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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 today, Michaela Stafracs, whose topic is "Women Can", a viewpoint many of us share. Michaela's friend Kerry Komhauser is also joining us. Michaela and Kerry are doubly welcome as they are both Rotarians.

Last Thursday night I attended a Citizenship ceremony at the Boroondara Arts Centre, where 170 people were welcomed as Australian citizens. The Australian Girls' Choir sang, and it was a very moving ceremony.

I want to remind people that we would like to start collecting bottles for the refund scheme, as an easy way to make some money for the club. Next week I will bring some bags and hopefully people will bring bottles. There is a shop near where I live, which gives cash refunds.

I'm sure everyone uses these bottles occasionally, and they mount up.

We still need donations for the hamper for the Gala Dinner, and also we need people to buy tickets. So if you haven't yet done so, please try to get a table together. It will be a wonderful night.

Also a reminder about the Bee dinner, which promises to be a lot of fun. Money goes to educating people, especially children, about the importance of bees, and the threats posed to them.

Barb is currently in Japan, but she is still doing the Bulletin, aided by Joan. Thank you to the two of them.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 3 April

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Sophie Willmot NYSF student

Monday 7 April

Rotarians for Bees Dinner

Box Hill Golf Club

Bookings

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1361392>

Thursday 10 April

(no lunchtime meeting)

6.30pm Gala Dinner – Kew Golf Club \$100.00 per person. Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHOC> or visa poster opposite Please let Margaret know if you have silent auction items. Please bring wine, good food and gardening things for me to put into hampers for the Gala Dinner Dance. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Thursday 17 April

1pm RCK meeting Fellowship - Membership

Thursday 24 April

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Deb Williams ANZAC

Thursday ! May

1pm RCK meeting Speaker June Crawford
Member behind the Badge.

Thursday 8 May

1pm RCK meeting

Saturday 10 May

Art display by the Namajerra people
Hawthorn Town Hall more details to follow entry free

Thursday 15 May

1pm RCK meeting

16 – 18 May 2025

Morphettville SA Combined District Conference
Further details and bookings

<https://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org/about>

Thursday 22 May

1pm RCK meeting

Sunday 15 June

10am-4pm Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Thursday 26 June

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover (night)

Saturday 5 July

District Changeover (lunchtime) more details to follow



The Rotary Club of Kew invites you to

Kew Gala

Fundraiser 2025



THURSDAY

10

APR 2025

Doors open at 6.30pm
for a 7pm start

KEW GOLF CLUB

120 Belford Rd,
Kew East VIC 3102

\$100

Per Person

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES READY FOR A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

This event will raise funds to support the Spinal Research Institute and charitable works of the Rotary Club of Kew

FEATURING: Lots of fun, dinner, dancing, silent auction and raffle with funds raised to support the Spinal Research Institute (principal charity) and charitable works of the Rotary Club of Kew

WHAT'S INCLUDED: 2-course meal, drinks at bar prices

DRESS CODE: Semi-Formal/ After Five

LIVE MUSIC



BOOK NOW



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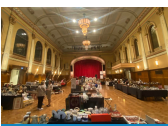
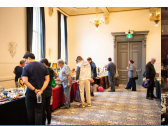


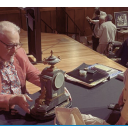
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Bookings www.kewgala.com.au

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZHOC>



The Rotary Club of Kew invites you to

BOROONDARA

ANTIQU & COLLECTABLES FAIR

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

WHEN	WHERE	ENTRY
June 15th 2025, 10 AM to 4 PM	Hawthorn Arts Centre 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122	ADULTS \$5 Children Free \$5 per valuation (no jewellery, stamps or coins)

Have your treasures valued by **David Freeman**, renowned, government-approved valuer, whose vast experience with art, antiques, china and collectables will help you understand the value of your family treasures.
David Freeman Valuations/ Amanda Addams Auctions/ Desirable Objects Gallery



David Freeman

BOOK TICKETS

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Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair 2025



Almoner

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

Thought of the Day

The thoughts were contributed by Joan
“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Toast to Rotary

The toast today was to the Rotary Club of Amman Citadel. The newest International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) Member, is Captain Carol Rabadi, from the RC of Amman Citadel in Jordan. Captain Rabadi is an A380 pilot for Jordanian Airlines.

Guest Speaker

Our speaker today, Mikaela Stafrace, has recently



retired as CEO from WomenCAN Australia, which she founded in 2019, to address the barriers women face in moving from poverty to employment, after periods of homelessness.

Mikaela highlighted the high numbers of women over 55 experiencing homelessness in Australia, and the societal factors that have led to this, including past educational expectations and opportunities, a lack of superannuation, time out of the workforce, death of a spouse, divorce, and various forms of financial discrimination.

Women enduring homelessness may experience shame and often blame themselves for the situations in which they find themselves, but the underlying cause is poverty. Mikaela's journey to establish WomenCAN began with a powerful realisation that despite her career in corporate law, something was missing. Her own encounter with a homeless woman led her to consider pathways by which women could escape poverty, through education and employment.

WomenCAN offers women a chance to gain vocational training and to secure fair and safe employment. Through WomenCAN, women are brought together in

Guest Speaker con'd

peer-led groups and assisted to enrol in 4 areas of TAFE training:

Aged Care

Childcare

Transport – eg bus driving

Trades

The peer- led model allows women to help each other to gain in confidence and to re-enter the workforce with a current qualification, establishing a pathway to move into secure accommodation.

Mikaela also spoke about the lack of rental properties , with the availability of social housing at its lowest in 40 years. Various government initiatives, including the building of clusters of “tiny houses” can possibly provide some housing for women. Social housing initiatives, perhaps based on the previous Housing Commission model, could offer solutions in the long term.

In conclusion, Mikaela noted that men are also affected by homelessness, and stressed the importance of “checking in” on friends or acquaintances if it becomes apparent that their situation is concerning. (Are you OK?)

Joan, photo Mike

Other Rotary Clubs

Tools for Timor Leste

Dromana Rotary are collecting used power tools to send overseas. I'm happy to be a collection point for their project.

Any power tool that has a cable and still in working order, as many people now replace their tools with a battery version, we hope this is a good way to repurpose.

Drop of at 1/49 Hatfield St, Balwyn North.

Pennie

GOLF DAY



ENTRY FORM

On: **Friday 9 May 2025**
At: **Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Rd, East Kew**

Proceeds will support the local community and families in need.

Great Prizes for: 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed Teams, and Fun prizes for Men & Women

❖ Longest Drive (on the 9th Fairway)

❖ Nearest the pin (on the 11th & 14th Greens)

Bank Account Details

Raffle

The winner of the Raffle today was Gaie.

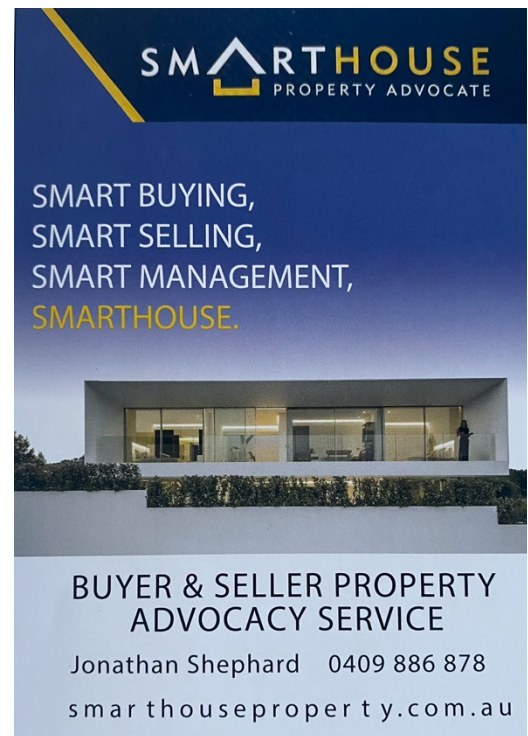
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Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

Account 125381590

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

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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
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
05-Jun	McFarlane M	Dadafarin M	Payne F	Vickers A	Turner-Atkins M	Perks E
12-Jun	Crawford J	Scott J	Devidas D	Levin R	Stillwell M	Bourke M
19-Jun	Stewart P	Ibbotson P	Crozier B	Dias C	Perks E	Brown D