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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 life of the club, as we held our Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to President Elect Barbara Brook, and to all those who will take up Board positions for the Rotary year 2026/27. (See p2)

Today we were very happy to welcome Honorary Member and Past President Bob

Slater, as well as guest Jacky Ximenes, who has been assisting Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale with the Darwin project. Jacky spoke to us about the ways in which Rotary has been supporting the people of Timor Leste.



World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13, highlighting good deeds in the community and focusing on kindness as a fundamental part of the human condition, which bridges the divides of race, religion, politics, gender and location.

Rotary promotes the global observance of World Kindness Day to encourage individuals and clubs to spread kindness – within our families, our clubs, and our wider circles of influence. Rotary's core motto of Service Above Self is a guiding principle that encourages us to put the needs of others before our own needs; this seems to me to correlate directly with the idea of acts of kindness.

Remembrance Day

Standing (in the cold) on Tuesday 11th November, at the Kew Cenotaph, with Pam Norton, and along with many community leaders and students and teachers from 10 schools, it struck me that the sacrifices made by those serving in the ADF, and of their families, is the ultimate ideal of Service above Self. The presence of people across generations, united in appreciation for those in the armed forces, was very moving. The wreath prepared by member Wendy Garling was laid, along with many others.

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Dates for Your Diary

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 Speakers Nic Giannios and 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

Tuesday 2 December

Rotary Foundation Giving Day

Thursday 4 December

1pm RCK meeting Speaker Elise Dunstan
Kew High School

Monday 8 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 11 December

1pm RCK meeting Speakers Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale
Darwin Project

Monday 15 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

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

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Annual General Meeting

Item 6 on the agenda for the AGM was to elect
directors to the RCK 2026-27 Board.

The following directors were elected:

1. President nominee - vacant
2. President – Barbara Brook
3. Immediate Past President – Joan Scott
4. Vice President – Jill Forsyth
5. Secretary – Alison Vickers
6. Treasurer – vacant
7. Foundation – Colin Burns
8. Club Administration – Margaret Turner
9. Public image & Membership – Kim Wen
10. Project Activities – Wendy Garling

Joan Scott

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.

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and Mount Manganui

Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Pennie
“The ultimate measure of a person is not where he or she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he or she stands in times of challenge and controversy.”

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Bob

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

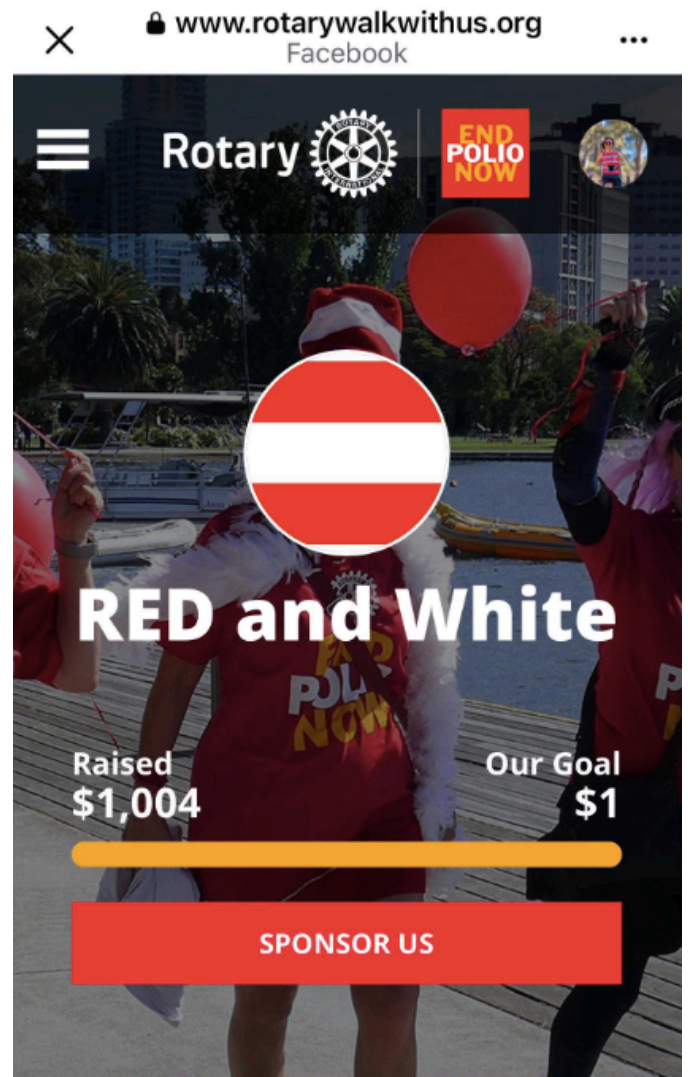
Remembrance Day

Thanks Pam and Joan for representing the Club and Wendy for making the beautiful wreath.



Congratulations Kim

Thank you to all those RCK members who financially supported Kim



Kim RAISED \$1,004 🏃💨
From Kim

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who donated and supported my run during OCT! The fundraising page closes Nov 15, 2025.

<https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/.../rotary-walk-with-us>

Rotary Cakes and Christmas Puddings

These have arrived at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop. More details will be in next week's Bulletin, enabling you to purchase and collect if required at a Rotary Meeting.

Hurricane Melissa



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>

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.

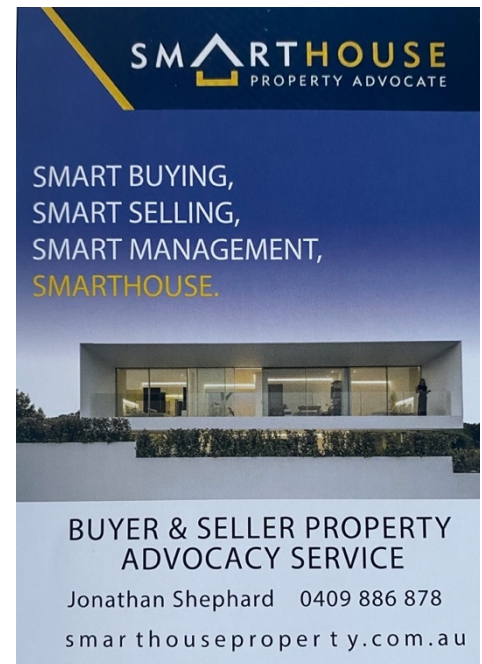


Support Kew High School silent auction using the QR code above..

Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
20-Nov	Burns C	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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