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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](#)

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President's Message



At today's meeting we extended a warm welcome to our Guest Speaker Ross McMullin, an award-winning historian, biographer and story teller, whose captivating presentation focussed on Remembrance Day, and in particular on the Villers- Bretonneux conflict.

A reminder that our AGM will be held at our lunch meeting next Thursday, November 13. I encourage all members to be present for this important day in the life of the club. On Friday November 7, members will receive via email, the confirmed agenda, and papers for the AGM.

Last week I emailed all club members in regard to our current committee structure and membership, asking for feedback on how you each feel about your committee, whether you'd like a change, and for any other insights you would like to share. Thanks to those who have responded with detailed feedback and suggestions. I urge everyone to respond as soon as possible; it's vital that every member of the club feels valued in their role, and if not, we can perhaps look at a change!

The current committees are Club Service, Community Service, Environment and Sustainability, Finance, Foundation, International, Membership and Youth and Vocational Service.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday November 11, from 10.30 am, Hawthorn RSL Sub branch will lead a ceremony at the Kew Cenotaph. A wreath will be laid on behalf of Kew Rotary Club; members are invited to attend. Thanks to Wendy Garling who has prepared the beautiful wreath, which includes her crocheted poppies.



Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 7 November

Members will receive, via email, the confirmed agenda, and papers for the AGM.

Monday 10 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Tuesday 11 November

10.30am Service at the Kew Cenotaph

5.30pm Board Meeting Colin's

Thursday 13 November

1pm RCK meeting - RCK AGM

Saturday 15 November

Donate and Declutter (see Bulletin page 4)

Monday 17 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Veronas

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

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November

12 noon – 6pm Collecting food outside Woolworths

Kew for BCO

Monday 24 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 27 November

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Zack Petersen

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November

12 noon – 6pm Collecting food outside Woolworths

Kew for BCO

Monday 1 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 4 December

1pm RCK meeting Fellowship

Thursday 11 December

1pm RCK meeting Speakers Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale

Darwin Project

Thursday 18 December

RCK meeting Christmas Luncheon

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Thursday 22 January

1pm RCK meeting resuming

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

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

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.

Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by George.
“What you leave behind is not engraved in stone monuments, but woven into the lives of others.”

Pericles 500BC Greek Politician - Statesman

Food Collection for BCO at Kew Woolworths

Thank you to those who have volunteered.
You will notice that there are a few gaps, but there is still the opportunity to be added to this roster by phoning Natalie at BCO (indicating that you are from RCK and would like to be added to the roster.) Natalie's number is 0409 019 269

	22 nd Nov Saturday	23 rd Nov Sunday
12noon - 2pm	Pennie Ibbotson June Crawford	Russell Hoath Colin Burns
2pm - 4pm	Carl Zammitt Samir Freijah	Samir Freijah Margot Sharpe
4pm - 6pm	Joan Scott Andrew Dalziel	

	29 th Nov Saturday	30 th Nov Sunday
12noon - 2pm		Pam Norton Russell Hoath
2pm - 4pm	Andrew Dalziel Pam Norton	Joan Scott
4pm - 6pm		

I will send a reminder and instructions to you all next week.
Thanks for your support of this Community project.
Barb

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Mark

Guest Speaker

Our speaker today was Ross McMullin who spoke to us about the crucial battle of Villers-Bretonneux and the importance of Australia in this 1918 battle after the worst year (1917) for Australia since settlement.



Ross is a renowned historian, an award-winning biographer, and a very entertaining storyteller, often during his presentation taking on a role of a soldier. We heard many stirring words during the talk. We heard of the movement of the troops and the feelings of the individuals.

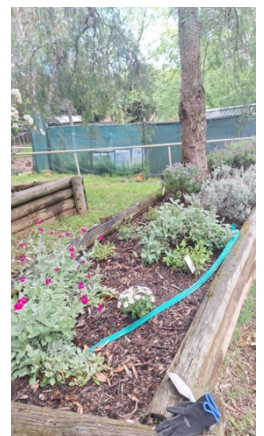
Ross has been researching WWI for over 50 years. A number of people had read Ross' books and others were very keen to obtain copies.

We thank Ross for bringing these soldiers to life.



Gardening at Hamer Court

Thanks are extended to Pam and Russell who on Wednesday did some gardening at Hamer Court. From Pam "It is looking terrific- really colourful. Next Monday we will return to plant some new plants that I will purchase."



Sumba

An update on the donation we received from Rotary Balwyn for the Sumba Eye Program.

Attached as a separate email is our latest

So far we have spent \$19,500 of the \$30,000 awarded on a new retinal camera to fully outfit the new Ophthalmology clinic at Waikabubak Hospital. We are still waiting on an MOU with Hasinuddin University, Makassar, to be signed by the Bupati so that the new ophthalmologist can start full time at the hospital. We have been promised this signing over 14 months ago but like a lot of things in Indonesia one must be patient!!

Our last trip conducted in October was very successful with a local Ophthalmologist seconded to us from Caritas Hospital Waitabula, for 1 week and an Ophthalmologist coming from Kupang West Timor for 2 days. Things are happening.

The last \$10,000 will be spent on new computers/tablets for our nurses to use in the field and for other ancillary equipment like new trial sets.

Peter



Technician showing Asri Marten (ministry of health) retinal camera

operating procedures



Retinal Camera operators view



Technician showing Peter how to operate the retinal camera

Sumba con'd



Indonesian Ophthalmologists doing cataract surgery



Australian team conducting screening services and training local Drs and nurses.

Declutter & Donate at our Drive- Through

A second volunteer is needed to assist Kim
Saturday 15 November 9 am to 1 pm

Location: Council car park at 3 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

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

November is Rotary Foundation Month

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Rotary District 9800

The Rotary Foundation transforms lives—creating lasting change both in our local community and around the world.

Hurricane Melissa



The Rotary Foundation has declared a Disaster of Magnitude and established a temporary Hurricane Melissa Response Fund, which will support disaster response grants in communities affected by this destructive storm.

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in the Caribbean as one of the strongest hurricanes on record, leaving communities facing loss, displacement, and widespread devastation. Many communities have no electricity or access to clean water. Rotary members across the region are mobilizing to provide assistance, and your leadership can help make these efforts possible.

The Hurricane Melissa Response Fund will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds (DDF), from now through 31 January 2026. Districts affected by the devastation can apply for grants until 28 October 2026, or until all funds are spent. These grants can be used to supply critical items such as water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.

After 28 October 2026, any unused money in the Hurricane Melissa Response Fund will be transferred to the Disaster Response Fund to support relief efforts for other disasters.

To help the communities affected by Hurricane Melissa, members can:

Donate to the Hurricane Melissa Response Fund
<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

Hurricane Melissa con'd

If you have questions about the Hurricane Melissa Response Fund, write to disaster.responsefund@rotary.org. If you have questions about disaster response grants, write to grants@rotary.org.

We appreciate your leadership and support. Thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,
Holger Knaackolger Kn
2025-26 Trustee Chair
The Rotary Foundation

Francesco Arezzo
2025-26 President
Rotary International

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.

Looking for a night Out?

There is a group going to support Pennie



Meeting Duty Roster

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

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