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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 Elise Dunstan, Community Development Manager at Kew High School, as our Guest Speaker. We're grateful for Elise making time to be with us as the school year rushes to a close.

Last weekend several members again helped out with food collection at Kew Woolworths and It was amazing to see the very generous donations shoppers made. Some of us appeared in BCO's Facebook post and Rev Natalie Dixon-Monu was overwhelmed with the amount of goods available for the 600 hampers to be distributed over the Christmas period.

It's not too late to order Rotary cakes and puddings; there is an order form in the Bulletin and once ordered they can be collected at next week's meeting.

Our speakers next Thursday will be Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale , reporting on the Darwin sewing project.

A note about our Christmas lunch on Thursday December 18 – **come at 12.00 pm for a 12.30 lunch.** Remember to invite family members and friends! Please indicate your attendance to Bob Crozier and pay (\$70 pp) as soon as possible (Club payments details are in the Bulletin.) Please refer to the list of suitable gifts to bring for Hope in a Suitcase, listed in the Bulletin - and be generous!

The inclement weather last Friday meant that Kew High's Community Connect Event had to be postponed until next Friday, December 12th. Kew Rotary Club will have a table there from 4.00pm, so do come and join us. We're grateful for the opportunity to support our local school, and to raise our profile in the community. Do come if you have a free hour or so; it promises to be a fabulous community event. And let's hope for fine weather!

Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

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 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. You don't need to take everything. We need to be out of the library area by the end of December.

Australia Day Lunch 2026

You will see that our District Grant to assist with the above is mentioned in the District 9800 Foundation Matters for December.
Volunteers are required to serve this meal in 4 rooming houses. If you can assist on 26th January from 11.45am to approximately 2pm can you please let Barb know.

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 Patagonia, where the first club was established in 1927.

Thought of the Day

The thoughts this week were contributed by Doug.
“If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts;

but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.”

Francis Bacon

“Learning without thought is labour lost, thought to be without learning is perilous.”

Confucious, 551-479 BC“

Thank you

Thank you RCK for collecting food for BCO Christmas hampers. My apologies I do not have any photos of the second weekend.

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 in Horsham in March-
Thank you Jonathan for agreeing to organise the Friday Night Dinner.

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by June.

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

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker today, Elise Dunstan, is the



Community Development Manager at Kew High School. Elise has a strong, personal commitment to environmental sustainability and is determined to foster environmental stewardship in schools.

She plays a pivotal role in leading Kew High School's Eco Crew – encouraging student action around the importance of regeneration, biodiversity, "waste" management, especially upcycling, and climate awareness.

Elise was awarded Teacher of the year (Secondary) at the 2025 Resource Smart Schools Awards.

Elise spent her formative years in the semi-rural environment of Eden Park, where she became aware of the environment around her, and became dedicated to making a difference in regard to the issue of climate change. In 2019 she studied Permaculture at CERES and now uses the permaculture framework of People Care/Earth Care/ Fair Share when working with students, to encourage them to find ways of living regeneratively.

Elise's work at Kew High is a model of schools leading environmental stewardship, through the many ways in which the students are engaged in practical ways to ensure sustainability. As well as encouraging the planting of native vegetation, Elise stresses the benefits of biodiversity in the garden, with the students also growing food.

Throughout her address, Elise's passion for the environment, sustainability, and for inspiring students to take the lead in effecting change, was evident. Club members were impressed by Elise's commitment to her work with the students at Kew High, as she inspires and encourages them to work together to make a difference, and ultimately shows them that there is hope for the future.

Joan

Rotary Cakes and Christmas Puddings



These have arrived at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop. Ordered cakes and puddings can still be collected at next week's meeting - 11th December.

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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.

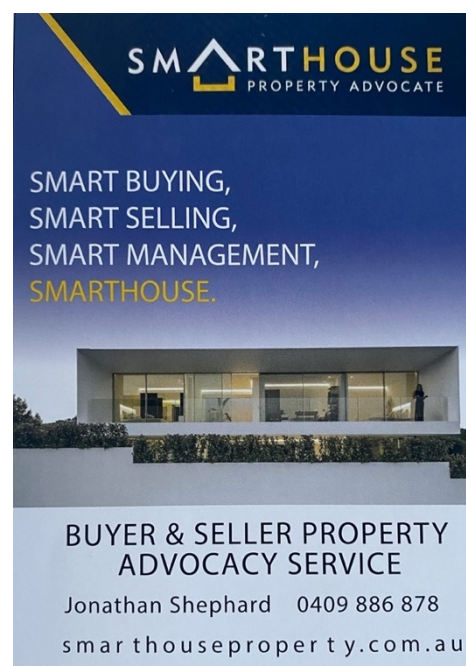


Support Kew High School's silent auction using the QR code above..

RCK Location at the Community Connect Event



The Rotary Club of Kew acknowledges the ongoing support of the following businesses



Meeting Duty Roster

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

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