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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. I would like to welcome our guest speaker Brian Ahmed, who will tell us all about egg farming. The Rotary International theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution

This is probably the most important aim for the world however it is unclear how it is to be achieved. As you know, Rotary International offers Peace Fellowships, training for people to work in countries where there is conflict. I have information about these, if anyone knows some person who might wish to apply.

The second Aquathon was held late yesterday afternoon at the Hawthorn Leisure Centre. Thanks to Kim, Joan and Mike MacFarlane. Kim and Mike sold a lot of raffle tickets and Joan and I were supervising, but really not doing much. However it was all very successful. The third Aquathon is on February 26th.

Just a reminder that we are collecting cans and bottles, to get the 10c refund on each one. They need to say on the side that they are part of the scheme, so don't scrunch up the cans. Wine or spirit bottles are not accepted. You can get the refund yourself and bring the money to Jonathan, or bring the bottles and cans to lunch and Kim and I will take them. There are two shops we know of that give cash rather than vouchers or using an app. One is the Mont Albert Newsagency in Hamilton St. Mont Albert, and the other is a little shop in the group of shops corner of Belmore and Balwyn Roads.

We don't have a firm date or venue for the Gala Dinner, but I think it will be decided at our meeting after lunch today.

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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 11 February

RCK Board Meeting 369 High Street, Kew

Thursday 13 February

1pm RCK meeting

Speaker Brian Wawn Coal in Australia

Thursday 20 February

1pm RCK meeting

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.

Clean up Australia Day – more details to come

Thursday 6 March

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

Thursday 13 March

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Linda Ball Bush Heritage

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)

Upcoming Gala Dinner – more details to follow

Please let Margaret know if you have silent auction items

President's Message con'd from p1

Kim is about to become the President of the Asian Business Womens' Association and they are having a lunch here at the Golf Club on Saturday March 8th which is International Womens' Day. They have a number of excellent speakers and there is a poster in the Bulletin. See Kim if you are interested in attending.

It should be a great day

Finally, I need some help. With a Federal election coming up, I thought we could cook some "democracy sausages" as we did at the last election. We did it at the Uniting Church Hall in Normanby Rd, and Jennie Gale organized it as it was the Church she attended. The hall is no longer used by the Uniting Church, nor, it appears, by anyone. There is no indication at the Church of who is to contact. I looked up the list of polling booths and it is still listed. Would anyone have any idea of how to find out how to contact someone about the Church, or, does anyone know of another polling booth in Kew that might be free? So there is some homework for everyone, as I have come to a dead end.

Pam Norton

Thought of the Week

The thought was contributed by Colin
"Natural disasters happen from time to time but poverty happens all the time and therefore poverty is the greatest tragedy, it is the greatest disaster of mankind!"

Mehmet Murat ildan - Turkish Playwright

Rotary Toast

The toast today was to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong. Established in 1931, the club meets twice a month at Tuesday lunch time. There are 100 clubs in District 3480, which includes Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia and Guangdong.

Bank Account Details

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

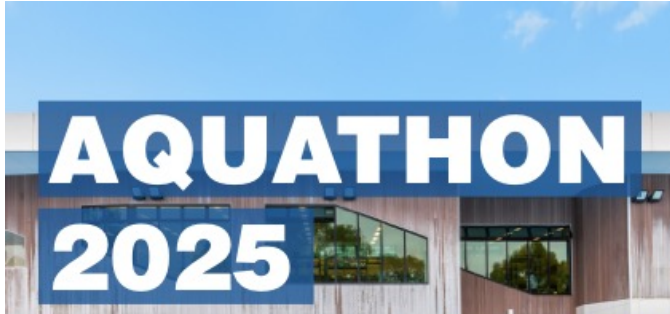
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Aquathon

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.



Thanks to Joan, Mike, Pam and Kim who assisted last night at the second aquathon.



Rotary District Conference



Early bird bookings have now opened for the **Multi District Impact Summit**.
In Adelaide at the Morphettville Racecourse.
Further details and bookings
<https://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org/about>

Guest Speaker



Our speaker today was Brian Ahmed, of LT's Egg Farm and Wyndham Cache. Brian heads the multi-generational family egg farming business, situated on the original land his parents purchased in the late 1960s, after having migrated to

Australia from Cyprus after WW2.

The original family farm was on a small scale, with the aim of supporting the family though producing food, and then to supply eggs to the local community. Since that time the farming venture has developed into "a nation-wide egg wholesaler with a full range of gourmet retail and deli products from other family farms." Brian spoke about how technology has revolutionised egg farming techniques, and elaborated on the various types of egg production, including Caged Eggs, Barn Laid and Free Range. He emphasized that although agriculture has changed over the years, the commitment to farming ethically has remained at the forefront.

In highlighting the different types of egg production, Brian stated that there often a marked difference between the "marketing vs the reality", with many misunderstandings and misinformation regarding the various negatives and positives of each type of egg production. He believes that the public is not always fully informed of the facts, especially regarding the welfare of hens and the quality of the eggs. Brian mentioned that consumers have choices about where to buy eggs, which are available not only at supermarkets, but from fruiterers, delis, and from the farm gate. LT's Egg Farm manages its own distribution process, delivering to a variety of point-of-sale locations, under the label 'Daily Dozen.' Overall, Brian and his family are committed to continuing to farm intensively, humanely and with a key emphasis on safe consumption of eggs for their customers. In conclusion, Brian invited members to visit the family business in Werribee.

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

Raffle

The winner of the Raffle today was Bob Crozier.

RI Theme for February – Peace and Conflict Resolution



Other Club Events

Rotary club of Brighton



All makes 25 years and older!

Register: trybooking.com/CWYRJ

Website: brightonclassiccarshow.org.au

All other enquiries: Rob Pinchbeck 0411 729 569

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AABWA International Women's Day Luncheon

"ACCELERATE ACTION"



8 MARCH 2025

Kew Golf Club
120 Belford Rd, Kew East VIC 3102

12:30 PM FOR
1:00 PM START

Kathy Kaplan

Founder of Impact
for Women

Since 2006 Impact
for Women has been
making a difference to Victorian
women and Children fleeing
extreme violence at home.



Sara Pantaleo

Past CEO of
La Porchetta

While at La Porchetta,
Sara drove the brand's
growth from only 12 outlets in
1996 into the largest, licensed,
a-la-carte restaurant franchise
in Australasia.



Therese O'Neill

Building a Strong
Personal Brand

Personal Branding,
Purpose-Driven
Business, and social
media are her jam.



Kaushi Gunasekera MC

Founder and CEO
of Mortgage Premiers,
Television and Radio Star
on AUSLANKA MEDIA.



PLUS Band with
Hamish Williamson
and Chris Nankervis
& Two course meal

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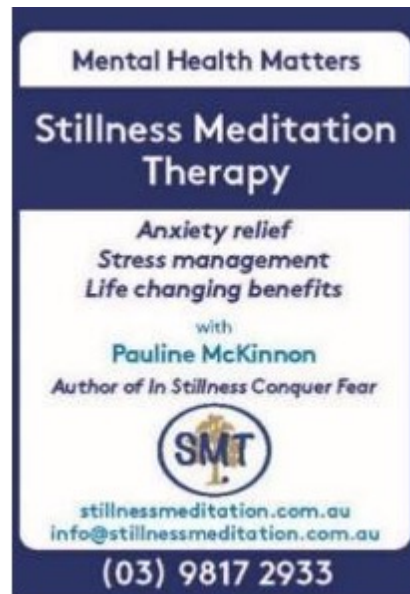


IWD Event by Australian Asian Business Women's Association

Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
13 Feb	Bourke M	Maddock G	Burns C	Dadafarin M	Turner-Atkins M	Dias C
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

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



2026-27 ROTARY PEACE FELLOW APPLICATIONS



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 MAY 2025

Each year, Rotary offers 130 fellowships for fully funded training in peace building and conflict resolution at seven university-based Rotary Peace Centres. Rotary District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district in the world.

Do you have?

- A strong commitment to peace building in your profession
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- A bachelor's degree and five years of relevant work experience [Professional Certificate]
- A bachelor's degree, plus three years of relevant work experience [Master's Degree]

Why become a Rotary Peace Fellow?

Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution. Typically, they work in national governments, NGOs, the military, media, law enforcement, peace education, international organisations such as Red Cross, the UN and World Bank, and grass roots community organisations. This is a signature program for Rotary International.

How to apply?

- All Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.
- Speak to a Rotarian you know or contact a Rotary club near you via [Directory of D9800 Clubs](#)
- Review the process online via [Rotary International Peace Fellowships](#)

What is a Rotary Peace Fellowship?

A two-year Master's Degree:

Students from diverse backgrounds and professional experience undertake programs varying in length from 15 to 24 months and include two to three months of applied field experience designed by the peace fellow. The fully funded post graduate study is at an internationally recognised Peace Centre in England, Japan, Sweden, or USA.

Professional Development Certificate:

Designed for mid-career professionals in fields of peace and conflict resolution to study in Uganda or Turkey. Applicants must have connection with Africa or the Middle East. The Certificate program includes:

- Preliminary online course
- 10-week on-site course
- Field studies
- A social change initiative
- One-week on-site capstone seminar

What does a Rotary Peace Fellowship cover?

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Field study expenses
- Health insurance

For further information contact:

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PLEASE SHARE THIS FLYER WITH ANY POTENTIAL APPLICANTS.