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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



Today we welcome Adrian Davis, speaking on "Peace Poles and ROMAC". This promises to be an interesting presentation, as we look forward to the completion of our Peace Pole project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Canterbury, in September.

Our team of Kew Rotary club members in Darwin have been very busy this week, with the continuation of the Indigenous Textile Program. It was great to receive an update from Jennie Gale, on behalf of the team. This is included in our Bulletin today.

Thanks to volunteers from the club who have supported the project either by sewing or joining the team in Darwin.

We look forward to the continuation of this valuable program, initiated by Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale.

Looking forward:

Our meeting next Thursday will have a Fellowship focus. This will be an opportunity for committee members to meet around the lunch table and to discuss current projects, planned events and to share ideas. . It will of course also be good to catch up with other club members.

Please note that on September 18th, our District Governor, Peter Shephard, will be with us for our regular lunch meeting. Before the meeting Peter will be available to chat to members, and after the lunch he will meet with the Board.

DG Peter is keen to meet as many members and partners as possible, so please keep this date in your diary. This visit will be an opportunity to showcase Rotary to potential members, and members of the family of

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Dates for Your Diary

4 – 18 August

Darwin project:- To explore opportunities to develop economic empowerment for Indigenous communities.

Thursday 21 August

1pm RCK meeting – Fellowship

Monday 25 August

6pm Film Night with the Rotary Club of Canterbury

The film is Mr Burton at The Lido Cinema. Emails have been sent to those who have booked.

There is still the opportunity for a few people to attend. Please contact Margaret. Following the film will be dinner at the Glenferrie Hotel (Burwood Road) booked for 8pm.

Thursday 28 August

1pm RCK meeting –Speaker Julie Armstrong
“Hope in a Suitcase”

Thursday 4 September

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Dr Moh Dadafarin
‘Hearing and Dementia’

Saturday 6 September

Rotary District Emergency Services Awards Dinner

Tuesday 9 September

5-30pm Board Meeting

Thursday 11 September

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Justin Mac Lean
‘History of George’s’ - shop in Collins Street

Thursday 18 September

1pm RCK meeting District Governor Visit
2pm Board meets with the DG Peter

Sunday 21 September

World Peace Day
Peace Pole ceremony

Thursday 25 September

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Gerry Van Den Horst
‘Wood Working, bowls and pens’.

Thursday 13 November

1pm RCK meeting - RCK AGM

Thursday 18 June 2026

6.30pm RCK Changeover – Kew Golf Club

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

President’s Message con’d

Rotary. So please start inviting friends, family, and any business leaders in your networks. Let’s aim for a “full house”!

Joan Scott

Guest Speaker

Our speaker today was Adrian Davis who spoke on 2 areas of Rotary that he is involved with - Peace Poles and ROMAC.



ROMAC facilitates medical aid for children in Oceania in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery, not accessible to them in their home countries. ROMAC is a project of Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand. Adrian shared photos of children who had been assisted in the 28 years of the project all of which he has been involved. Adrian also spoke about Peace poles. He carries a cut down one with him for us all to see. It was good to be able to share with him our peace pole project with which he wants to be kept informed.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday for August also to Alison Vickers (13) Apologies for not including Alison in the list last week.



Congratulations

Congratulations Kim, who last weekend ran in Sydney in the Surf 2 City.

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Michael

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Clubs of Dublin, where there are 15 clubs with the first one established in 1911.

Thought of the Day

The thought this week was contributed by Gaie
“When a friend is in trouble, don’t annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do.
Think up something appropriate and do it “

We are collecting

Bottle tops – red, yellow or black particularly. Please start collecting. These are for one of RCKs projects.. Please bring to Rotary each week

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Darwin Project

This week in Darwin the Indigenous Textile Program is in full swing!

Last week the students were sewing Callico bags, firstly cutting them out, learning to sew straight seams and then this week attaching the straps provided by Pennie Barb is with us this week, making sure the students ‘always’ iron the seams before stitching them together. Showing them how to match up the seams and measuring each side, to eliminate unpicking! She is very helpful in guiding the students making kids clothes, making sure everyone measures twice, three times, and therefore only cuts and sews Once!

This week there have been several garments finished, bags, kids clothes, skirts and dresses.

Harkima, our original sewing teacher from Darwin, having moved to Melbourne was with us for the first week, she has now returned to Melbourne. Edda Williams, our newest sewing teacher is a great teacher making sure the students learn how to cut their patterns with the least amount of wastage. Edda is also a wiz at creating patterns.

Darwin Project con’d

Last week, we spent a lot of time networking. We went to a meeting of the Australian Fashion Council, held at the “Print Shop’ for the National Manufacturing Strategy Industry Forum. We learnt that Hand Screen Printing is fast becoming a lost art. The Print Shop at Winnellie has been set up with a Hand Screen Printing Table, funded by a government grant, the owners as yet need to learn how to Screen Print. They are good at making the screens. This facility will, in time, be used by the artists we know. Les had to have his screens made in Melbourne!

We met up with Sara Naarden at an Initiatives of Change breakfast meeting with Les Huddleston and Tomas Mayo, along with Nicole from Salt Bush. We were asked to go and see and learn about the programme run at Salt Bush, hoping we might join their group; however, we have chosen to run our own programme, encouraging them to send us students wanting to learn sewing skills.

Our students have been given a space each Monday at the Durak Arts Centre to continue the Sewing Classes. We will setup a Weekly Zoom meeting with them, us and hopefully Barb. Anyone wanting to join needs to let Jennie or Barb know for the link.

Jennie



Networking at Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair with Larrakia people



Darwin Project con'd



District Grants

A GUIDE TO DISTRICT GRANTS

District 9800 Grants are available to support Rotary projects anywhere within Australia and overseas.

TYPES OF GRANTS

1. **District Grants – Local Within Australia (DGL).** Are available for small community projects that may be delivered in the club's local community, or anywhere within Australia.
2. **School Scholarships – Year 11-12.** Available to support clubs that offer scholarships for deserving disadvantaged students embarking on Year 11 studies in 2025 (see separate Guidelines).
3. **District Grants – International (DGI).** Are for projects overseas, or projects in Australia that benefit either a country other than Australia or a person who is neither a citizen nor a resident of Australia.
4. **District Grants – International Scoping (DGS).** Are designed to fund an investigation into the potential for a project in a country other than Australia, where a potential Global Grant application is intended.

Barb, Colin and June have attended the grant sessions for 2025. Please talk to them and Joan about your suggestions and get a form from your Committee Director to consolidate your ideas.

Request for support for a Kor Timor family

At the August Board Meeting the Board looked at the following request. At this time, money is not being distributed, but it is hoped that individual members would consider making a donation. Please talk to Barb or Jill for further information or how to make a donation.

9/06/2025

Dear RC Kew,

Since 2012, we have been supporting an International RAWCS project called 'Job Creation in East Timor'. We create and fund small enterprises, and sell fair trade goods in our shop and at markets.

The impact of this has been that families have had the dignity to feed and educate their children and extended families. We have provided interest free loans while workers build new homes, and renovate old ones since their country was ravaged by Indonesian militia in 1998. Illiterate women have children who have now graduated from University, and some staff have reached a remarkable of 15 years of steady employment.

This International project is generally sustainable now, hence we have moved on to the Larrakia Nation to see what works here with the homeless, and uneducated First Nations people. We are creating opportunities through job creation.

I am writing to see whether you, the Rotary Club of Kew would have the capacity to support one of the Timorese families who have a bright young daughter who has been accepted into a Film and media degree in Jakarta, Indonesia. Both parents work, but with low paying jobs, just \$300 US per month, and have three younger children to educated as well.

Would members be interested in supporting Elda Fonseca Monteiro to continue her studies, in order to take the pressure off her family? Each semester costs US \$800, so that would equate to approx. Aud \$2,400.00 per year. The family will be able to manage to support her living allowance for rent and food, but need help with the Uni fees.

I'm putting this request to you, as I generally self-fund our projects, so haven't asked for support for a number of years, but this request has recently come through our Timorese staff. I hope that you might see it as a lovely connection with one of our Timorese families and to support a young student with high potential.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Regards,

Jill Forsyth

(member of the RCK International Committee)

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Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
21-Aug	Turner-Atkins M	Verginis G	Devidas D	Norton P	Dalziel, A	Dalziel A
28-Aug	Vickers A	Wen K	Hoath R	Crawford J	Bourke M	McFarlane M
04-Sep	Dadafarin M	Brook B	Brown D	Wen K	Garling W	Payne F
11-Sep	Gale J	Garling W	Crozier B	Dadafarin M	Verginis G	Brook B
18-Sep	Scott J	Dalziel A	Payne F	Levin R	Turner-Atkins M	Crawford J
25-Sep	Cohen J	Dias C	Burns C	Crawford J	Perks E	Shepherd J
02-Oct	Verginis G	Hoath R	Tan MH	Dias C	Stewart P	Garling W
09-Oct	Payne F	Bourke M	Cohen J	Maddock G	Stillwell M	Stewart P
16-Oct	Burns C	Payne F	Devidas D	Norton P	Dalziel, A	Stillwell M
23-Oct	Zammit C	Crozier B	Hoath R	Crawford J	Bourke M	Cohen J
30-Oct	Levin R	Devidas D	Brown D	Wen K	Garling W	Wen K
06 Nov	Stewart P	Brown D	Crozier B	Dadafarin M	Verginis G	Verginis G
13-Nov	Stillwell M	Dadafarin M	Payne F	Levin R	Turner-Atkins M	Ibbotson P
20-Nov	McFarlane M	Cohen J	Burns C	Crawford J.	Perks E	Perks E
27-Nov	Crawford J	Norton P	Tan Mh	Dias C	Stewart P	Bourke M
04-Dec	Perks E	Dalziel, A	Cohen J	Maddock G	Stillwell M	Brown D
11-Dec	Tan MH	Turner-Atkins M	Devidas D	Norton P	Dalziel, A	Turner-Atkins M
18-Dec	Wen K	Perks E	Hoath R	Crawford J	Bourke M	Levin R