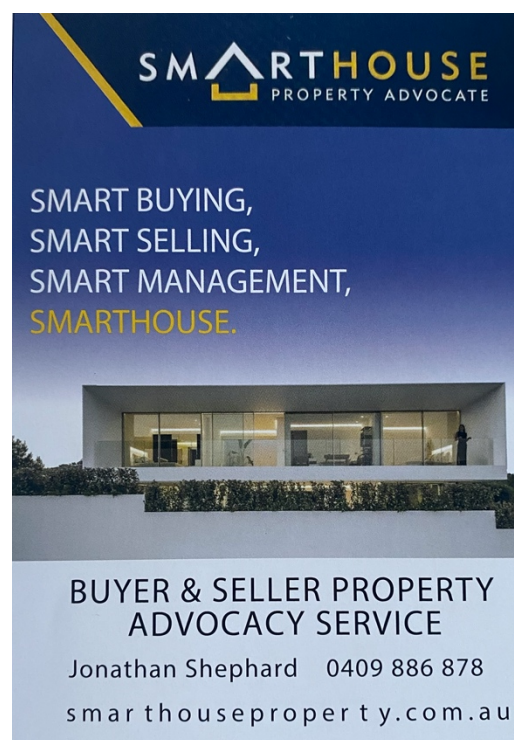
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Meeting Duty Roster

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