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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, Deb Williams, whose topic today is, very appropriately, ANZAC. I would also like to welcome Kim back. Kim has been in China fulfilling Chinese traditions. We look forward to hearing about the trip.

Today Evelyne is absent as she is attending an ANZAC ceremony at Kew High School in Joan's absence. Tomorrow morning, Andrew and I and possibly other members, will be attending the Dawn Service at the Kew RSL, for which I have purchased a wreath on behalf of the club.

I hope the rain holds off till the service is over.

As you know, we are doing a sausage sizzle on election day. Margaret will be coming around to take the names of people who can do a shift. I think it will be 9am until 3pm or until we sell all the sausages.

Last week I talked to you about the idea of some of you running a stall (or two if there is enough interest) at the Antique Fair on June 15th.

I hope you have been casting an appraising eye over your ornaments, vases, jewellery etc. Evelyne has agreed to take charge of this enterprise, and she and Joel have kindly offered to donate the \$100 for a stall, so it will not even cost you anything. Plus you will make some money and get rid of things you don't want.

You would need to text or email her some photos of things you would want to sell, so we don't have 10 of the same things. Evelyne will be here next week and will chat to people individually about this. Or if you have any questions, you can ask me today.

For our purposes, the definition of "antique" is "very good quality old". It is also a collectibles fair, so if you have 100 matchbox cars for example, from your youth, people might be interested in purchasing them. I really need support with this.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 25 April

5.45am Kew RSL 63 Cotham Road Kew

Thursday 1 May

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

Saturday 3 May

Polling booth BBQ – Normandy Street East Kew. Please see Margaret to add your name to the roster

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

Darwin

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

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



Raffle

The raffle was won by Michael Stillwell

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Peter Stewart "Anzac Day is a day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand, a time to honour the service and sacrifice of those who have fought, particularly those who died in the First World War, but not to forget those in subsequent wars and fields of conflict. It's a day for reflection on the values of courage, comradeship, and resilience, and a chance to remember the "Anzac spirit".

Kew High School for Anzac Day

I attended the Anzac Day ceremony at Kew High School on behalf of our Rotary Club.

The service included poems, orchestral music and songs, laying of wreaths as well as a presentation explaining the history of Anzac Day by Jess Wilson MP. The whole school was involved and although solemn, it was meaningful and interesting. As someone who taught at Kew High last millennium, I see students are much the same, but these historical events are fading

further into the past. We need to be aware of history so we do not make the same mistakes.

Evelyn Perks



Guest Speaker

Debbie Williams our speaker today has been researching her family history for around 15 years and she shared she has a large tree on Ancestry. She shared how she likes to add photos and as much information as she can about people. As she



researched she became very interested in one person her Great Uncle Roy. It evolved into a celebration in July 2024 at the Kew RSL. (Channel 7 and Channel 9 also showed interest with a short segment on both stations. Arthur Roy Johnson was the third child in the family born on 30 March 1903. (photos of his parents below with Roy's war medals) When war broke out, Roy tried



to sign up but was not accepted (aged 12). At 13.5 Roy ran away to try and

enlist. There is even a missing person's report for him. The parents received a post card from Egypt and found out he was in fighting the war. He had enlisted on 24 December 1917. The only correct information on the enlist papers was his brother's name as next of kin. He did his training at Broadmeadows, then was shipped out from Sydney to Alexandria and it is here that it is thought that the postcard was sent to his parents. Debbie has very carefully followed through his military history. He was discharged on 4 October 1919. The gassing he received greatly affected his health. Roy was good at drawing and had a job as a cartoonist at the



Argus. He had a girlfriend Mary O'Connor, but Roy suffered from seizures and depression and he committed suicide at his parents home on 3 September 1921 (information that was publicly printed in the

press at the time.)

Debbie had asked her father about his service medals. She had replicas made. While she was trying to get Roy added to the boy soldier list, she found his original medals were never claimed by the family. Her father was able to claim them. In June 2023 Debbie applied



and was able to have it approved that his death was caused by the war. On 30 October 2023 her application was accepted for a war grave. Roy is buried in Kew cemetery

(Thanks Andrew for the grave photo)

Almoner

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

Other Rotary Clubs



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/

Robert's Idle Observations

The invention of the shovel was ground breaking.

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

Other Rotary Clubs



Rotary

North Balwyn

BIRTHDAY INVITATION

You are warmly invited to come and join with members of Rotary North Balwyn to celebrate their 45th Birthday

On Thursday 8 May 2025

Green Acres Golf Club
51 Elm Grove, East Kew

At 6.00pm for 6.30pm

This will be a night of celebration, looking back at our history and forward to our future along with musical entertainment.

Cost is \$55 per person which includes a drink on arrival and a two course meal.

Dress is business attire.

Registrations via Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DAJBE>

RSVPs to be received by Thursday 24 April 2025.

Questions to: Jane at Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com

We look forward to welcoming you then!

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

April is Environment Month



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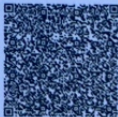


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Meeting Duty Roster

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