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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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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 welcomed Julie Armstrong, speaking about "Hope in a Suitcase", the inspiring program that ensures that every child entering Out of Home Care receives a suitcase of their own belongings.

On Monday night a large group from our club joined with members of Canterbury Rotary Club for a film night and dinner. This was a most enjoyable event and demonstrated that members enjoy each other's company, and the chance to get to know members of another club. Thanks to all those who facilitated the night.

On Monday September 1st we will have the first of our informal coffee mornings, at Via Verona, 193 High St Kew, from 10.00 am. (All welcome and no need for an RSVP.)

District Governor Peter Shephard has given advance notice of the 2026 Multi District Impact Summit, to be held in Horsham from 27-29 March, in "the beautiful regional city of Horsham". District 9800 will be collaborating with Districts 9510 and 9780. DG Peter suggests members lock in their accommodation and mark the date in the calendar. It would be good to have a number of our club members in attendance.

This Saturday, from 11.00 am, I encourage members to attend the Centenary of the Kew War Memorial, where a wreath will be laid on behalf of the club. The event has been organised by Kew, Hawthorn and Box Hill RSL volunteers.

On Sunday 14 September, Kew High School will be holding a Spring Gardening and Sewing Bee, from 9.00am – 12.00pm. – all members are invited. See page 3 of This Bulletin for details.

Joan Scott

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 30 August

11am Kew War Memorial Centenary Celebration
at Kew Cenotaph cnr of High Street and Cotham Road.
Andrew is speaking and Joan is laying a wreath on
behalf of the Club.

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'

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
11am Peace Pole ceremony – Victoria Park Kew
with BBQ to follow

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'.

Monday 29 September

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

Thursday 2 October

1pm RCK meeting

Monday 6 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
193 High Street, Kew
6pm District 9800 AGM on Zoom

We think of our police

Every Thursday on my way to our meeting I drive past the Kew Police Station, and today that was particularly poignant, as we think of the horrific recent events around Porepunkah, with the tragic loss of police lives. The flags were flying at half mast.

I'm sure that each one of us has a connection to a member of the police force, through family, friends, or Rotary members. We think today of the members of the recently chartered Balwyn Blue Rotary Satellite Club whose members, current and former Victoria Police Officers, will be feeling for their colleagues and families.

Joan

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Thursday 13 November

1pm RCK meeting - RCK AGM

Tuesday 18 November

7.30am Paul Harris Breakfast – Windsor Hotel,
Speaker Prof. Ross Garnaut AC

27 – 29 March 2026

2026 Multi District Conference - Horsham

Thursday 18 June 2026

6.30pm RCK Changeover – Kew Golf Club

Garden DesignFest 2026

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Almoner

Das continues to have regular contact with our members, and we thank him most sincerely for his continual care. Please let Das know if you are not well or having surgery or if you become aware of other members not well

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Club of Florence. Pennie spoke of wine windows in Florence.



Vale Ian Harvey PP

Ian was Club President 1991 -1992 and invested George into RCK. The funeral is Wednesday 3 September, 10am Rosebud Funerals 123 Jetty Road Rosebud.

Thought of the Day

The thought this week was contributed by Mike "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

Guest Speaker

Today our speaker was Julie Armstrong from Hope in a Suitcase. We became aware that there are over 46,000 children in Australia living in out of home care. Hope in a suitcase operates completely by volunteers and we even heard of the long distances



travelled to deliver cases be it to caseworkers, child protection officers, hospitals teachers or the police. In Victoria Cases are age appropriate - packed for girls and boy 0-18 years. 4338 cases have been distributed so far this year in Australia and as of yesterday Victoria has delivered 940.



Case for a 4 year old girl

If you wish to contribute items to Hope in a Suitcase, Barb is able to deliver them for you - please bring items to Rotary. Othe options are phone Julie 0418 562 949 or deliver to 135 Bamfield Road West Heidelberg. There is usually someone there of a morning.

Footy Tipping

Congratulations to Colin, our winner for 2025, with a clear victory of 2 points. Thanks to everyone for being involved.

Pennie

Congratulations to Margaret and Pennie who kept it very close right up until last weekend.



Peace Pole Ceremony

A ceremony at 11am will be held on Sunday September 21, the International Day of Peace, to celebrate the installation of 4 Peace Poles at Victoria Park, donated by the Rotary Clubs of Kew and Canterbury.



(using the Kew Rotary Club barbeque in the park) so we will need a few volunteers to cook sausages.

It should be a lovely day, as long as the weather is kind, and we hope you can all attend.

The poles are in place now and we are starting to try and get the garden planted in time.

Pam

There is still some planting and paving work to be done. Please see Pam if you can assist.

Sophie Torney, the Mayor of Boroondara will attend, and hopefully other dignitaries.

After the ceremony, we will have a sausage sizzle



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.

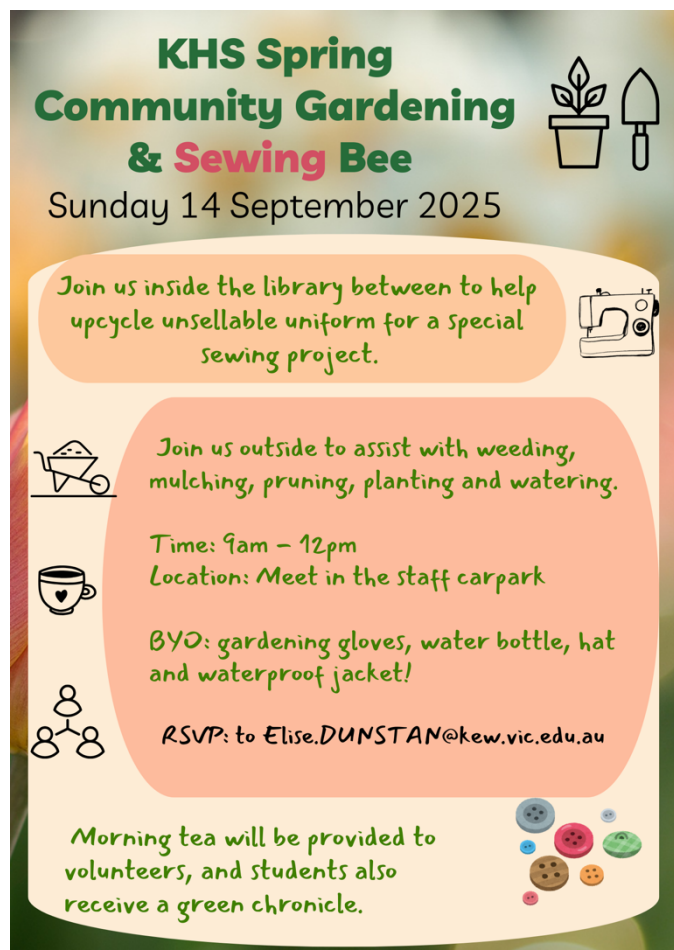
Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Mark B. (Fred initially won but asked for a redraw as he had won last week.)

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

Kew High School – can you assist



KHS Spring Community Gardening & Sewing Bee
Sunday 14 September 2025

Join us inside the library between to help upcycle unsellable uniform for a special sewing project.

Join us outside to assist with weeding, mulching, pruning, planting and watering.

Time: 9am – 12pm
Location: Meet in the staff carpark

BYO: gardening gloves, water bottle, hat and waterproof jacket!

RSVP: to Elise.DUNSTAN@kew.vic.edu.au

Morning tea will be provided to volunteers, and students also receive a green chronicle.

Bank Account Details

When making payments directly to the Rotary Club of Kew Club, please use the following details:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

Account 125381590

Please remember to include your name and reason for payment

National Youth Science Forum

Please contact on programs@nysf.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns. Please note that they work remotely, and that email is the most efficient way to contact them.



Thursday 28 August, 2025

Dear Rotary Clubs across Australia,
Rotary is a Founding Partner of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), and every year Rotarians join our Program as volunteers to support the Program.

The NYSF is seeking interest from volunteers who would like to share their time with the staff and students during the NYSF Year 12 Program in January 2026.

Volunteers with the NYSF derive a great sense of fulfilment and satisfaction from their work and NYSF is certainly very much enhanced by their generous efforts. You will get to meet and spend time with the next generation of STEM experts while visiting some of Australia's most cutting-edge STEM facilities. Every January six to eight Rotary volunteers spend their time with us committing to:

- Supporting the NYSF Staff and our Student Staff volunteers by being part of the supervisory team, and
- Providing pastoral care and first aid to the students.

The Program runs between the dates detailed below. These dates include arriving one day before the session commences and staying until at least the final day of the program. You are welcome to leave on the same day as the students.

- Canberra 5-14th January 2026
- Brisbane 12-21st January 2026

You can read a position description for this volunteer role by clicking on this

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/yxgej9t0qwthgocgipsy/Position-Description-Rotary-Volunteers-2025-26.pdf?rlkey=4hjn9pkz51dgg8qu31fd14op2&e=1&dl=0>

To find out more about the NYSF and what we do for our STEM students, please visit our

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/>

To express your interest in volunteering with us at the NYSF January Year 12 Program and to let us know what dates you are available,
<https://forms.monday.com/forms/118bf553ddca11a51a78e35bde89d808?r=use1> Expressions of interest close on 15 October 2025.

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

Request for support for a Kor Timor family con'

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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Meeting Duty Roster

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