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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 we were delighted to welcome our Guest Speakers Robyn Abrahams and Dr Heather Pisani. They spoke about their experiences as polio survivors and showed an award winning short film. Today's meeting focussed on Rotary's global End Polio project and will be followed by the club's fundraising walk in Victoria Gardens, on Thursday October 23.

On Wednesday October 22, I attended the "Connecting Communities" lunch in Hawthorn. This was a joint venture planned by Hawthorn Rotary Club and the "It's The Little Things Community", and it was a fantastic gathering of representatives from various community service organisations to connect and celebrate their contributions. A Whats App group will be set up so that all can share future events and possible collaboration opportunities.

Advance notice about our meeting on October 30th. Our guest speaker will be Charles Boyd, fund manager with Foreshore Capital. He will speak on the topic "The Power of Generational Influence -how small moments with grandparents/mentors can shape curiosity and careers." Charles has a wealth of experience and lots of wisdom to share, so this is an opportunity to invite guests!

Don't forget Monday coffee in Kew!

Joan Scott

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Wednesday 22 October

6.30pm Rotary Club of Glenferrie

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Bookings <https://events.humanitix.com/rcog50years>

Thursday 23 October

1pm RCK - Rotary Walk with Us Meet at the Gates at Victoria Gardens. After the walk, lunch will be at the Harp Hotel. Please let Margaret know if you are attending lunch, so she can book you in.

Walking or not please consider making a donation to End Polio (By making a direct donation (rather than through the Club) it is tax deductible)

Sunday 26 October

2pm District Movie Afternoon

Monday 27 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 30 October

1pm RCK meeting Charles Boyd

Monday 3 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 6 November

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Ross McMullin

Monday 10 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Tuesday 11 November

5.30pm Board Meeting Colin's

Thursday 13 November

1pm RCK meeting - RCK AGM

Saturday 15 November

Donate and Declutter (see Bulletin page 5)

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 17 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 27 November

1pm RCK meeting Fellowship

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November

12 noon – 6pm Collecting food outside Woolworths
Kew for BCO

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November

12 noon – 6pm Collecting food outside Woolworths
Kew for BCO

Monday 24 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

27 – 29 March 2026

2026 Multi District Conference – Horsham

13- 17 June 2026

Rotary International Conference Taipei City

Thursday 18 June 2026

6.30pm RCK Changeover – Kew Golf Club

Garden DesignFest 2026

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

RCK AGM Notice and Process

- Our AGM will be held at our lunch meeting on November 13, 2025
- Club members are encouraged to take part in the process by engaging in the nomination process for Board positions.
- Members may choose to nominate themselves for a position, or to nominate a fellow member.
- Nomination forms and notice of the AGM will be emailed to members on 16/10.
- If you wish to nominate yourself or a RCK member for a 2026-2027 Board position, please complete the Nomination form.
- If more than one member is nominated for a position, an election will be called at the 2025 AGM – on November 13.
- Nomination forms MUST be returned to Alison Vickers (secretary) by Thursday November 6, 2025, at alandmon@bigpond.net.au
- On Friday 7 November, members will receive, via email, the confirmed agenda, and papers for the AGM.

This process aligns with the Rotary Constitution and gives all members input into the selection of Board members. If an election becomes necessary, that would be a very healthy sign for any club!

Thanks to Alison Vickers for her work on this process.

Joan Scott, President

Thank you

Congratulations and thank you to Gaie who has donated over \$500.00 to the Rotary Foundation, by recycling bottles.

Guest Speaker

We were very fortunate to have 2 polio survivors as our speakers today Robyn Abrahams & Dr Heather Pisani. Both achieved distinguish careers after having polios. Robyn thanked Rotary for keeping polio eradication to the forefront. Robyn also shared a letter that she had found in her father's belongings, written by Paul Harris to the International Association of Crippled Children.



Robyn talked about her diagnosis – being taken to the GP who told her mother she was neurotic. Her mother then took her to the

Children's Hospital. She then didn't see her mother for 6 months after being taken from the Children's to Fairfield by ambulance.

Some people do not know that they have developed polio until later when they have post polio syndrome, the symptoms of which are

- New or worsening muscle weakness
- Extreme fatigue
- Muscle and joint pain
- Muscle wasting
- Breathing or swallowing difficulties
- Cold intolerance
- Sleep-related breathing disorders
- Speech problems

It is unknown how many people have post polio syndrome.

Heather had started school when she contracted polio.. She did hydrotherapy and had splints.

Both Heather and Robyn developed polio before the vaccines existed.

We watched a short film in which polio survivors explained about their time when they had polio.

We heard of the full lives that they live, their courage and determination.

"Loves Lived Well"



Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and Las Vegas where there are 7 clubs

Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Michael. The ultimate value of doing the work of personal growth is not to only feel better about ourselves. We do the work so that we can contribute to how those around us feel about themselves.

Simon Sinek

Support Kim

October 2025, I'm again taking on this challenge to help end polio for good! I'll be walking, running, or rolling my chosen distance to raise funds.

Polio is a forgotten disease that should be history.

There's no cure, but there is a vaccine. Rotary's "Walk With Us" challenge is a great way to get active in spring



and be part of the final push for a polio-free world.

Join Team Red &

White 🇸🇪! Let's walk, run or crawl for those who can't. 🙌

ROTARYWALKWITHUS.ORG

Kim Wen

I'm challenging myself to walk, run or roll 10, 20, or 50km throughout the month and raise vital funds that will help eradicate and prepare us for a Polio free world. Please support me in this important cause!

Darwin

Jill and Jennie are in Darwin.

Sewing classes in progress.



Can You Help please?

As an upgrade is to be done to the Kew Library, RCK can go longer have a storage area under the Library. We own quite a bit of GDF equipment that is stored there. The Club is looking for a storage area. Do you have a shed or garage that would be available for RCK storage? Please let Andrew know if you can assist. We need to be out of the library area by the end of December.

Sumba

I am just back from a very successful trip to Sumba. Full report will be distributed when completed.

Highlights;

Saw over 700 patients, did about 65 cataract operations and 7 pterygium ops.

3 Indonesian surgeons conducted the surgery, 1 from Kupang, 1 from Wangapu and 1 from Caritas Waitabula. All surgeons performed to a high standard though sterility was a problem.

Met with Vice Bupati who was impressed with the screening set up and the new Ophthalmology clinic. The MOU with Hasinuddin University was supposed to have been signed last Friday but still waiting. This is the last cog to the placement of an Ophthalmologist at the hospital in Waikabubak.

Our training of local nurses continued and we saw a very good upward learning curve in our 4 new nurses both in the Operating theatre and in screening. We are looking to send another 3-4 new nurses to Makassar to build in some redundancy. The hospital will advise of the selection.

Once the new Ophthalmologist is in place we will have achieved our aim of providing sustainability however we will still be required to go to Sumba for the short while to see that standards are maintained, that follow up is done and that the screening is conducted in a satisfactory way.

Basically handover will take some time.

With the equipment that we have in place at RSUD Waikabubak hospital, we have positioned it as a centre of eyecare excellence on the island of Sumba and to a large degree to the Nusa Tenggara Timor region.

Peter

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Michael.

Sumba con'd



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.

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

Rotary Merchandise

If you are interested in being part of an order of garments etc, from Rotary Down Under, please contact Pennie - capechestnut@gmail.com.

The plan is to save on postage and improve our rotary image when at community events. Lots to see on the web site "Rotary Down Under"

<https://rdusupplies.com.au/apparel/?sort=featured&page=3>

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

Can You Assist

RCK is again assisting BCO with their food hamper collection. We are rostered on at Kew Woolworths in 2 hour shifts starting at 12 noon, 2pm 4pm on Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November and Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November. Please let Barb know your availability for the roster. Thanks to those that have already replied but there are still more shifts to fill.

Declutter & Donate at our Drive- Through

A second volunteer is needed to assist Kim Further to what Kim spoke about.

Starting your spring clean?

Saturday 15 November 9 am to 1 pm

Location: Council car park at 3 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Preloved Goods Donation Day!

This drive-through event makes it easy to donate electrical and household items in good condition to charities. It's a meaningful way to declutter, keep unwanted items out of landfill and support people in need.

Just register your preferred time, then drive through on the day with your items in your car, ute or trailer – our team will handle the rest.

Items accepted in good condition include bed frames (dismantled), bikes, clothes, cots, digital TVs, fans, fridges, heaters, laptops, microwaves, prams, vacuums, washing machines and much more.

Anyone interested should email

kimrotarykew@gmail.com or text Kim on 0488 600 985

See the full list and find out more at:

boroondara.vic.gov.au/preloved-goods-donation-day

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.



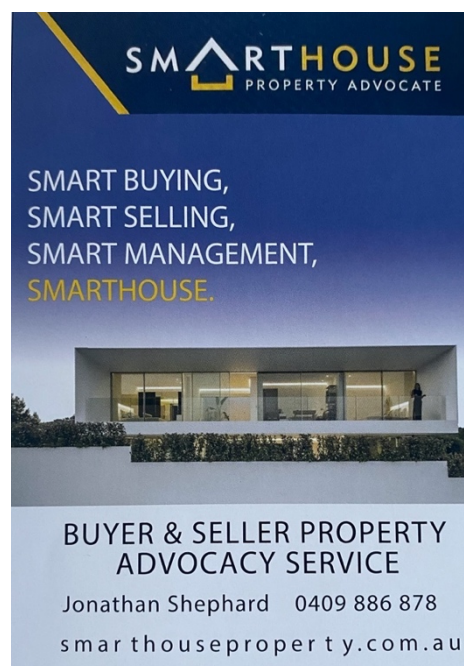
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Register at: <http://rotarywalkwithus.org/>

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
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