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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 welcome one guest today, Terry Sheehan, who has come to offer moral support to Kim. Kim is today's speaker and will tell us about her trip to China, and the traditions involved, which I am very much looking forward to. Last night Evelyne, Joel, Cam, Joan and I went to the Hawthorn Arts Centre to see the art exhibition by First Nations painter Les Huddleston. There was also music – Les played the didgeridoo accompanied by a cello, flute and oboe. And we had some delicious nibbles made from indigenous ingredients. Jill Forsyth is responsible for bringing Les to Melbourne. She did get a grant from the Council. The paintings are really interesting and well worth seeing. The exhibition is on until June 14th and it is free to enter.

You will all have received an email from District 9660 about donating to flood victims. This is a very worthwhile cause and one we should all support.

We have a very busy time ahead of us. The Antique Fair on June 15th and the Changeover Dinner on July 3rd. I said I would do the roster by today but I haven't yet. I will have it for next week. If you haven't volunteered yet, please do so, and let me know if you prefer morning or afternoon.

And please start booking for the Changeover dinner. I hope you can all attend, or those who will not be on holidays.

Pam Norton

Vale Merv Williams



It is with sadness that we learnt today that our oldest member Merv died in his sleep yesterday.

District Changeover

STARRING PETER SHEPHEARD AND MICHAEL LAPIÑA
DISTRICT 9800
CHANGEOVER
SATURDAY 5TH JULY
12:00 PM
(FOR 12:30 START)
Grand Star Receptions 499 Grieve Parade Altona North 3025
2 course meal, drink on arrival and entertainment
Drinks at bar prices
\$85 PER PERSON
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Rotary District 9800

Peter Shephard will be our new District Governor. Join the District for this event [trybooking.com/DCATG](https://www.trybooking.com/DCATG) to make a booking.

Bulletin

Where possible, please submit information to barbbrook814@gmail.com by Wednesday for inclusion. I am looking for people to assist with the Bulletin. If you would like to be on a roster to assist with the write up of our guest speaker, please let Barb know

Dates for Your Diary

Till 14 June

Lipwurrunga by Les Huddleston
Hawthorn Town Hall Gallery, free entry
There will be finger food, and drinks at bar prices.

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"

Saturday 7 June

10am – 4pm Fair Trade and Gift Shop – Book Fair

Tuesday 10 June

5.30pm RCK Board Meeting new and old Board with dinner to follow.

Thursday 12 June

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Colin Burns
"My Life in Mining"

Sunday 15 June

10am-4pm Antique Fair – Hawthorn Arts Centre

Tuesday 17 June

12noon Breaking the Silence on Men's Health
Chandelier Room Hawthorn Arts Centre see details

Thursday 19 June

1pm RCK meeting

Thursday 26 June

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Keith Chessell
"How to recycle household rubbish"

Thursday 3 July (please note change of date)

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover night

Saturday 5 July

10am – 4pm Fair Trade and Gift Shop – Book Fair
District Changeover (lunchtime) see details

Thursday 10 July

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Rev Natalie Dixon
Boroondara Community Outreach

Thursday 17 July

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Justin MacLean
Georges. The Shop in Collin's Street

Thursday 24 July

1pm RCK meeting – Fellowship

Thursday 31 July

1pm RCK meeting Speaker

Happy Birthday



Happy 90th birthday
Merrilyn for the 2nd June.

Guest Speaker

We were delighted to have our own member Kim Wen share her recent trip to China with us. It was a 3



generation trip (Kim, her daughter and her father). It enabled new experiences, learning from the past and seeing times past. The 3 were in China on 4 April for the Qingming Festival. Kim

shared the honouring of ancestors and this is why she embarked on this trip with gratitude and respect and the wisdom they have left behind. During Qingming, Chinese families visit the tombs of their ancestors to clean the gravesites and make ritual offerings to their ancestors. Offerings would include traditional food dishes. Traditionally, a family will burn spirit money and paper replicas of material goods such as cars, homes, phones, and paper servants. This action usually happens during the Qingming festival. In Chinese culture, it is believed that people still need all of those things in the afterlife. Then family members take turns to kowtow three to nine times (depending on the family's adherence to traditional values) before the tomb of the ancestors. The Kowtowing ritual in front of the grave is performed in the order of patriarchal seniority within the family. After the ancestor worship at the grave site, the whole family feast on the food and drink they have brought for the worship.

We saw a video of her home town, her great grandparents home and a tree that they had planted. Her great grandfather was a wonderful Chinese artist and we saw a wonderful book of his paintings. Kim shared how her name is on the family tree but previous females were not. She acknowledged that it will be hard for future generations to return to the remote sites. Kim was thinking it could be set up online. Thank you Kim for sharing with us and providing some insight into traditional China and the modern country that it has become.

They climbed the The Wintan Mountain a mountain of historical and cultural significance and compare the old China with the new – steam trains and bullet trains, Food deliveries by robots in the hotels and the co-existence of the old and the new

Thank you Kim for sharing your special trip with us and your home town of Zhejiang a coastal province in East China.

RCK profile

We are working on raising our Club profile on social media and also at events.

Thank you to Alison - we have our first sandwich board. If you have a sandwich board lurking around - please let Barb know- it can be painted and reimaged.

We are also hoping members can wear Rotary clothing or items with insignia promoting Rotary at our events.

Social Media

As we promote RCK events and improve our public profile, we are locating more and more separate entries of our events. Melrick and Grace have been very generous with their time as we try and direct all our followers to one location.

I am now aware of

Webpages

Rotary Club of Kew

Garden DesignFest

Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair 2024

Kew Gala

FaceBook

Rotary Club of Kew

Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair

Rotary Kew President

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Rotary Club of Kew

Garden Designfest

Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair

Trybooking

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GardesignFest

There are others Trybooking a/c with RCK events on. (These can be combined. Please talk to Barb.) We are trying to build up a list of those who have attended RCK events.

Can you please let me know if you are aware of any other accounts? We need all our followers and attendees in one place - not split. Once we locate all the sites, we can redirect

Barb

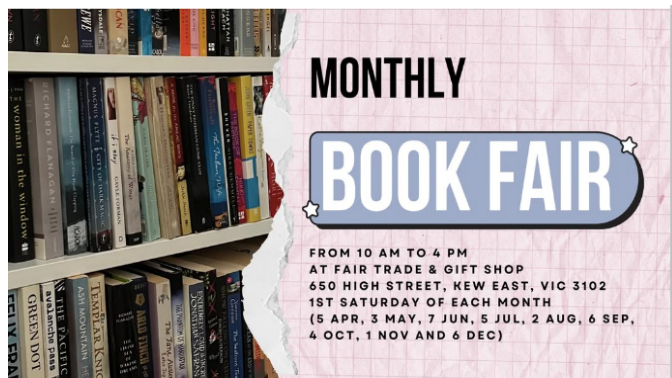
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Das continues to have regular contact with our members, and we thank him most sincerely for his continual care.

Raffle

The raffle this week was won by Peter

Fair Trade and Gift Shop



Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair

3 weeks away

Please advise me if you have items for sale on your own behalf or with proceeds going to RCK.

We are not savvy about prices so please check on-line sources or with experts.

All items for sale must be marked with a swing tag with your first name & surname initial plus a fixed price for each item.

In addition, please provide a list in 4 columns on A4 paper----

List each item	Price	* Sold	* Cash/ CC

*Wendy or Gaie will enter Cash or C.Card after sale of item .

Money or receipt (for credit card payment) from sales will be placed in a named envelope and sorted out afterwards.

All items must be on the RCK Table before the opening of the Fair and any unsold items must be collected at the end of sales

or they will be gifted to the OP shop.

Phone me on 0419 115971 or email

me- evelyneperks@netscape.net

with any queries

Many thanks

Evelyn Perks



The Rotary Club of Kew invites you to

BOROONDARA

ANTIQUE & 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

BOOK TICKETS

ROTARYCLUBOFKEW.ORG.AU/ACF

This event is proudly brought to you by the **Rotary Club of Kew** dedicated to "Improving People's Lives"

Boroondara Antique and Collectables Fair 2025

Thoughts of the Day

The thoughts were contributed by Gaie

“ The reason a dog has so many friends is that they wag their tail and not their tongue “

” Talk to your self, there are times when you need expert advice “

Darwin Project

Please speak with Jill if you would like to join this group To explore opportunities to develop economic empowerment for Indigenous communities.

- To teach sewing.
- To support textile artists
- To explore and make hand screen & stenciled printed fabrics
- Youth Recycled Plastic Project
- Retail training
- Travel to NT for better communication
- Support cultural heritage program

Rotarians and volunteers are welcome to contribute their skills in accordance with the projects aims -Sewing training, fashion training, apply for grants, carry fabric and other useful items to and from NT (eg 5kg /person) Main dates around sewing Sunday 10 August – Wednesday 13 August although can be to Sunday17th (Jill and Jennie will be there from 5 August for 2 weeks)

Breaking the Silence on Men's Health

Tuesday 17th June 2025 from 12 noon - 2:30pm
Chandelier Room Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Rd Hawthorn
\$30 light lunch included



Our speaker Simon von Saldern, CEO healthymale.org.au
Simon's goal is to make a sustainable difference in the area of male health by ensuring that men have the tools they need to lead healthier lives.

This is an important event focussing on: key men's health issues impacting them in the workplace, in their families and in their daily lives.

We will canvass emerging trends and time will be allocated for a Q&A session.

Scan the code to book



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Bookings close 10/6/25

All Welcome!
bring your
colleagues,
teams & friends

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Account 125381590

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

Robert's Idle Observations

When I was a kid, bedtime was 9pm. I couldn't wait to be a grown up so I could go to bed at anytime I wanted. Turns out, it's 9pm.

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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
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
26-Jun	Scott J	Turner-Atkins M	Brown D	Ewart C	Bourke M	Turner-Atkins M