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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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MEETING

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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



Today we were delighted to welcome Julie Mason, Foundation District Chair. It's very fitting that Julie was with us, as November is Rotary Foundation Month, when we are encouraged to highlight the work of the Foundation in areas such as peace, disease prevention, water and sanitation, education and economic development. I am keenly aware that we have many members

actively supporting the Foundation, with Colin Foundation Chair on our Board.

An added bonus of having Julie with us today was that she was able to present Pennie Ibbotson with her Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, with 2 sapphires; Pennie spoke of the reason behind her support of the Foundation, mentioning other members who also have been recognised for their contributions to the Foundation, and encouraging all members to consider donating.

One of the delights of being in a club such as ours, is the opportunity to get to know people from different walks of life, and with diverse interests and skills. On Saturday night a group of us took up the opportunity to attend a concert titled "Love Unaccompanied, an A Cappella Musical" put on by The Melbourne Barbershop Chorus, comprising the Melbournaires Harmony Chorus and Vocal Infusion. Pennie Ibbotson sang in the combined choir, as a member of Vocal Infusion. The concert was absolutely amazing and uplifting, and Pennie was a star! We have asked Pennie to let us know about future events. I'm hopeful that there will be more opportunities to celebrate the interests and achievement of other club members.

The year seems to be rapidly drawing to a close; over the next few weeks we have some interesting speakers booked, and on December 18 we will celebrate with our Christmas lunch. Please keep that date free and invite family and friends.

Last, on Monday we had a lively catch up at Via Verona; this has become somewhat of an informal "think tank" as well as a chance to socialise. So come along around 10.00 am. If you have contacts in other local Rotary clubs, invite them too!

Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November

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

Monday 24 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona (last week's group)



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

12.30pm-2pm RCK meeting Christmas Luncheon
Dress is in Christmas colours and Christmas headwear.
There will be prizes for best dressed.
There will be Christmas carols, Christmas trivia and Mother Christmas will pay us a visit

We are not having a Chris Kringle but would like everyone to bring something to donate to "Hope in a Suitcase" (Opposite is a list of the things that they need or just money in an envelope if preferred)

The cost is \$68 for a mains and a dessert.
Please let Bob Crozier know if you are coming by the 11th December and guests are very welcome.
Talk to Margaret for any further details.



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

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.

Gifts for Hope in a Suitcase (bring 18 December)

Make Christmas special for someone living in crisis this year by donating items for an Adult, Teen or Mum & Bub bag by bringing them to our RCK Christmas Party.
Essentials Type items
shampoo & conditioner toothbrush & toothpaste
body wash or soap deodorant (roll-on preferred)
any type of unopened period products

Mum & Bub Bag Essentials

maternity pads	breast pads	baby wipes
dummies	newborn nappies	
baby shampoo	baby wash	
nappy rash cream	disposable nappy bags	

Optional Luxury Items

Towel	make up	face wipes
Stationery	jewellery	books
Socks	small umbrella	wet wipes
gift vouchers	undies	hairbrush
tissues		

Teens might also like...

Scrunchies	earphones	lip gloss
movie ticket		

Please do **not** include:
Pharmaceutical items, food or drinks



Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Evelyne in memory of her brother who died last week. In a speech at Evelyne and Joel's Wedding 15 years ago, he defined LOVE using the words of French actress Jeanne Moreau. "Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age".

Guest Speaker

Colin introduced today's speaker, Julie Mason, whose topic was FOUNDATION, her Rotary passion! This talk was preceded by Pennie being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition badge. Pennie cleverly hid the Rotary emblem on screen to quiz us about the various symbols on the Rotary emblem. RCK Paul Harris Fellows include Colin Burns, Gaie Maddock, Mike McFarlane and Pennie who was inspired by the late Lloyd Knight, also a member.

Julie is a highly regarded former School Principal, District Governor of Rotary and her talk today was about FOUNDATION. She reminded us of the history of Rotary Foundation- the work of Paul Harris (Founder) and Arch C. Klumph, and the aims- that we are people of action wanting to advance our



mission. Our strategic priorities are to increase our IMPACT, expand our REACH. enhance our engagement and increase our ability to ADAPT.

Major tenets of our focus are peace-building and conflict prevention, which includes Humanitarian Aid such as polio eradication, district and global grants as well as Education and Training. Recently Foundation took a group of teachers to Cambodia to exchange ideas. Polio eradication is the 'number 1' project. Two endemic countries remain- Afghanistan and Pakistan have huge challenges. There is a problem in Gaza where previously 99% of children were vaccinated, it is now 90% coverage.

There are many world-wide donors raising huge sums to assist. For each dollar raised, world-wide benefactors like Bill Gates donate \$3. This sort of donation (1 becoming 3) is an inspiration we can all follow!

Evelyne

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Club of Nepal- we found out two of our members have been there!

Guest Speaker con'd



Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Hengameh

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 Cakes and Christmas Puddings



These have arrived at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop. More details are in a separate flyer circulated with this week's Bulletin, enabling you to collect at a Kew Rotary Meeting on 4th or 11th December.

Kew High School



Kew High School con'd



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

Hurricane Melissa



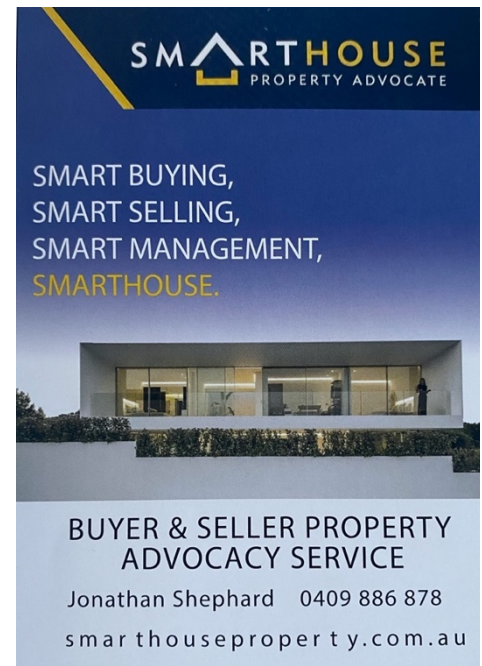
To help the communities affected by Hurricane Melissa, members can:

Donate to the Hurricane Melissa Response Fund

<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

Meeting Duty Roster

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