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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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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



Today we welcomed Justin Mac Lean, who spoke on "The History of Georges."

For me, Georges always had an aura of elegance and charm; this fascination was shared by a colleague of mine, who recounted her experiences as a young girl.

Twice a year her mother would take my friend and her sister to Georges, where they would view a fashion parade, and would then be allowed to choose three dresses each for the coming season. She still has those dresses, as they hold wonderful memories of times past and the special joy that such a visit entailed. Justin's presentation evoked so much of that era.

As usual, there's a lot happening in our calendar! On Monday several members enjoyed coffee at Via Verona. Please join us if you're free from 10.00 am on Mondays.

At our Board meeting Tuesday, reports reflected the work of our active committees and engaged members.

We are delighted that the Peace Poles are now in situ; thanks to all who helped with paving and other touches, earlier this week. Thanks to Pam Norton and the Environment Committee for all the work leading up to September 21st, World Day of Peace, when the official ceremony will take place, with distinguished guests, and a sausage sizzle to follow. This has been a very successful project, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

This coming Sunday, September 14th, members are invited to assist with the Kew High School Spring Gardening and Sewing Bee. Details are in the Bulletin.

One last reminder for our District Governor's visit next week! It would be good to arrive early so you can meet DG Peter and have a chat.

Joan Scott

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 14 September

9am Kew High School – Community Gardening and Sewing Bee.

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 - Fellowship

Monday 6 October

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

Thursday 9 October

1pm RCK meeting

Thursday 16 October

1pm RCK meeting End Polio
Guest Speaker Robyn Abrahams

Thursday 23 October

RCK - Rotary Walk with Us
Victoria Gardens

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

Dates for Your Diary con'd

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, Rotary Club of Kew and Giza where there are 4 clubs

Thought of the Day

The thought this week was contributed by Barb
"To think you know it all – that's a sure sign you know nothing at all.
To think you know nothing at all that's a sure sign that what you know has deepened."
Shinto temple wall Kyoto



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. It was wonderful to see a number of them being used last week.



The Spinal Research Institute (SRI) is excited to announce the Associate Professor Doug Brown AM SCI PhD Top-Up Grant. The grant will be awarded to a PhD student undertaking spinal cord injury (SCI) research at an Australian university.

This offering furthers the SRI's commitment to support emerging and early career researchers to build SCI research capability and capacity, with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of people with SCI.

The grant is named in honour of SRI founder, [Associate Professor Doug Brown AM](#), to recognise his more than 40 years of dedicated work in the field of SCI treatment, care and research, and his commitment to supporting emerging researchers in this field.

The value of the grant is \$10,000 a year for up to three years. The objective of the grant is to:

- provide financial support for a PhD student to allow them to focus their efforts on full-time research,
- raise the profile of a PhD student's research, both nationally and internationally, and
- build capability and capacity in the SCI research field.

In addition to funding support, the SRI may at its discretion provide additional non-financial support, such as advice and assistance with consumer engagement, as determined through consultation with the grant recipient.

Guest Speaker

We had a most engaging speaker today, Justin MacLean, whose topic was 'The History of Georges'. Whilst he apologized for not having his visual presentation with him, his verbal presentation more than sufficed, it was very entertaining and ignited a great deal of interest from those members present almost all of whom remembered Georges.

Georges began life in 1880 at the site of what subsequently became the Block Arcade. After a disastrous fire in 1889 a decision was made to relocate the store to 162 Collins St. between two churches, Scots Church and Collins St. Baptist Church. George and George the men behind Georges were both Presbyterians and they were able to negotiate a peppercorn rental for the new site which was and is still owned by Scots Church.

Whilst Georges always offered up market products it was only when a new director joined the business in the 1930s that the decision was made to specialize in unique items unavailable in other retail outlets at that time to attract an exclusive audience looking for different items of high quality. That exclusiveness saw Georges operate successfully under that name until 1995 although it had been sold to David Jones in 1981. Justin pointed Georges was the first Melbourne store to offer many of the upmarket brands that are now available in many of the stores that currently line the 'Paris End' of Collins St. These items were sourced by Georges buyers who travelled the world to select same. Quality products, quality staff and a very personal buying experience was the store's core ethos. Justin has had a life long interest in the store having first gone there with his mother and grand mother as a four year old. He began part-time work in the store as a sixteen year old in a back office role and told anecdotes on the personalized service offered by Georges to its clients. Interestingly a number of clients came from what would have been classified as lower socio-economic areas so it didn't just appeal to the wealthy as was noted by President Joan when welcoming Justin to the meeting. Justin has a large collection of Georges items in storage and is currently negotiating with Scots Church to show some of them in display cases inside the entry to the former store. He also displays a selection of these items at Villa Alba twice per annum which would be worth a visit by those interested of whom there appeared to be many today (maybe even a club visit?). A very small sample of items were on display today which included Annette Cooper's "Remembering Georges" and Keith Dunstan's "The Store on the Hill", gloves, shoes and other items. As Justin indicated he could talk forever about Georges and the snapshot he gave us today was just a taste, but it was an excellent one very well presented.

Andrew



R U OK? Day

R U OK? Day is today Thursday, September 11. It's a National Day of Action that reminds us all to check in and Ask R U OK? any day, not just once a year.

Life can change quickly, and the people we care about experience ups and downs every day. Having open and caring conversations helps build trust, so they know they can turn to you when things feel tough. If you notice something's different with a friend, family member or fellow Scout, maybe in the way they act, speak or behave, trust your gut and gently ask, "Are you OK?" That one question really can change a life.

You don't need to be an expert to make a difference. By asking with care and listening with empathy, you can help someone feel supported and less alone, long before things reach crisis point. Mentioning the changes you've noticed can open the door for a meaningful chat. If they say they're not OK, you can follow the R U OK? steps to support them and help them find strategies to cope. And if they are OK, they'll know you're someone who genuinely cares.

The four steps are simple:

- Ask R U OK?
- Listen
- Encourage action
- Check in to find out more and download free resources. Visit R U OK?.



September is



Peace Poles

Last Monday, Jonathan Shephard, Andrew Dalziel, Mark Bourke, Mike and Sali Macfarlane and Pam Norton spent the morning laying paving stones around the Peace Poles. There were also volunteers from Canterbury Rotary.

Elizabeth Shepherd planned it all out brilliantly and everyone else followed directions, led by Jonathan. Many thanks to everyone.

The rest of the pavers will be put down on Saturday.

Pam



To Eradicate Polio from the World

Paws for Polio Walk

October 5, 10am to 12:30pm
Elsternwick Park, Brighton

Join us for a walk around the park and bring along your dog!! We'll have a sausage sizzle, doggy merchandise and fun photo opportunities!

Book your tickets

Rotary Club of Brighton
END POLIO NOW

Proudly Supported By: CITY OF MELBOURNE, LOVE THE GAME NOT THE ODDS, Standing Support Service, Rotary Club of Peace, Club of Sisters USA

WALKING FOOTBALL 4 HEALTH VICTORIA

FESTIVAL OF WALKING FOOTBALL

Join us for two incredible days celebrating Unity, Friendship, Health, Mental Well-being, and building a Culture of Peace across Australia.

A Big Weekend for Everyone!

TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Daily
DATE: Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 2025
VENUE: Princes Park, Carlton North
WHAT TO EXPECT: A weekend packed with fun, fitness, & connection through the beautiful game – Walking Football!

"PLAY SOCCER MAKE PEACE" COMMEMORATING 2025 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEACE

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: -Men's Age Groups
-Women's Age Groups -Mixed Age Groups
-Family Teams -People with Disability Groups
-Corporate Teams . Let's come together to promote peace and well-being in our communities!

FOR ENQUIRIES: info@wf4h.victoria.org
STAY CONNECTED: www.wf4h.victoria.org.au
facebook.com/groups/wf4healthvictoria Instagram: @walkingfootball4health.vic

Exploring Chinese Musical Heritage through Guzheng, Erhu and Dizi

Balwyn Rotary

Our upcoming Rotary Club meeting will be something truly special, as we welcome **Sinobeats**, an ensemble dedicated to celebrating Chinese musical heritage and building cultural bridges through performance.

30 September, 6.15pm – 8pm

Green Acres Golf Club

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

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – BUSHFIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM



Connecting Communities Australia is seeking volunteers to join their Bushfire Prevention Program in Kiah (Bega Valley, NSW South Coast) from 14–20 September.

This is a chance to make a real difference for farmers still recovering from the Black Summer fires. The work will focus on reducing weeds and black wattle on local properties.

What's provided:

- Food and accommodation at Wonboyn Caravan and Cabin Park
- \$200 fuel voucher for volunteer drivers

All you need is energy and enthusiasm to lend a hand!

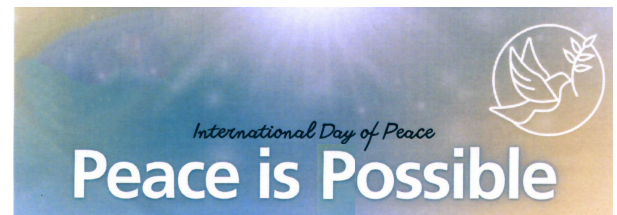
If you're interested, please contact CCA

at info@austcc.com.au.

CHRIS FINLEY

International Day of Peace

Uppsala University (Sweden has one of the Rotary Peace Centres.



Learning from History and from the Next Generation of Peacebuilders

Welcome to this seminar that will take place at Bangårdsgatan 13, Uppsala and via a ZOOM-meeting on Sunday September 21 at 11:00-15:00

Main Speakers

- ❖ **Thomas Jonter** [Guest professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research Uppsala University] -- **Getting rid of the bomb. The global efforts to abolishing nuclear weapons**
- ❖ **Jørgen Watne Frydnes** [Chair Norwegian Nobel Committee, Award Ceremony Speech 10 December 2024] -- **Nihon Hidankyo, nuclear bomb survivors and winner of the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize**
- ❖ **Peter Wallensteen** [Professor Emeritus at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University] -- **Is there a future for Nuclear peace?**

It is a seminar being held in person, and on Zoom, on the International Day of Peace September 21

Link to register

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/47o2jYWWQyQrJce7?ref=Link>

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.



Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Mark

To Eradicate Polio from the World

Rotary Walk with Us in 2025

1 - 31 October

Here is your opportunity to have fun, get fit and help yourself while helping others

Come and join many other Rotarians who are walking during October to raise money for their number one global project—to eradicate polio from the world.

Register yourself to walk solo or form a team with your family, friends and club members and seek sponsorship for every step taken.

Rotary has been working towards this goal for more than 30 years with cases of polio reduced by 99.9%. This is the final push.



For each sponsored step taken, this will help us reach our fundraising goal of **\$100,000** to vaccinate all children against Polio.

And every dollar raised becomes \$3 thanks to the Gates Foundation.

Imagine that!

All donations are tax deductible and for Rotarians count towards your overall RI donation credits.



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Register at: <http://rotarywalkwithus.org/>

And be ready to start walking and fundraising on 1 October.

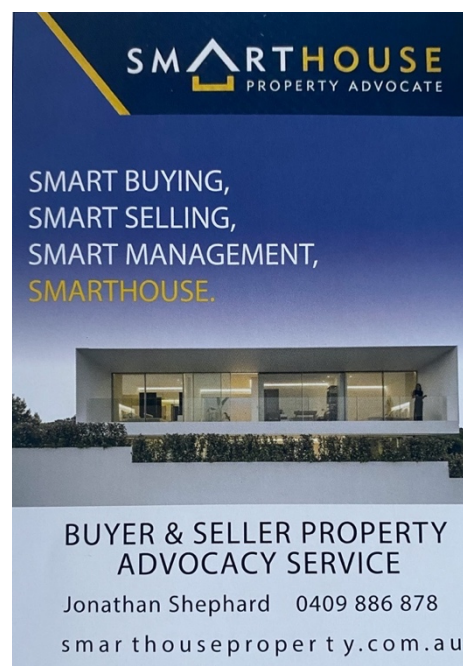
Bank Account Details

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



Meeting Duty Roster

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