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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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MEETING

Kew Golf Club

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's meeting was significant in the club calendar, as we welcomed District Governor Peter Shephard as our Guest Speaker. Peter was accompanied by his father Neil. Peter spoke on the topic of "Unite for Good, the power of Collaboration". After the lunch meeting, the board were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with DG Peter, so that we could inform him of club projects and priorities.

During the meeting, DG Peter presented member Fred Payne with his Paul Harris Recognition, and Carl Zammit was formally presented with his Honorary Membership of the Rotary Club of Kew. Congratulations to Fred and to Carl.

After this, President Elect Barb and I attended the Rotary Network Meeting, held at Hawthorn Town Hall, where we heard updates from other clubs in our cluster, and gave short presentation on our club's current projects and activities. There were also presentations on projects that may offer opportunities for collaboration with Rotary clubs.

We are very much looking forward to this Sunday's celebration to mark the installation of the Peace Poles at Victoria Park in Kew. Details are included in this Bulletin. Congratulations to Pam Norton, who has led this project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

Joan Scott

Dates for Your Diary

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 Speaker Dr Peter Johnston.
'How to prevent Dementia'

Monday 13 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Tuesday 14 October

5.30pm RCK Board Meeting

Thursday 16 October

1pm RCK meeting End Polio
Speaker Robyn Abrahams

Monday 20 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 23 October

RCK - Rotary Walk with Us
Victoria Gardens

Monday 27 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

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, the Rotary Club of Kew and Rotary in Hawaii, where there are 53 clubs.

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.

Guest Speaker

It was wonderful to have our District Governor Peter



join us today Peter spoke on "Uniting for Good, the power of collaboration." He reminded us that our members are our greatest asset and that we should use their skills and connections to increase our impact. He went on to share how together we can explore the ability to better collaborate with each

other, with other clubs and other groups to achieve the best outcome.

Peter stated we don't need to work harder we need to work smarter and unlock the opportunity that collaboration brings.

RCK is the 25th club that Peter has visited and we are the biggest group (31 people).

Paul Harris and Honorary Membership

Congratulations Carl on your honorary membership and Fred on his sapphire.



Peace Poles – last Saturday

Big thanks you to Mark, Andrew and Jonathan for an awesome job



Thanks Jonathan and Mike for the photos.
We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday at 11am

Kew High School

Thank you to Joan and Kim who assisted last Sunday



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

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

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/47o2jYWWQyQrJce?ref=Link>

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

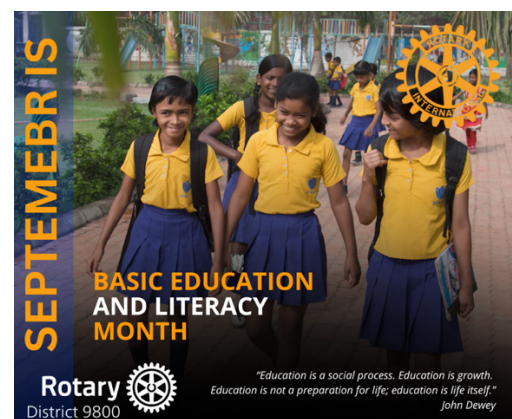
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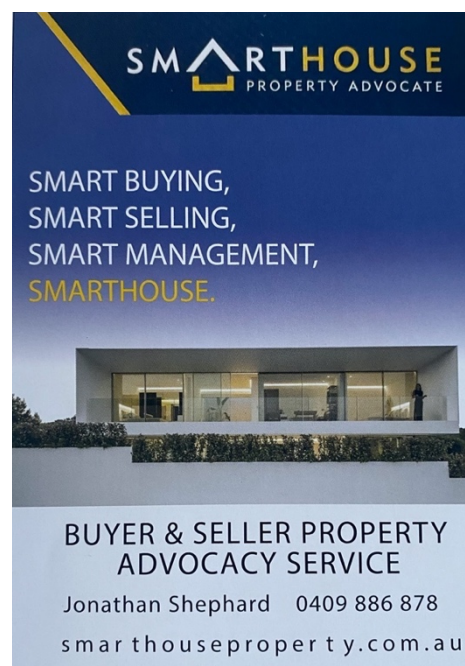
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Account 125381590

Please remember to include your name and reason for payment

September is





Meeting Duty Roster

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