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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

We've had quite a busy week!

Last Thursday we welcomed our DG Peter Shephard; thanks to everyone for making the meeting such a positive occasion for our club.

After the lunch meeting, Barb Brook and I attended the Rotary Network Meeting with the city of Boroondara, where 7 Rotary groups in Boroondara had the chance to share information

on current projects and to identify collaboration opportunities. This was a very successful and engaging event, hosted by Mayor Cr Sophie Torney, and with several other Boroondara councillors present, and with community group representation: "Ability Works", "it's the Little Things" and "The Alice Anderson Project." This is a regular event and is a great networking opportunity.

On Sunday, September 21st, Rotary World Day of Peace, we had the much-anticipated ceremony to mark the installation of the Peace Poles in Victoria Park. The poles were unveiled by Mayor Sophie Torney, with Elizabeth Shepherd, President of Canterbury Rotary, and Pam Norton, Past President of Kew, leading the ceremony. Over 50 people were in attendance. Congratulations to Pam and Elizabeth for the culmination of such a fantastic project!

We had five club members at our Monday coffee fellowship, where we had the opportunity to chat to an interested member of the public who could see we were enjoying each others' company. She left with a Rotary leaflet in her hand and contact details. This is not only an opportunity for us to enjoy a coffee together, but a real chance to make Rotary visible in the local community. So come along and join the fun!

Today our Guest Speaker was Garry van den Horst who gave a most interesting presentation on woodworking. It was good to welcome a visitor – Alan Brook for this session.

At our next meeting on October 2nd, we will have a focus on Fellowship and Fun, so come along, maybe bring a friend, and.....wear your AFL apparel! (Post Grand Final Fun!)

Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 2 October

1pm RCK meeting – Fellowship

Wear footy gear. (Mark is happy to provide Richmond scarves to wear if you need something.)

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

Thursday 16 October

1pm RCK meeting End Polio

Guest 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 30 October

1pm RCK meeting

Monday 3 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 6 November

1pm RCK meeting

Monday 10 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 13 November

1pm RCK meeting - RCK AGM

Monday 17 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Tuesday 18 November

7.30am Paul Harris Breakfast – Windsor Hotel,

Speaker Prof. Ross Garnaut AC

Thursday 20 November

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Julie Mason,

District Foundation Chair

Monday 24 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Dates for Your Diary con'd

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

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and Iceland where there are 30 clubs and 1000 members

Guest Speaker

We were delighted to welcome Gerry Van Den Horst



who is a Rotarian at Noble Park & Dingley who spoke on Wood Turning.

Gerry has always worked with wood cutting, milling, and driving a jinker. However his wood work is now much more precise work

The first item we saw was a pen made with olive wood. Gerry talked of different ways to procure wood and the equipment required. He shared the costings associated with his 'hobby' and how he has given away many pens, but has never sold one.

Gerry has most generously provided us with a hand turned pen in a wooden case which will be part of our next Gala Dinner auction.



Peace Poles – World Peace Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fabulous Sunday morning in Victoria Park



Peace Poles – World Peace Day con'd





The Peace Pole movement was started in Japan by the visionary Masahisa Goi. He was deeply distressed by the devastation caused by the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, killing an estimated 200,000 people. In 1955 he began a mission to spread the message of Peace. Now, more than 250,000 Peace Poles stand in approximately 200 countries around the globe, symbolizing the common wish for a world at peace.

To mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia, the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin, ACT, set a goal to see 100 Peace Poles donated to 100 schools or parks to recognize 100 years of Rotary service in Australia in 2021. This goal has been achieved through collaboration with schools, councils, organisations and Rotary clubs around Australia. Today there are over 800 Rotary Peace Poles in Australia located in every state and territory.

(as explained by DG Peter)

Peace Poem

If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace between nations.

If there is to be peace between nations, there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours, there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.

(read by Jess Wilson MP and Dr Monique Ryan MP)

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.

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

Thoughts of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Bob and Jonathan

I made myself a snow ball
as perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet
and let it sleep with me.
I made it some pyjamas
and a pillow for its head.
Then, last night it ran away.
But first - it wet the bed.

Shel Silverstein

“

People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day”

Winnie the Pooh

We are collecting

Bottle tops – red, yellow or black particularly but all colours are welcome and all sizes. Please start collecting. These are for one of RCKs projects.. Please bring to Rotary each week and give to Barb, Jill or Jennie

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Russell.

Firies Acquisition From Book Fair

The Fair Trade and Gift Shop took another car load of books to Gippsland SES. They raised \$23,000 this year from their giant book sale weekend, and sent these pictures of the additions they were able to complete with their funds. They also added some troughs for cleaning equipment and an office space. They are very grateful to our donors and volunteers for our regular contributions. This also means that none of our surplus reaches landfill.
Big thanks to Terry for his sorting prowess and to Robert, Gaie, Rowan, Doug and Trina for donations and to Jennie, Carl and other non rotary regular sorters and drivers.

Jill



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.



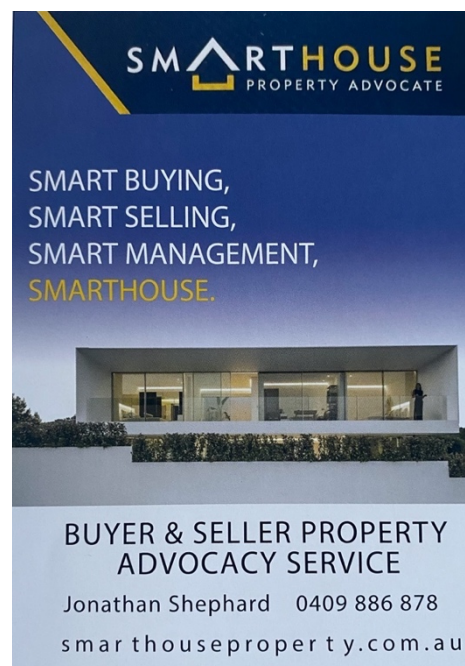
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Register at: <http://rotarywalkwithus.org/>

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

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



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
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