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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. We have a very important meeting today, discussing probably the most important issue facing Rotary worldwide, that of membership. The small number of members we have here today is an indication of this. Despite having fewer people at the Gala dinner than we had hoped, we raised the amazing amount of \$9,000!!! And we all had a terrific time. Thanks to Margaret

and her team and thanks to all of you who generously donated (especially Doug Brown, Michael Stillwell, Barry, Wendy and Pennie) and generously bought so much. I am currently using some pretty dreadful toothpaste that came in one of the hampers I bought. Thanks to Alan Brook as well for doing the money for which we are very grateful.

Margaret has asked me to remind you all that we are having a sausage sizzle on election day at the Uniting Church Hall in Normanby Rd, as we did at the last election. We will need quite a few volunteers on the day, so please keep it free. If anyone has a really big Esky we might ask to borrow it, as we cannot use the fridge (or anything) from the Hall.

I rang Marilyn Shepherd yesterday, just to see how she is, and you will be pleased to hear that she seems to be doing very well. She sounded very strong and healthy and is enjoying living at Kew Gardens. She would like to come to a Rotary meeting and see people again but she has a wheelchair which makes it quite difficult.

Last thing. I am currently organizing the stallholders for the Antique Fair and I am having a few problems getting enough sellers. So I thought maybe we could have stall from members here. I'm sure you all have old items at home that could be classified as antique, that you don't really want, and your kids won't want (speaking from experience). You would pay for a stall which is \$100 (for a stall, not each person) put little coloured stickers on your own goods, and when they are sold, you keep the money. I have someone in mind to facilitate this. Just remember that this is an Antique and Collectables Fair, not a White Elephant Fair, so the goods have to be good quality and fairly old. Anyway, have a look at home and see what you think.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 24 April

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Deb Williams ANZAC

Thursday 1 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 - Fellowship

Thursday 29 May

1pm RCK meeting

Thursday 5 June

1pm RCK meeting

Sunday 15 June

10am-4pm Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Thursday 26 June

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover (night)

Thursday 3 July

1pm RCK meeting

Saturday 5 July

District Changeover (lunchtime) more details to follow

Almoner

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

Toast to Rotary

The toast today was to the Rotary Club of Greece

Gala Dinner

Our Gala Dinner was a huge success. The food was delicious, the one-man band was great and everyone said that they had a great time.

Thank you very much to my committee who worked tirelessly over the last two months gathering goods to sell, thank you Barb and Alan Brook for handling the money and thank you to all the members of the Rotary Club of Kew who donated goods.

We sold nearly everything and despite the numbers being lower than in past years we managed to make \$9108.00

Margaret Turner-Atkins

Thank you Margaret for all your work on this great event and we look forward to the next one.

Art Exhibition

Lipwurrunga by Les Huddleston

The powerful life cycle of the Barramundi is at the heart of 'Lipwurrunga', a community exhibition showcasing Les Huddleston's life and work. 30 April to 14 June, Hawthorn Town Hall Gallery, free entry
There will be finger food, and drinks at bar prices.

Image: Les Huddleston, detail from 'Barramundi Together' The official opening is Saturday 10 May



New Signage Installed

Dear all

I am pleased to advise the signage engaging and informing the community of the [Kew Remembers](#) project, which is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Kew to honour those residents who are listed on the Kew War Memorial, has now been installed, adjacent to the memorial. The signage engages the community with the Kew Remembers project and provides an easy and direct link with access to these invaluable resources and records.

In addition, noting 2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the dedication of the Kew War Memorial, Council has recently completed restoration works of the monument including items such as cleaning, repointing, painting and tiling repairs.

Thank you for your support and collaboration in bringing this project to fruition for the community.

Kind regards,

Jackie Gatt (she/her)

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Raffle

The raffle was won by George.

Thought of the Day

The thoughts were contributed by Gaie

“Thank God every morning when you get up – that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best, will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.”

Charles Kingsley

“Laziness may appear attractive but work gives satisfaction”

Anne Frank

Darwin

At the April Board Meeting we were delighted to accept Jill's Darwin project with the Larrikeet aboriginals.

The shop will continue to provide funding for Darwin.

Jill is excited that members of Kew Rotary would like to involve themselves with perhaps going to Darwin to assist and train in sewing etc. It would be a self funded trip in August. Please let Jill know if you are interested. There would be the opportunity for sightseeing during your time in Darwin.

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 off at 1/49 Hatfield St, Balwyn North.

Pennie



Rotary Club

Fellowship Evenings

Book a Night ...Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July

\$22 includes Wine and Cheese

Tickets on line at

camberwellartshow.org.au/visitor-information/

From our World President

Dear Rotary members,

Over the past few months, while we visited Rotary clubs worldwide and witnessed inspiring projects that are making a tangible difference in their communities, many have approached us with concerns about the current political and economic volatility, and its potential impact on the work that we do.

We want to assure you that in times of uncertainty, one thing is certain - our mission and values remain unchanged. Rotary is a force for good in the world because we are deeply embedded in communities. We will continue to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

The ideals of service, fellowship, and diversity have enabled us to transcend boundaries of all kinds. We bring people of all backgrounds together, foster collaboration, and make our communities stronger. For 120 years Rotary has thrived through two World Wars, through the Cold War, and through multiple deadly pandemics. We have endured and strengthened because we adhere to our mission and to our values. In times like these, we are once again reminded of the strength of Rotary and the importance of supporting our organization.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've helped reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Regardless of what lies ahead, we will stay the course and keep our commitment to the world's children by ending polio forever. At present, we're coordinating with our global partners to closely monitor and assess the fast-evolving situation, proactively working with many governments to sustain their financial support and seek alternative funding sources. Now more than ever, your financial support of PolioPlus is critical.

We will continue to support our Areas of Focus to forge solutions and fulfill long-term goals. Through our programs, grants, and people-to-people diplomacy, we address the underlying causes of conflicts, creating an environment conducive to peace. We work with our partners to engage in sustainable projects that tackle

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poverty, inequality, and lack of access to education in our own communities and those around the world. Rotary's recent peace conference in Istanbul, which attracted more than 1,000 Rotary members, peace builders, and scholars around the world is testimony to our commitment.

At this moment, it is ever more important that we channel our concerns and uncertainties into action and share that vision of hope with others

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Urchick
President, Rotary International

Mark Daniel Maloney
Chair, The Rotary Foundation

John Hewko
General Secretary

April is Environment Month



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Meeting Duty Roster

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