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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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MEETING

Kew Golf Club

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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 welcomed guest speakers Nic Giannios and Zack Peterson, speaking on "Tackling childhood Stunting in Indonesia."

On Sunday afternoon I acted as MC for the Orientation Day for Year 11 students who have been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum programs in January. This day is facilitated by NYSF Chairs Bronwyn Fanning and Chris Richardson. It was again a privilege to mingle with the students and to hear them engage in a short activity where they took opposing sides on the value of plastics in our world. If these students, from both government and independent schools, are indicative of our scientists of the future, I think we have cause for optimism!

As you have seen in the Bulletin, Kew High School had a community event planned for tomorrow afternoon; due to the weather forecast this has been postponed until Friday December 12th. We have been invited by Elise Dunstan, Kew High's Community Development Manager, to have a presence there – Jennie and Jill will be selling Rotary puddings and cakes, and we are able to hand out brochures and membership materials. The event will go from 4.00-8.00 pm. I'll be there and would welcome some extra hands. This an excellent way to show our support for the staff and students at Kew High. Please let me know if you can attend for an hour or so. The notice is still in our Bulletin, with a QR link to an online auction– well worth a look.

One last note– Elise will be our guest speaker next week, so don't miss that meeting!

Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

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

Friday 12 December

4pm-8pm Kew High School Community Connect Event

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 **\$70.00** 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.



Can You Help please?

As an upgrade is to be done to the Kew Library, RCK can no 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. You don't need to take everything. We need to be out of the library area by the end of December.

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

Gifts for Hope in a Suitcase (bring 18 December)

Make Christmas special for someone living in crisis this year by donating items

Items to Donate

- Hard shell with wheels (carry on luggage size eg. 42cm) is preferable.
- Duffle Bags for teenagers.
- 0-1 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Nappies (Newborn – Size 6)
- Baby wipes
- Bottles and dummies
- Clothing items: bodysuits & singlets (Sizes 00000 to 1)
- Baby wash
- Something to cuddle (i.e teddy/bunny – suitable for age)
- Bibs
- Blanket/wraps
- Bath towel
- Face washers
- Story book
- Toy
- 2-3 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pull-ups/underwear
- Pyjama's/singlets/socks
- Other clothing items
- Toothbrush/infant toothpaste
- Something to cuddle (i.e teddy/bunny)
- Blanket
- Hairbrush (clips/scrunchies)
- Toy
- Colouring books/crayons/pencils
- Story book
- Bath toys
- Kids bath wash
- 4-6 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pull ups/underwear
- Pyjamas/singlets/socks



Gifts for Hope in a Suitcase (bring 18 December)

- Other clothing items
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Something to cuddle (eg.doll/toy)
 - Blanket
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Toys (play dough/craft/cars/puzzles)
 - Colouring in books/pencils/crayons
 - Story book
 - Bubble bath
- 6-8 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pyjamas/singlets/underwear/socks
 - Clothes sets (eg. shorts and tops)
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Something to cuddle (eg.doll/toy)
 - Blanket
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Story book
 - Toys (craft/cars/animals/dolls)
 - Colouring in or activity books
 - Pencils/textas
 - Bubble bath
- 10-12 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pyjamas/underwear/socks
 - Other clothing items (eg. shorts and tops)
 - Something to cuddle (e.g doll/toy)
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Body wash/soap (in zip lock bag)
 - Shampoo/conditioner (in zip lock bag)
 - Hairbrush/hairbands/clips/scrunchies
 - Reading book
 - Activities: i.e craft, balls, card games
 - Colouring in or activity books
 - Pencils/textas
 - Bubble bath (in a zip lock bag)
 - Journal
- 12 YEARS + CHILDREN
- Pyjamas/underwear/socks
 - Other clothing items
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Body wash/soap (in zip lock bag)
 - Roll on deodorant (no aerosols)
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Shampoo/conditioner (in zip lock bag)
 - Toiletries bag
 - Sanitary items
 - Novel/interesting facts/quote book
 - Journal/stationary items
 - Puzzles/challenge toys
 - Mandala colouring books/find-a-word/crosswords

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and Rotary in Oslo where there are 41 clubs

Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Mark
"I am not a destroyer of companies, I am a liberator of them!

The point is, ladies and gentlemen, that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed in all of its forms. Greed for life, money, love, knowledge, has marked the upward surge of mankind, and greed – you mark my words – will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the U.S.A.
Thank you very much."

Gordon Gecko Wall Street (1987) Movie

Thank you

Thank you to those collecting food outside Woolworths Kew for BCO.



Above Our first changeover on Saturday. - Pennie, Samir, June, Carl. Below Das on Sunday



Apologies I did not have photos of Joan, Andrew, Russel, Colin, Joel and Margot, but thank you for collecting.

New Email

Please note that I have a new email address, colin.burns.1952@outlook.com and would appreciate it if you could use this address in the future.

Colin

Rotary Conference

Regional Conference at Horsham in March- Pam is looking for someone who is attending organise the Friday Night Dinner please? Please contact Pam if you can assist.

Guest Speakers

Speakers Nic Giannios and Zack Petersen
Tackling Childhood Stunting in Indonesia



This International plan implements training courses for analysts to reach a diagnosis of stunting in children. Technical knowledge

is useful but work on the ground is essential to build relationships and trust with locals. There are problems of poverty, illiteracy and health in often remote communities. They started with a \$20,000 grant, when Zack applied for jobs in "Malnutrition" the cause of stunting. Flores previously had 58% of stunting in new-born children, but it is now employing trained health workers who enter homes to talk about health. The first 1000 days of a child's life- from conception to age 2- make the GOLDEN WINDOW for intervention. 80% of brain growth occurs in these 1000 days. Indonesia has the highest rate of stunting in the world, The organisation trains health workers to ask and talk about why check ups are important, not to tell mothers what to do. The field officers work at village level- using motorbikes to access far-flung villages. They distribute pamphlets, check the water, often no electricity, encounter poverty etc.

Malnutrition is not about access to food-it is education. Empathy is to spend time with pregnant women- 6 visits in early term and 4 around time of birth. This programme stops stunting before it happens!

Points arising from questions to Zack and Nik

- * There has been funding from Singapore for 5-6 years
- * \$1.2 million will be coming in 2026 (\$1 million from Gates Foundation)
- * There is a team of 30- 10 office/planning & 20 field staff working on Indonesian salaries.
- * They turn down offers from companies with bias eg formulas. These companies prey on poor people who do not eat well.

Guest Speaker con'd

- * Only 1% of women cannot breastfeed
- * In Malaysia there is training to identify the parasite which causes stunting- on-going
- * The biggest challenge is to convince women why it is important to continue taking the medication
- * There is little Government Health support in Indonesia (about \$127 per person)
- * Funding is needed to survey a district or village before health workers can start, and they must be paid.
- * Zack used to dive in remote parts of Indonesia pre-Covid then spent 3 months assessing the need to stop stunting.

Evelyne

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Mark

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.

Hurricane Melissa



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

Kew High School



network
Parents and Friends Association

PRESENTS
COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENT
Kew High School

Postponed till Friday 12 December 4pm -8pm

Live music, food stalls & trucks,
kids' games & face painting,
fundraising raffle, auction, fun
activities & more!

Inviting parents, students,
alumni, staff (current & past),
local primary school students,
and friends of our school to
connect, celebrate and
support our 2025 fundraiser for
Level 1 classroom climate
control.

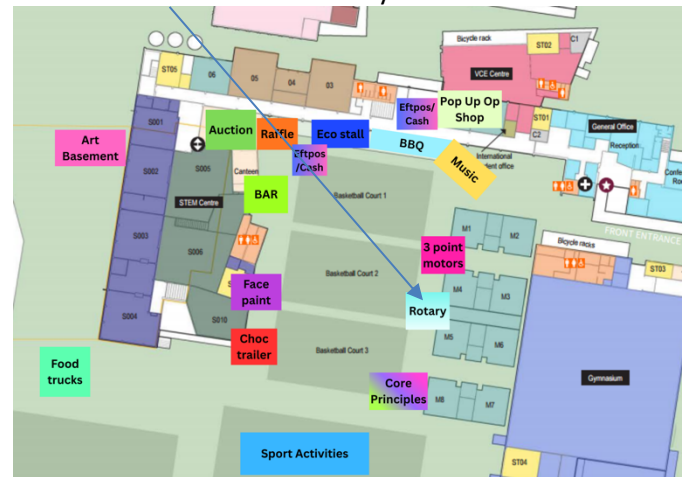
Kew High School

Kew High School con'd



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

RCK Location at the Community Connect Event



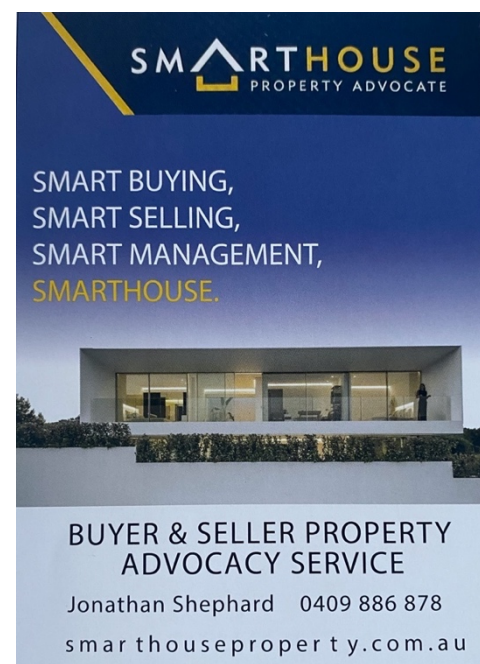
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Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
04-Dec	Perks E	Dalziel, A	Cohen J	Maddock G	Stillwell M	Brown D
11-Dec	Tan MH	Turner-Atkins M	Devidas D	Norton P	Dalziel, A	Turner-Atkins M
18-Dec	Wen K	Perks E	Hoath R	Crawford J	Bourke M	Levin R

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