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MEETING

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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 are pleased to welcome Kristine Hendry from the Spinal Research Institute. Kristine is with us so that we can formally "hand over" our donation of \$5000, which was raised because of the very successful Gala Dinner.

This donation was unanimously supported by the Board, because of the transformational impact in Australia and globally, that occurs because of the work of the SRI. This work "supports world class spinal cord injury research and clinical trials by building much needed tools for research collaboration and knowledge sharing, and actively involving people with spinal cord injury in the research process." (SRI website)

The SRI is also holds a special significance for the Rotary Club of Kew, because our much valued member Associate Professor Doug Brown AM, founded the institute in 2011, "on the philosophy that collaborative research, spanning multiple centres, is necessary to bring about the translational research outcomes that will change healthcare policy and practice." (SRI website)

We congratulate Kristine on her leadership in the field; I'm sure she and Doug would be very happy to expand on all that the SRI has achieved since its Foundation. I also challenge everyone to click on the link for Doug, on the SRI website, where his impressive leadership in the field of spinal research is outlined. Doug epitomises all the core values of Rotary; but you don't need me to point that out!

Today is also a Fellowship Day, a chance for committees to discuss upcoming events and possible projects.

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Dates for Your Diary

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.

Thursday 28 August

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

Monday 1 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
193 High Street, Kew

Thursday 4 September

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

Saturday 6 September

Rotary District Emergency Services Awards Dinner

Monday 8 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
193 High Street, Kew

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

Monday 15 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
193 High Street, Kew

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

Monday 22 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
193 High Street, Kew

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

Donation to SRI (Spinal Research Institute)

“I know the huge difference the right research can make to people’s well-being and quality of life
Assoc Prof Doug Brown AM
Founder Spinal Research Institute

In 2011 Doug an RCK member founded the Institute. Doug has created an enduring legacy with the SRI, which will carry his vision and impact into the future. The club today was delighted to present the CEO Kristine Henry with a donation of \$5000 for SRI raised at our Gala Dinner.



President Joan, Kristine (CEO of SRI) Pam PP and Margaret Chair



Kristine talked of how the partnership has been truly valued and the support has been wonderful. The donation will go towards the scholarship in Doug’s name – a scholarship for young researchers.

President's Report con'd

We are looking forward to our film night, along with the Rotary Club of Canterbury, this coming Monday – thanks to Margaret Turner and her committee for facilitating this.

We also congratulate Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale on the success of their Darwin trip, and eagerly anticipate their report on the sewing project and associated events.

Joan Scott

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

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Club of Edinburgh

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Fred.
(We also found out today that George has won the raffle the most number of times in the last 12 months.)

Thought of the Day

The thought this week was contributed by Andrew
"A political system devoted to decline instinctively does much to speed up that process."
JP Satre

Happy Thoughts

Our Sergeant Pennie has organised tokens (5 for \$5.00) that you can purchase - using our Tyro machine - to avoid the need for cash to share happy things with Club members. Those ordering first will get their choice of colour.

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

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 educate 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)

Club Charters

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Sunday 17 August, the official launch of the 2 newest clubs in D 9800. The Rotaract Club of Music Makers and the Rory E club of Melbourne Manilla. Congratulations to President Alex Lapina of the Rotaract Club and President Cherry De Leon of the E Club who were both formally inducted by DG Peter Shephard. Thanks Kim for the photos and information

The Rotary Club of Kew acknowledges the ongoing support of the following businesses


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Meeting Duty Roster

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