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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](#)

[Facebook Rotary D9800](#)



President's Message



Good afternoon everyone. Today we are looking forward to hearing June Crawford's "Member behind the Badge" talk.

Yesterday was the last day of World Immunisation Week, marking Rotary's continuing fight to rid the world of polio.

Today is May Day, and the Rotary theme for May is Youth Service, so Joan will be in the spotlight.

Last Friday morning, Andrew, Cam and I attended the Dawn Service at the Kew RSL. It was a very well attended and moving Service, and Andrew gave an excellent presentation, speaking about Roy Johnson, who we heard about at last week's meeting. It is a great story.

There are a few very dark photos in the Bulletin this week.

Also in the Bulletin is information about the second Safe Families Mega Meeting and the link to attend the zoom.

Dorothy Gilmour, the President of Hawthorn Rotary, has written a book about preventing family violence, and this is what the meeting addresses. This is one of the biggest issues in society today.

Many of you have signed up to help with cooking "Democracy Sausages" on Saturday, and thank you for that.

Yesterday Elizabeth Shepherd and I had yet another meeting at Victoria Park with people from the Council about the Peace Pole project. This has been going on for almost a year, however we have a new site now which would mean the Council would maintain the garden rather than us having to.

We are still aiming to get it finished by September 21st, which is the International Day of Peace. Not sure whether we will achieve this.

I received an email from Chris Ewart yesterday to say that he is resigning from the club. While he has not attended for quite some time, it is very unfortunate, and I am sure we are all very unhappy about this.

Evelyn has kindly agreed to co-ordinate people who wish to have a spot selling items on a stall at the Antique Fair, and she will speak to you about this later. This is really important. I really need support with this.

Pam Norton

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 3 May

8am Polling booth BBQ – Normandy Street East Kew.
Please see Margaret to add your name to the roster

Thursday 8 May

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Colin Burns “My Life in Mining”

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 Speaker Kim Wen “Visit to China”

Thursday 5 June

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Prof Doug Brown AM “The Spice Islands”

Thursday 12 June

1pm RCK meeting

Sunday 15 June

10am-4pm Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Thursday 19 June

1pm RCK meeting

Thursday 26 June

1pm RCK meeting

Thursday 3 July (please note change of date)

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover (night)

Saturday 5 July

District Changeover (lunchtime) more details to follow

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our May Birthdays

Das Devidas (7)

Pam Norton (28)



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.

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 this week was won by George

Antique & Collectible Fair June 15 Hawthorn Arts Centre

Our Rotary Club (RCK) will have a stall at this event. Gaie Maddock will be in charge of this stall, but will need some rostered assistance.

The idea behind this event is that we all have antiques and collectables at home, which can be sold, with the money going to the seller or, as preferred, donated to the RCK, for our causes.

If you are unsure if an item is suitable, send a photo to me at 0419 115 971 or to evelyneperks@netscape.net.

All items for sale must be labelled with a swing tag or by using clear tape on a paper label. The label must include the firm price, your first name and surname initial, and a description if needed.

Small items

may be brought to Rotary meetings, before June 15th, by arrangement with Evelyne or Joel.

When the item is sold, the label and money will be put in an envelope with your name or RCK (if you decide to



donate the proceeds). If the payment is by cash, your proceeds will be available at the end of the day in your named envelope. If the buyer must use a credit card (using the square readers), it will take some time to sort out.

All items for sale must be on the stall before the start of sales and any leftovers will be collected at the end of the day otherwise they will be given to the OP Shop. Please consider supporting this fund-raising for our RCK and sell some of your no longer wanted items.

Evelyne Perks



Member Behind the Badge

June was born in Pretoria, the eldest of 3 siblings. Her



parents' home was the gathering point for family and friends and her family life was full of happiness.

June attended Loretto Convent for all her schooling and then went to Trinity College, London to study Speech and Drama.

After this she moved to Durban,

where her father was the Director of an educational institution. After the family had been in Durban for 6 months, it became apparent that they had been under surveillance by state security services, most likely as her father was the head of an active student body, and the family were Catholic and English speaking. Although nothing further occurred they were aware of surveillance over the following 2 years.

June's father was a Rotarian, so June was keenly aware of the ethos of Service Above Self.

June met her ex-husband in Durban and her daughter was born there.

After Durban, June moved to Johannesburg and started her career with KLM, working in many different and senior roles over the next 30 years. She then became the CEO of the Board of Airline Representatives; the collective voice of international airlines in South Africa.

June served on various boards, including aviation services, government and private organisations. Whilst serving on a particular airline board, June became keenly aware of the discrepancies between "high level" staff and workers, (often respectively men and women), and with her particular interest in equal opportunity and pay parity, and with no prospect of positive change from the industry, she left the position.

June then worked for the South African Department of Tourism, developing tourism policy. Through her experience as a Rotarian in Johannesburg, June mentored women working in the airline industry, and this has continued.

June moved to Melbourne in late 2024, as her daughter and family live in Kew. Since that time there have been some challenges moving from a busy corporate life with extensive professional and friendship networks, to a quieter pace of life. Rotary has helped with that transition.

June's interests include travel, (Amsterdam is her favourite city), cooking, reading, walking, and all genres of theatre.

June expressed gratitude for the warm welcome she received from club members on joining the Rotary Club of Kew, and particularly thanked Andrew Dalziel for ensuring that was such a positive process.

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Michael Stillwell
 "Our children should learn the general framework of their government and then they should know where they come in contact with the government, where it touches their daily lives and where their influence is exerted on the government. It must not be a distant thing, someone else's business, but they must see how every cog in the wheel of a democracy is important and bears its share of responsibility for the smooth running of the entire machine."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Anzac Day at Kew RSL



Almoner

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

Tools for Timor Leste

Kew East Community Recycling's post

Kew East Community Recycling
 13 April at 07:50 · 🌐

Save the date! We've got a special drive coming up to collect power tools for reuse in Timor-Leste. The drive will run on two Saturdays only - 3 and 10 May, 2-4pm at the 4th Kew Scout Hall.

On those two days bring used, working power tools that you no longer need. This is strictly a power tool collection - not hand tools, like hammers or screw drivers

The [Rotary Club of Kew Australia](#), in partnership with the [Rotary Club Of Dromana](#), will send your donations to Timor-Leste. They'll do this via [Rotary Donations in Kind West Footscray](#).

Please only bring tools at the official collection times, as we don't have space to store early donations.

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Other Rotary Clubs

Camberwell Art Show

2025

28th June – 6th July

60th Anniversary Gala Opening 27th June

Featuring many of Australia's top artists with a range of mediums, genre, styles and prices.

Advanced Technologies Centre
 Swinburne University
 427-451 Burwood Road Hawthorn 3122

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Project of
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 Club of Camberwell

Event tickets buy online at camberwellartshow.org.au

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/

Rotary Safe Families

Rotary SAFE Families looks forward to you joining our second Mega Meeting and representing Australia in this global pandemic of family violence and abuse that is a huge problem around the world.

We are honoured to be joined by our Patrons, Gordon McInally, Immediate Past President RI and Grace Van Zyl, Chair RAG for Peace. We shall hear from Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon, an international research presenter in prevention of family violence and law reform at a global level along with Oscar Lumire, President of Rotary Kericho, Kenya, a passionate advocate for the safety of young women in Kenya.

We assist Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts from around the world in providing our resources, workshops, Mega-Meetings whilst building awareness of the vital importance of peace.

To inspire action through awareness of the “pandemic” of global family violence, non-respectful relationships, gender bias and the traumatic impact on our children and grandchildren. We create methods and education for breaking the silence on violence to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Abuse Prevention begins with YOU and ME! Will you join us in this international journey as a Rotarian in District 9800?

Simply register for FREE

click <https://bit.ly/441QfJc> to register for the MEGA-Meeting and receive your Zoom link.

Dorothy Gilmore

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Founder/Co-Chair Rotary **SAFE** Families

Building a Culture of Peace

Website: www.rotarysafefamilies.org.au

You are invited to Register for our next Global Mega-Meeting

<https://bit.ly/441QfJc>

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025 @ 7.00 PM AEST

Toast to Rotary

The Toast to Rotary was to Rotary in South Africa

Robert's Idle Observations

I don't wish to brag, but I put together a jigsaw puzzle in 1 day and the box said 3 – 5 years.

Apologies

Please ignore the first photo in Evelyne's Anzac Report from Kew High School in The Bulletin. It was not relevant to that report.

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

Meeting Duty Roster

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



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